Work to cost residents less than expected

Some Farmington Hills real-dents will pay less for road im-provements than they expected, and hope the city can make sure those improvements lest.

and nops the city can make sure those improvements last. The City Council approved drinage and road improvement project through a special sasca-ment district at Monday's regular meeting for the Clan Oaks subdi-vision, bordered by 13 Mile on the south, Orchard Lake on the west, Greening on the east and Bond on the north.

And Instead of \$4,667.53 per property owner, the cost will be \$4,255.62. With 54 percent of the residents voting for the improvements and the city chipping just over 10 percent of the cost, the project should be completed this summer. But residents are concerned that heavy trucks working at the county's Glen Oaks Golf Course will defeat the

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Tom Blazell, Hills director of public services, asid the city bad requested a contribution for the road improvement since Greening used by the golf course.

"They refused." Biasell said. "The road will have the ability to withstand the legal load limits. They (county officials asy they don't use the road."

Councilman Terry Sever suggested residents monitor the situation to make sure the county doesn't abuse the residential attreet, and if it does, that the city and residents be compensated, "We should do whatever we can to hold them accountable," he said.

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The discussion can be applied to resident who live on Howard Road, in Section 17, urged the council and Planning Commission to make changes the would protect areas like Howard, which has been designated to be a subject to the county of the said.

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niciscont. Niclash said the McDonald's Nielen said the McDonald's restaurant, bank and Shell gas station at 12 Mile and Haisted have been landscaped and built to be assthetically pleasing, but a Total gas station at the same interaction insisted on being painted in its white and orange "aignature" colors.

City Attorney John Donobus aid that station was in compliance with the business zoning and that the other businesses had voluntarily built to suit the area's aesthetica.

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Michael von Steeg, another Howard Road resident, asid the city should consider treating Nat-ural Beauty Road properties dif-ferently than other residential

trail Beauty foods properties uniferently than other residential areas.
"I believe the ordinance applies to the designation of roads only and the protection parts are listed as guidelines," he said. "Perhaps the city could have their computer system flag natural beauty road properties as exceptional parcels the way the Historic District sites are flagged when a permit is pulled."

Von Steeg also suggested the city consider buying what vacant land it could, and consider a less dense zoning, such as an RA1-A1, for natural areas.

"With only 6 percent of the available land left in Farmington Hills, now is the time to act. Otherwise, it will be too lete."

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of a house with a taxable value of \$60,000 will pay about \$40 beginning in July.

For OCC, with the lowest current property tax rate (0.85 mills) of any two-year according to the state, it will on they of the current \$75 mills on in new returns they of the current \$75 mills on the \$75 mills o

worked the precincts in South
Lyon."

The March 16 effort — for one
mill in perpetuity — drew a relative handful of the college's
30,000 students and a yes vote of
50 percent. It was a near-miss, by
campaigners' standards, but OCC
boardchair Janice Simmons said
trustees "had a lot of internal discussion and communication before we decided we had to do it
again."

Here is how area K-12 districts
voted with yes votes first, no votes
second and the yes percentage:
Avondale 553 to 386 — 59 percent.

Birmingham 1,874 to 991 -- 65.41

Bloomfield Hills 1,454 to 712 — 67 percent.
Parmington 3,016 to 1,721 — 64.

percent. Huron Valley (Milford) 2,224 to 2,883 — 43.5 percent. Novi 1,304 to 1,181 — 52.5 per-

cent. Southfield 1,268 to 1,148 — 52.5

percent.
Troy 4,291 to 1,895—69 percent.
Walled Lake 2,555 to 2,267—
52,99 percent.
West Bloomfield 1,280 to 733—

Five of the 28 K-12 public school districts opposed the OCC proposal: Brandon, Clarkston, Huron Valley (Milford), South Lyon and Madison Heights.

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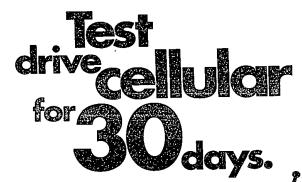
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