Resident says city's out of line on budget

BY LARRY O'CONNOR

spending to pay for the same level that."
of services. A mill is \$1 for every Said Valencic: "You got my
\$1,000 of state equalized value of vote."

"When is this going to stop?"
Valencic saked during the public hearing on the budget Monday. "I have never heard the City Council say no to the city manager . . . It's always yes, yes, yes."

Councilman Richard Tupper noted that it's the first tax in-crease in four years, and the coun-cil has held spending in that time. Added Tupper: "I don't recall you coming here and thanking us for

The 0.24-mill increase puts the city tax rate at 13.91 mills, which includes 3.62 mills in debt ser-

with the increase, Farmington atill ranks below the Oakland County average of 14.97 mills. Revenue generated from the tax increase won't cover anticipated spending costs, though.

That prompted Farmington resident Bill Liba to sak if the city will need to dip into its

will, for \$80,000.
"I don't know where you can
cut," said Libs, defending the
city's action. "You can't cut sainries. You can't cut frings benefits
... Where are you going to cut?"

Councilwoman Jo Anne McShane said she understood Valencie's concerns, but with ris-ing costs such as health care, there's no other choice.

"When we have to do some-thing like this, it's a difficult ac-tion to take," McShane said.

Improvements in the city.

The \$50,000 for the new school liaison officer will come from the cepital improvement fund, and will not be part of the increase, Costick said.

The new budget includes about \$200,000 for an expansion of the department of public works garage. It also includes \$300,000 to complete the 12 Mile Boulevard between Druke and Halated.

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Public can put 2 cents in on Hills budget BY BILL COUTANT

The public will have its say about the proposed 1994-95 Farmington Hills budget at Mon-day's regular meeting. City manager Bill Costick said

the final budget request will have few changes from the original re-

quest.

The city's final request will be to levy 9.1409 mills to pay for current operations that include few additions from last year's budget. The city would roll up the tar rate from the 9.0649-mill rate of last

year.
That would translate to .076 additional mills or an additional

7.6 cents per \$1,000 of state equalized value on property in the city. That would change if the SEV on a given property were to

SEV on a given property were to change.

Even with only the 3.9 percent proposed increase, the city will be adding a police officer; authorising, although the city council has not yet approved, a \$12,000 computer system to link the newly formed commission on children, youth and families to voluntee, youth and families to voluntee, service agencies in the area; increasing its contribution to the Farmington Advisory Council by \$15,290; increasing library services (\$43,700), paying for an additional zoning inspector

(\$24,500), paying for more public relations (\$15,000); adding more subpoena service (\$9,000), increasing parks maintenance (\$50,000) and budgeting an additional \$33,000 for paid-on-call frelighters because of an increased number of calls.

An additional \$200,000 will go

for computerized voting equip-ment as well. And there will be \$375,000 budgeted for sidewalk

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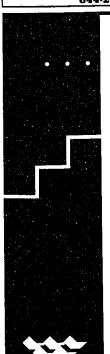
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