City faces off with state pirates in budget duel

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2-percent increase in spending.
As a result, tarpayers will see a .10-mill increase in operating mil-lage (from 1.02 to 10.39), which is parily offset by a .07 reduction (3.61 to 3.55) in debt service.
A public hearing on the budget will take place at 8 p.m. Monday, June 5, at Fermington City Hall.
A voter-seproved road repair tax of 1.6 mills will put the total to 15.54 mills levied. A mill is \$1 of tax on every \$1,000 of taxable property value, which is up to half the property's market value.
A person with a \$100,000 home will pay an additional \$31.50 a

year in city taxes.

"In the future, I think we'll see those numbers more closely reliaded to inflation," City Manager Frank Lauhoff asid. "We've used to the control of th

percent decrease from expected state shared revenue.
Under a state formula, Farmington should receive 11 percent. The city will likely see 4.7 to 5 percent instead, Lauhoff said. State shared money accounts for 18 percent of the city's incoming revenues.

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Maintaining services was the battle cry throughout the budget

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Increases in spending — with the exception of salaries — were kept to 1 percent. Salaries and benefits — which secount for \$2.9 million of the total expenditures

were curbed at 3 percent.
Farmington public safety officers received a 4-percent increase as part of their arbitration award.
Public safety will cost \$1.0 million (31 percent of total expenditures); city hall and district courrum \$1.1 million; and public services cost \$897,243 in 1905-96.
Expenditures will exceed revenue by \$80,000. Money will taken from the city's fund blabace to make up the difference.
The city will pay \$893,410 for insurance and beath benefits. Also, included in the \$5.2 million operating budget is \$245,000 for

the library, \$97,710 for community development, and \$18,700 in social services.

The city made strides in keeping health care costs down.

Increasing copacy on prescriptions and offering cash incentives to employees not to take the city health insurance helped limit these costs to only a 1.5-percent increase last year, Lauboff sald. Health care costs rose 75 percent between 1988 and 1993.

With the increase in operating millige, Farmington still ranks in the lower tier in taxes compared to other Oakland County cities.

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One reason for running again was to help with the transition to a new city manager, Tupper said. Frank Lauhoff succeeded long-term City Manager Bob Deadman in 1933.

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Tupper's historical frame of reference has been particularly helpful, Lauboff said.

"I know he's been talking about it," Lauboff said. "Mr. Tupper, if he doean't run, he'll be sorely missed."

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Hartaock has served with Tupper all 21 years. Tupper's finest hour was when he and the rest of council conducted a public hearing on a senior housing development in the late 1970s. Hartsock said.

Public turnout was so over-whelming the hearing had to be officially moved to the Farmington High Auditorium.

I could see someone bending to that, but our council was united." Hartsock said.

Tupper's knowledge of ordinances and building codes is an often-tapped resource, Hartsock said.

Those who came before council asking for variances, though, were not always treated gently by the councilman. He's been known to

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"Because of his compassion for the city, he does not always realize how he comes across sometimes," Harsock said. "It's nothing malicious...

Tupper is unapologetic for his steadfast adherence to ordinance. Said the councilman: "If council doesn't do that, we're not doing our job. If ordinances are not being enforced, they shouldn't be on the books."

Civic pride is behind most of his push. Tupper said. He's proud of the way downtown has rebounded but adds more work needs to be done.

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two causes.
"I'll have plenty of things to
do," Tupper said.

on creativity rather than mechanics.

She notes the district is re-evaluating its writing curriculum, which makes her happy.
"I would hope they would take a look at how grammar is presented in the school system," Enberg asid. "It have her beyon do not a lot of things right."

Enberg and her family have lived in the Permington area 11 years, including the last eight on Whittaker in Farmington. Her husband, Robert, is an allergist on the staff of Henry Ford Health Systems.

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Busy candidate: Linda Enberg (left), president of Farmington Families in Action and a candidate for the Farmington Board of Education, counts red ribbons with Terry

Enberg has a bachelor's degree in nurse and later as a consultant.

She left the workforce in 1992 to concentrate fully on volunterrors from the University of Michigan. She worked as a pediatric digar. She worked as a pediatric digar, the town she's from in United Methodist Church choir.

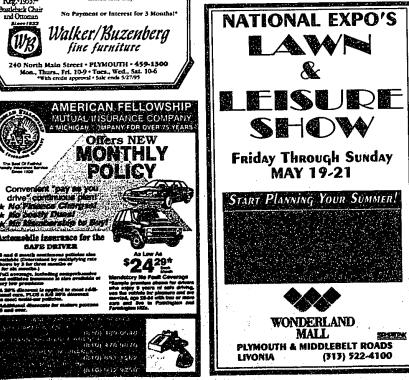
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