

City agrees to sell property

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The Farmington Hills City Council made short order of a full agenda at its Nov. 20 meeting.

The sale of 4.5 acres of land at 13 Mile and Northwestern was one of the items council members acted on. The city bought the property rather than see it developed under its office zoning.

The land will be developed as 14 detached units. The sale agreement specified that it could be developed as cluster/condominium single-family houses, not over 16 units, as a senior adult housing facility, as single family lots of no more than four, as the site for relocation of historic buildings or as a church building.

Councilman Terry Sever said he would have preferred that the city "bank" the land rather than sell it. Sever has advocated keeping selected areas free from any kind of use, either as green buffers, parks or to keep down density and give the city future leverage.

Bid packets were sent to 11 developers with an opening price of \$251,000.

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The council also held six public hearings:

■ By a 6-0 vote, council members approved a rezoning of part of property on the northeast corner of Farmington and New Market as special use from family residential. The property will be part of the expansion of the Farmington YMCA.

■ By a 6-0 vote, council members voted to determine a special assessment district for water main installation for Canfield Drive from Eldon Avenue to 1,160 feet north.

■ The Council voted 5-1, with Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi opposed, to approve a cluster side plan/open space plan for a development on the south side of 10 Mile east of Tuck. Vagnozzi objected to allowing the development to consider retention basins as part of the usable open space requirement.

■ Approved a zoning text amendment for accessory uses and home occupations in multiple-family and one-family districts. The

change would limit self-employed residents from having other employees working in their homes. Day care would be a use covered in a separate city ordinance.

■ Voted to limit the height of flagpoles in front yards. The change eliminates flagpoles from height limit exemptions.

■ Voted to delete a required approval for accessory structures from the Farmington Area Arts Commission. The change was prompted by the ticketing of a sculpture in a front yard. Such an accessory use would still be subject to restrictions, but not those of aesthetics as determined by the Arts Commission.

■ Voted to consider a cluster site plan/open space plan for a development on the south side of Nine Mile east of Green Hill Road. The development had been stalled over concerns of a passing lane's proximity to two houses on the north side of Nine Mile. After meeting with the property owners concerned, a new design for the passing lane was approved.



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Thanksgiving feasts: Farmington Hills police officers (from left) Daryl Slowinski and Ron Shankin, received 20 turkeys from the Kroger store at 11 Mile and Middlebelt, as store manager Dave Berg (right) looks on. The Hills Police Officers Association local bought the birds at a reduced price to distribute to needy families through the Salvation Army. Shankin said the police union had given the turkeys to younger families in the past. This year, there was more of a need among seniors. "We're giving them to families of seniors because there is more of a need this year," he said. This is the fifth year the police union has helped the needy on Thanksgiving.

OCC prepares profile in search for new chief executive

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What's in a chancellor?

Besides having an earned doctorate, the next chief executive of Oakland Community College must have experience as a president or senior administrator in a multi-campus district.

The CEO must be able to work with the board of trustees, business leaders, labor unions, legislators (especially those who write the budget) and diverse sectors of the campus community.

Oh, and the CEO must believe in shared governance and affirmative action — particularly at a college where 57 percent of the 30,000 students are women.

Those were the qualities OCC was looking for in 1991, and most of them will be on the list this

year as a new chief to replace Dr. Patay Calkins is sought.

In a memo to 760 college employees, interim Chancellor Anthony Jason asked, "Help us finalize a new profile that meets our need today by forwarding your suggestions for change to my office..."

"A search committee will be formed that represents a broad spectrum of our college community to assist the board of trustees in selecting a new chancellor."

The chancellor is chief executive of the five-campus, two-year college with a nearly \$100 million budget. Some trustees dislike the title because it smacks of der fuhber's title in Germany's Third Reich. There may be a change to chief executive officer (CEO), as in many industries.

The board of trustees, contending that Calkins failed to consult

them on such matters as contracts and personnel changes, is likely to amend the profile — in reality, if not on paper — to pick someone who will be more attentive to the seven folks who faced the voters.

And since voters opted to nearly double the property tax rate, OCC has \$25 million more a year for renovations and new equipment. So the new CEO will probably need to know something about dealing with design, facilities and

contractors. Trustees clearly want periodic reports about how the capital is being spent.

Open meetings have been a problem at Oakland University, the University of Michigan and other units around the state, but not at OCC. Finalists have been interviewed in public sessions, as required by sec. 8 of the Open Meetings Act.

Campus interest has been intense, though the public isn't al-

lowed to ask questions of the candidates. Since medieval days, "college" has meant a representative assembly — hence the Catholic Church's College of Cardinals and the U.S.'s quadrennial Electoral College. Autocrats aren't popular at colleges.

That interest is sure to continue at OCC, where faculty representatives have a comment or report at every meeting, and where students have a non-voting advisory seat on the board. At U-M,

the faculty served the governing board stern warning that it expects the successor to James Duderstadt to come from academe, not finance or industry.

So far the OCC board has set no target date for a hiring. Typically, the search can take six months; the 1990-91 search took nine months. U-M spent 14 months on its last search before picking the man who was already No. 2 on the Ann Arbor campus.

Students to run Hills government for a day

The city of Farmington Hills, the Farmington Rotary Club, North Farmington High School and Harrison High School will join together Tuesday, Nov. 28, to give Farmington Hills' high

school student a taste of what it's like to run a city.

Students will be paired with locally elected and appointed officials and will spend the morning in city offices, the police station, the fire station, the district court,

the public works facilities and the library, watching city business being conducted.

Students will be given broad exposure to the various responsibilities and duties of the city in

general and specific departments.

After a luncheon, the students will conduct a mock city council meeting where they will be challenged to find a way to cut \$22,992 out of the city budget.

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