Hills fights to prevent floods

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THE CITY council also adopted and approved petitions and resolutions to initiate financing — without the support of surrounding contamulties — for the proposed storm drail mprovements. The state Department of Transportation and Oakland County Road Commission will help pay the more than \$18 million noticet.

City officials defended their deci-sion to tax all property owners for the improvements though only iso-lated areas suffered varying degrees of damages in last June's torrential

or damages in last Sudes to rentain rains.

"This sewage contaminated a good portion of our community," councilman Terry Sever said. "That has a major impact on our whole community."

Despite the city's improvements, Sever said he will remain concerned about flooding because communities north of the city, such as West lloomfield and Commerce Town-stip, have not come through — el-ter financially or with other types there is no come through the city the city of the city of the city there allowinte problems with another ll-sever storm.

10-year storm. "We felt there was an inadequate

espacity throughout the whole sys-tem." Sever said, its said he hopes of the communities will force devel-opers to increase drain capacity in their developments. Councilman Albo Vagorozzi sug-gested taking another look at the city's density and water control. "We must be diligent in our own area no-to overland the asystem we are reto overload the system we are re-pairing."

Budget holds line

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"We have taken a very conservative appraceh," City Manager William Costick said. "We have attempted whenever possible to fore stall capital expansion....

The proposed budget allows each city department is \$25.0 million to tall represents a \$1.2 million cut in the continue of th

lion is in economic adjustments or increased values on property, finance director Charles Rosch said.

THE PROPOSED budget includes new positions. Originally, Costick reduced department heads' request is new positions to four: a police patrol officer, a code enforcement officer, a hulding department offices supervisor and an equipment operator. The city council proposes to add a police/school llaision officer (the tity will pay half or \$25,000); a part-time police department records bureau clerk (£15,000); and a fire department hazardous materials specialist (\$35,000). cialist (\$35,000).

The council's addition will be fi-nanced by a \$50,000 reduction in the city's capital fund for land purchases and \$25,000 in planned public works department renovations.

As in past years, increased costs for refuse disposal sting the budget. Costs are expected to increase 20 percent from \$1.0 million in 1989-90 to \$2.1 million in the new budget year. Refuse disposal represents 0 percent of the city's budget.





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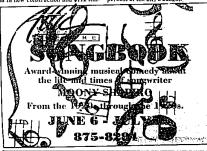
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