

New, veteran Hills council members take seats

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It's been a long time since the Farmington Hills City Council has had three new members. And it has been an even longer time since three of the seven members were in their 30s.

The three new members, Lawrence Lichtman, 31, Jonathan Grant, 38, and Nancy Bates, 56, took their seats ready for business Monday night, after they were sworn-in by city clerk Kathy Dorman.

They were joined by incumbents Aldo Vagnozzi, 64, top vote-getter in the regular election, and Ben Marks, 66.

As the swearing-in ceremony began, Mayor Terry Sever, 39, introduced the council members and said he believes the new council is ready to take the city into the 1990s.

"We (the city) are old enough to have a son that's been raised in the community," Sever said, referring to Lichtman.

Lichtman is following in the footsteps of his father, Fred Lichtman, charter commissioner and former city councilman.

Sever characterized Lichtman as one who was raised in a family of integrity, dignity, honesty and

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trustworthiness, qualities the city council "should exemplify." As fourth-place finisher, Lichtman will serve a two-year term.

OF GRANT, who sought a council seat after an unsuccessful elective try and two unsuccessful appointment attempts, Sever said: "He will always think about what's best for Farmington Hills. That's his trademark." Grant will serve a four-year term.

Few have doubts that Bates will make an excellent council member, Sever said. She has a "unique character of being very loving and caring," he added.

Bates will complete the remaining two years of former councilman Joe Alkateeb's four-year term. Her opponent, Paul Sowerby, was appointed last March to fill the seat until the

November election.

The mayor categorized Vagnozzi as the person who walked to 3,500 homes in the city this year, the most of any council candidate. "He's no novice when it comes to polling, when it comes out to getting out with the public," Sever said. "He wanted to know how the public felt about him."

Taking first place, Vagnozzi will serve a four-year term.

SOME WONDERED about Marks' chances of re-election this year following the controversy surrounding his past two years in office.

"I don't think anyone has faced as much adversity as he did in this campaign bid," Sever said.

Taking third-place, Marks will serve a four-year term.

The city council will reorganize at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20, with the election of the mayor and mayor pro-tem.

Traditionally, the role of mayor is rotated among council members. If tradition continues, mayor pro-tem Jean Fox will be elected mayor.

Vagnozzi announced Monday that he wants to be elected mayor pro-tem. He is the only one other than Grant, Bates and Lichtman who has not served as mayor or mayor pro-tem.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Newly elected council members Ben Marks, Vagnozzi and Larry Lichtman congratulate each other at the city council meeting Monday night.

With help from the police, bar enforces strict alcohol policy

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censes, the city council, the police and the schools.

Program proponent Farmington Hills Mayor Terry Sever said he believes that cutting the supply of liquor to minors is instrumental in reducing teen drinking.

Mr. Sports began checking all patrons' identification outside the establishment when the bar opened nearly two years ago. Owners believed the bar would be popular and the many professional athletes who frequent the bar would attract youths, McNamara said.

The strong enforcement has helped Mr. Sports protect its liquor license and maintain a "fun atmosphere" for patrons, McNamara said. "We find this absolutely helps. The message is getting to the kids. They have to realize that they are jeopardizing people's liquor licenses," she said.

THE MICHIGAN Liquor Control Commission, which monitors liquor licenses and state liquor law violations, can suspend or revoke a license after three violations of selling to minors within 24 months.

No doubt there's been a lot of anger among the youths who have had identification confiscated. But that's too bad.

"At first it was a shock to the kids. It's such trouble for the kids to get these IDs that it's like taking away their car," McNamara said.

Despite a thorough check before entering the bar, patrons may again be asked for identification when ordering a drink. "We don't want them (staff) to be lazy and ignore someone in the bar (who may be underage),"

McNamara said. Committed to safe drinking and preventing minors from buying alcohol in Mr. Sports, all staff are trained and certified in the Techniques of Alcohol Management, a program offered by the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association, McNamara said.

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