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The development group in which Southfield's mayor Donald Fraenssi has an ownership interest won city council approval to build a strip mall on Eight Mile Road last week after abandoning its original proposal to buy city-owned property for the project.

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Baseline Group Inc. reduced the size of its planned center by roughly 25 percent, in order to avoid the need for the city land and anticipated delays in council action.

The mall will be constructed on the north side of Eight Mile west of Evergreen at Tapert on the site of the former Mama Mila's restaturant, the Richard Sign shop and two houses. The new plan excludes the abutting Howlett building and property acquired by the city through foreclo-

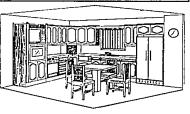
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Mayor: No conflict of interest

By Jackle Klein staff writer

Mayor Donald F. Fracassi's partmership in an investment group planning to develop a strip mall on Eight
Mile doesn't constitute conflict of interest, he sald.
Fracassi's response was to a question by the Southfield Homeowners
Coalition during a candidates forum
Thursday in Southfield High School.
The mayor, who is unopposed in
his bid for another four-year term,
sald he is an equal partner in Baseline Group Inc., which proposes to
develop the mall on Eight Mile between Evergreen and Lahaer.
"The corporation was founded by
me and I acquired the former Mama
Min Restaurant property," Fracassi
said. "Eight Mile needs redevelopment and neighbors are concerned
about deterioration."

WALTER KOWAL, Fracassi's partner in the project, is sole owner of the former Mama Mia liquor license, the mayor said. Kowal succeeded in consolidating some of the property, he said.

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Co. belongs to the city," Fracassi said. "The Baseline Group couldn't

bid for the property at fair market value. I disclosed my interest in the development.

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FRACASSI ALSO WAS asked about his statement that a comprehensive wetlands preservation ordinance would freeze growth and the city would be responsible for buying off parcels of land for which development may be denied.

Fracassi docsn't oppose such an ordinance but is concerned about parts of it, he said.

"The city has fought to protect woods, waterways and flood plains," he said. "But an overabundance of controls leads to no flexibility in the future. The proposed ordinance stops all growth of residential and commercial development."

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