

on the agenda

Below are highlights from the 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, Sept. 30

Public hearings are scheduled as follows:

- Consideration of a special assessment district for sanitary sewers and a water main for the western portion of Blddstone.
- Show cause hearings for demolition of three dangerous buildings at 21274 and 21362 Jefferson and 21731 Jacksonville.

Under unfinished business, the council will reconsider a final plat approval for Sinacola Woods subdivision.

Under new business, the council will appoint a representative to the Commission on Aging and consider transferring ownership of a Class C liquor license from Town Square Pub to Mulligan's Pub & Grub and will also consider a request for a dance permit.

The city manager will offer the following reports/recommendations for council consideration:

- Acquisition of land from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.
- Traffic recommendations along Drake Road between Grand River and 12 Mile.

• Approval to commence condemnation proceedings for right-of-way acquisitions on 12 Mile between Halsted and Haggerty.

• Approval of a tri-party agreement for improvements to 12 Mile Road at Harrison High School.

Downtown Development Authority
Farmington City Hall
23600 Liberty
8 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1

The DDA will hear a report on the Eight Mile Corridor study, consider paying off a land contract, consider joining a statewide association fighting the effects of tax reform on TIFs and DDAs, and conduct routine business.

Farmington Board of Education

The Oct. 1 scheduled meeting of the school board has been cancelled.

Ethics Committee
City of Farmington Hills
police training room
31655 Eleven Mile
7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2

The committee will discuss political and financial contributions and other business.

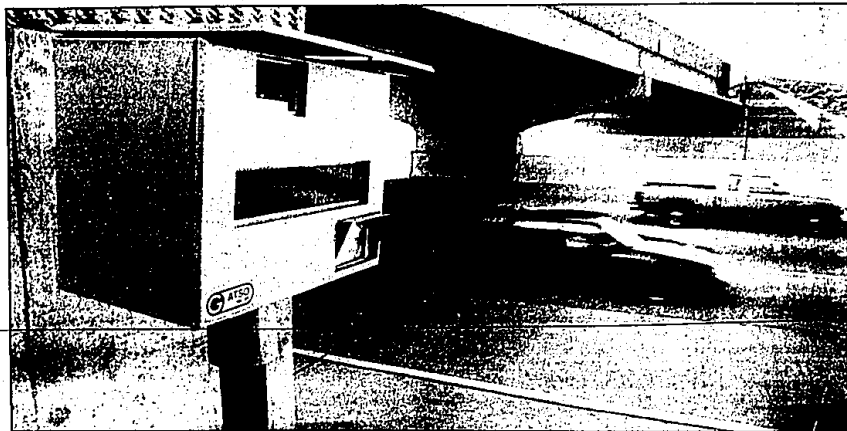
Board members will meet a prospective director for evaluation, assessment and special projects. That person is expected to be officially hired during the regular meeting.

During the regular meeting, the board will see a video presentation on the Odyssey of the Mind competition, hear an update on the transportation concerns raised at the last board meeting, appointment the directorship noted above, hear a recommendation for non-union employees, consider a lease between the Farmington Hills Fire Department and North Farmington High School, and consider awarding a bid for a fence renovation at Farmington High School.

A report will also be given by the board's building and site committee.

Farmington Hills Ethics Committee
Farmington Hills City Hall
Lower Level Conference Room
7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25

The committee meets to continue discussion about a possible code of ethics.



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer

Motorists speeding along I-696 in Southfield are being nabbed on film by photo-radar. It's just a test with a warning letter — for now. But some day it may mean a speeding ticket.

Photo radar toothless — for now

By Alice Collins
staff writer

Attention all motorists zooming along I-696 in Southfield at speeds above the posted limit:

Your radar detector and sharp eyes on the lookout for police aren't going to save you from detection by the new "secret weapon" in the traffic enforcement arsenal.

It's nicknamed photo-radar — "high speed photography integrated with a very sophisticated radar system," according to Sgt. James Heilgenenthal of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

But, relax for a while. If you're caught now, all you'll get is a warning letter.

State law currently bars actual ticketing unless an officer witnesses the violation and is able to identify the driver.

And with photo-radar, there's no officer present.

"This sends a radar beam across rather than down the road like conventional radar," said Heilgenenthal.

The detector will work, but by the time it sounds the alarm you're already in the beam and you've (license plate) been captured on film."

WHETHER photo-radar, traffic tickets become legal in Michigan

will be up to state legislators, the driving public and the courts. That debate, expected to be a hot one, hasn't started.

"We hope to be able to write tickets at some future point," said Michigan State Police Trooper Roderick Williams, coordinator for the federally funded pilot project now under way at three locations in the state, two of them in Oakland County.

"I definitely think it's a thing of the future and we definitely will explore the new legislation, but it's impossible to say if it will be a go or not. It's really too early to tell," Williams said Thursday.

City officials have been made aware of the photo-radar test on 696, Southfield traffic engineer Robert Northrup said last week. But the project is being carried out by the state police and the country sheriff's department. State police enforce freeway traffic, including the stretches in Southfield.

Two states, Arizona and California, have made photo-radar enforcement legal and Michigan is one of three states with pilot projects.

THE DEVICE in Southfield is in the form of a box on top of a pedestal.

on 696 at the Lincoln Drive bridge west of the Greenfield interchange. The other two test units in the state are installed in vehicles and moved from place to place. One is in north Oakland, frequently stationed at sites along I-75. The mobile unit, like the free-standing one, is not manned. But don't expect to spot it, it doesn't look anything like a police vehicle. "Actually it's a brown station wagon," Heilgenenthal said.

The other mobile unit is in Kalamazoo County.

Williams refused to reveal the actual speed setting on the Southfield photo-radar that triggers the device, but he confirmed it is a bit above the 55 mph posted speed.

Asked to estimate the number of speeders being recorded, Heilgenenthal said, "Let's put it this way: At the 696 site in 1 1/2 hours we had 3,000 vehicles drive by the photo radar and of those 500 were over the speed limit by at least 10 mph. And some were in excess of 20 mph."

HEILGENENTHAL SAID photo-radar "can trap more than one vehicle at the same time on multiple lanes."

going at different speeds. It can distinguish between them."

Williams and Heilgenenthal said most of the feedback they are getting on the program which will run through the end of the year is good. The pilot, funded by a \$250,000 federal grant, will explore public opinion as well as its workability. The equipment, from two separate vendors, is also being evaluated.

In Arizona and California where the system has been operational for some time, 85 percent of those who are ticketed have been automatically paying the fine, according to Williams.

There's also been a 35-45 percent reduction in accidents during the five- or five years it's been in effect. "People know it's out there, but they don't know where it is," he said.

At 696, the photo-radar is turned on during the daytime on weekdays only. "So most of the people it's getting now are passing through Southfield," Williams continued. "We may start turning it at night and on weekends later on. We'll start getting the Southfield residents once we start doing weekends."

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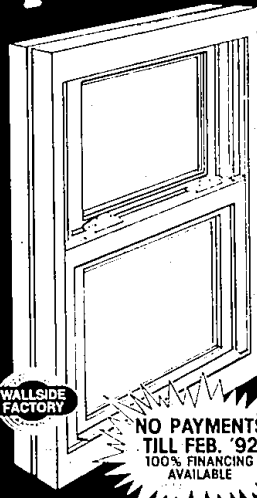
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