Office building dropped from proposal

the action, suggesting that the pro-posed amendment be cent back to the planning commission for review. Though Alkateei; said be supported the Sisters' plans, he was meertain whether a special rosing district was required. Councilman Donn Wolf was absent.

OTHER COUNCIL members overwhelmingly supported the Sister' plans for elderly housing, elderly care and a muring home.

"Mercy should be able to me their property." Council woman Jody Sorone said. "They own it and were there before many of you (residents). On the whole, they have been a fine addition to the city."

Council woman Jan Dolan agreed. "I can see the utilization of elderly housing on that site. I think they have tremendous facilities there."

Mayor Ben Marks supported the

bome and support services — bank and barber, for example, said Norman Hyman, the Sister's attorney.

"The Sisters want to do what is right for this community consistent with their needs," Hyman said. "We have concluded the Sisters of Mercy will look elsewhere for administrative offices for their health care corporation.

"THERE WOULD undoubtedly be some shuffling of the buildings. I would suspert their would be some room for additional bousing," Hyman continued, adding that it's to early to determine.

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Mayor Ben Marks supported the Sisters' bousing but suggested that the proposed text amendment should be sent back to planning commissioners for review. Councilinan Terry Sever for review. Councilinan Terry Sever segreed. But both voted to introduce the amendment after the rest of council considered planning commission review unnocessary.

The Change in Mercy plans most likely will affect the location and size of the Sisters' other proposed buildings, such as elderly cluster housing, congregate housing, nursing

Homeowners Association trustee.

And yet another recident added:
"As we all know, they (Sisters) contribute no property tax to our city, yet they receive the same benefits."

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FINALLY, MARKS insisted that realdents address the land use issue rather than criticizing the Sisters. Despite continued complaints that more development on the Mercy complex will only add to an aiready congested road network, council members supported a traffic analysis that showed the increase in traffic would be less than it single-family houses were built on the complex. Kimberly subdivision resident Ado Vagozuri supported the Sister Ado Vagozuri supported the Sister overse with their proposed development.

contentions that trailte will be more worse with their proposed development.

I don't see Mercy at the present time contributing to the major trailing trailing to the major trailing traili Association. We feel there is a high concentra-

tion of congregate care in this small area," she said, referring to nearby

THOUGH THE Sisters — based on residents' complaints — agreed to drop plans for the proposed office center, residents continued to oppose development on the site.

A resident representing Lincolnabire East homeowners told council that in a recent poll, 84 percent opposed the Sisters' plans as originally proposed and 57 percent opposed plans even without the office center.

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Doolittle complained about the closeness of the proposed elderly cluster housing to the Farm Meadows subdivision, "I didn't buy my house to look at 150 feet of attached cluster housing," he said.

Another area resident, Vickl Barnett, look the council that though abow was prepared to oppose the Sisters' plans, she is now confident — with the deletion of the office center—that the area will remain residential. But she questioned the necessity of changing the land use district.

The Sisters' plans for the complex—elderly housing, congregate care, nursing home and support services—can be accomplished by rezoning the acreage to RCE, a special existing zone for elderly services, altorney Hyman said.

"We concluded that in order to give the public greater control..., we would ask for something different than RCE. We tried here to anticipate the concerns of the public," Hyman said, adding the Sisters' monetheless would accept the RCE zone.

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Claude Coafes told the council that the development will be large, the SP-5 amendment will provide a lower building dentity than RCE would. The setbacks in both ronces would be the same, SP-5 also provides for stricter control and review by the planning commission than is a variable under RCE. A public hearing, for example, is required when the Sister's functional land use plan — showing land use areas proposed, it is and location on the site and relationship to adjacent land — is up for approval, Coates said.

Planning commissioner Jeri Van FP-5 zone. Council suggested including a min-superval of the council that she would like to seek the strength of the stren

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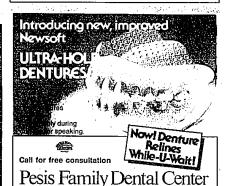
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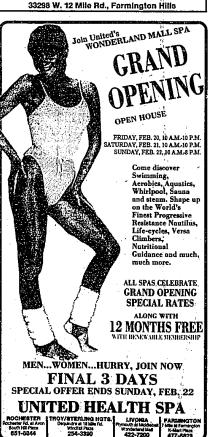
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