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Trailer separates

A Findlay, Ohio, based Marathon Petroleum Co. trailer loaded with 9,000 gallons of gasoline separated from the cab on the ramp from northbound I-275 to westbound I-96 at 3 p.m. Wednesday. The trailer ended up in a field beyond the road shoulder. Farmington Hills firefighters stood by but no

gasoline leaked. The gasoline was transferred to another tanker Wednesday night. Gawkers slowed traffic but there was no tieup because of the incident, said Sgt. Donald Harris of the Michigan State Police Northville post.

Hamilton Life to add new operations center

Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. of America broke ground Feb. 8 for a new operations center building in Farmington Hills. Because emphasis on high technology is vital to the company's plan to triple assets within the next five years, innovation was the hallmark of the groundbreaking. Board chairman Richard Headlee and president Robert Logan used a laser gun to break ground. The 92,000-square-foot, three-story operations center will be just across Hamilton Boulevard, on the east side of Alexander Hamilton's corporate headquarters on 12 Mile — bordering I-696, west of Farmington Road. Brick and glass with limestone

trim, the center will sit on 3 1/2 acres. The contemporary architecture will contrast with the twice-expanded, 150,000-square-foot Williamsburg Colonial headquarters building. Alexander Hamilton is the 93rd largest life insurance company in North America. It has \$3 billion in assets, 650 full-time employees in the Farmington Hills headquarters and a national sales network of 7,400 agents. Headlee, who underwent heart transplant surgery in October 1987, moved up to chairman when Robert Logan joined the company last October. Robert Young continues as executive vice president and chief operating officer.

on the agenda

Below are highlights from agendas of government meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public.

Farmington Hills City Council Council Chambers
31555 11 Mile
7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20

The following public hearings are scheduled:

- Rezoning request from RA-2, one-family residential, to OS-1, office service, on the south side of I-696, between Middlebelt and Inlander. Proponent: James A. Williams. Owner: Michigan National Corp.
- Rezoning request from RA-1B, one-family residential to OS-3, special office, on the west side of Inlander, south of Northwestern Highway. Proponent and owner: Frank M. Brock Jr., Providence Hospital, Southfield.
- Cluster site plan for single-family detached cluster in RA-3, single-family residential, on the east side of Drake, south side of I-696. Proponent and owner: Steve Friedman, The Selective Group.

The council also will consider enactment of an amendment to the 1987 BOCA Basic/National Plumbing Code.

- The consent agenda includes:
- Consideration of the 1987 BOCA Basic/National Plumbing Code.
 - Approval of lowering the speed limit on 12 Mile, Drake to Haggerty, and Farmington Road, 10 to 14 Mile roads.

- Approval for the special services department to apply for the Michigan Department of Transportation Operating Assistance Grant for the Independence for Life van for \$9,500.
- Adoption of an Economic Development Corporation resolution and setting the public hearing date for March 20 for the Medallion Investment Company project.

Farmington City Council Council Chambers
21600 Liberty
8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20

Adjustments to the 1988 Sidewalk Assessment Roll are slated for council consideration, as are contractor payments for work done on Thomas, Warner, Oak streets and in the city hall parking lot.

A six-year Capital Improvement Plan, as detailed by the planning commission, will also be reviewed by council members.

- Also on the agenda:
- Animal control order through Oakland County.
 - sign variance request from Farmington Oaks Apartments, a new complex on Farmington Road,

• communications about this year's Memorial Day Parade, slated for May 29,

• appointments to the library board and city's Historic Commission.

Farmington Board of Education Schulman Administrative Center
32500 Salinassee
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21

In addition to routine business, school trustees will hear two topics during the study session portion of the meeting:

- "Teacher on TV" program, which allows students at remote locations to have the benefit of classes from other buildings.
- an update on the district's two construction projects: an improved media center and building improvements at Farmington High School, and the building of a new elementary school on 11 Mile east of Haledale.

Cultural Awareness Committee Farmington Hills City Hall
City manager's conference room
31555 11 Mile
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22

Discussions will include the Farmington Founders Festival parade and planned food festival.

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