

DPW expansion Hills gives OK to \$3 million

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While Farmington Hills has been missed by "the blizzard of '96" (so far), city officials aren't counting on that luck to last forever.

The Farmington Hills City Council unanimously voted to issue bonds for construction of an addition to the Department of Public Works maintenance facility on Halsted Road.

The addition will allow the department to better maintain vehicles and keep ahead of any snow or other emergencies in the future, officials said.

"The current site was built in 1976," said Tom Blaseil, director of public services. "An expansion was planned to be built in five years (1981)."

But the best laid plans never got off the ground. And recent concerns with air quality inside the facility and the inability to store more equipment have caused the city to ask for the improvement.

"In the last 20 years (since 1976), we've had a dramatic growth in terms of population and development," said DPW Director Dan Rooney. "We've expanded services and our major streets have doubled in size."

Rooney said the 300 miles of road the city maintains would stretch to the Mackinac Bridge. He said the DPW maintains 265 units, from police cars to tractors, up from 100 in 1976.

The city will issue \$3 million in bonds for the expansion. The city will use up to \$300,000 that will be available in 1997-98 to pay off the new bond debt.

"There is no increase in city financing," said City Manager Bill Costick. "This reallocates the difference (from the retired bond debt)."

Costick said the current bond debt for roads and the new bond issue were both related to road use and maintenance.

The present structure has 20,527 square feet. The proposed structure, which will include additions and renovations, will be 45,261 square feet. Ground breaking could begin in April.

In other action, the council:

- Hired Greiner Architects of Farmington Hills to design work on the fifth fire station for Farmington Hills. Councilmen Terry Sever and Jon Grant, who along with four staff members selected the firm, said its experience in designing 15 fire stations and its commitment to guarantee its work offset the higher fee of \$130,000 compared to the other two firms interviewed. Those two firms, Ralph Calder and Associates at \$135,000 and Gillett Associates at \$130,000, were the other two firms considered.
- Adopted a bond resolution authorizing \$915,000 in city bonds for road and sewer improvements. Those will cover six local road improvement projects and three water projects.
- Approved the transfer of a liquor license from the Nipon Kar West Restaurant on Northwest to Hakata, Inc. The new owner will also be operating a Japanese restaurant.



New facility: An artist's rendering shows the Farmington Hills' Department of Public Works maintenance facility on Halsted Road.

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week.

■ **FIRE**
Farmington Hills firefighters from Station 2 put out an engine fire in a 1990 Pontiac Sunbird on the shoulder of the westbound ramp of I-696 in Farmington Hills at 7:55 a.m. Jan. 9. A missing oil cap may have been the cause. Damage was \$1,000 to the car and \$200 to contents.

■ **ASSAULT**
Temper flared during a basketball game between Novi and Harrison high schools at Harrison on 12 Mile on Friday, Jan. 5. According to police reports, players had to be separated by referees during the game. A uniformed Farmington Hills police officer helped separate the players and told a Novi coach to control his team. The coach pushed the officer away, according to police. He was cited for assault and battery of a police officer and ordered to appear in 47th District Court Jan. 12 at 9 a.m.

■ **BREAK-INS**
An air conditioning unit was damaged to gain entrance to Bloomfield Outdoors on

■ **SPOUSE ABUSE**
Farmington Hills police arrested a wife man, 42, for grabbing his wife's fingers and pushing her backward during an argument at 2:37 p.m. Jan. 9 at their northeast Hills residence.

Farmington Hills police arrested a Redford man, 26, for spouse abuse Jan. 10. The man and wife, 23 of Farmington Hills, had met at the Dunkin Donuts on Grand River where she had given him some papers. They argued and he followed her to her car, slapped her hand, grabbed her and shook her. She tried to get back into the restaurant, but he blocked her entrance and grabbed her again. She was able to get to a nearby Arbor Drugs store where she called police.

■ **THEFTS**
Items worth \$12,000 were stolen from a residence on High Valley in Farmington Hills Dec. 14.

A 2000 purple with a \$100 wallet and \$300 cellular phone was taken from The Pitt N Games on Grand River in Farmington Hills Jan. 10.

A \$1,350 woman's Radio watch was stolen from the Ted Fester on

Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills Jan. 10.

A purse with credit cards, money and other items (\$250) was stolen from a woman in the lot of the Target store on Grand River in Farmington Hills as its owner was unloading her shopping cart into her car Jan. 10.

A \$300 AM/FM cassette stereo and \$900 bicycle were stolen from a blue 1994 Ford Escort parked at Vladimir's on Grand River in Farmington Hills Jan. 11.

Two wheel covers (\$100) were stolen from a 1994 gray Cadillac DeVille parked at T.J. Maxx in Farmington Jan. 9. The vehicle also had scratches on the driver and passenger doors, causing \$300 in damage.

■ **VANDALISM**
The rear window was broken, causing \$900 to a black 1992 Chevy Lumina parked on Halsted in Farmington Hills Jan. 8-9.

The visor was ripped off and the rear view mirror broken (\$250) on a red 1988 Ford stake truck at American Steel and Fabricators on Whitlock in Farmington Hills Jan. 9-10.

■ **AUTO THEFT**
A \$45,000 silver 1996 Toyota Celica Turbo Supra was stolen from Bob Saks Toyota on Grand River in Farmington Hills Jan. 9-10.

■ **DRUNKEN DRIVING**
Farmington Hills police arrested a Novi man, 43, for driving a gray 1995 Dodge Caravan east on 12 Mile at Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills at 5:55 p.m. Jan. 11 while drunk. The car was weaving and the driver had a blood alcohol

level of 2 percent. A level of 1 percent is considered too drunk to drive in Michigan.

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RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS & THE HAND

Few other conditions mimic the activity of rheumatoid arthritis in the manner of hand pain and swelling.

First is the distinct pain described as "morning stiffness." Both hands are involved in the daily occurrence of impaired hand movement. The stiffness derives from the inability of fingers to take on their usual tasks of buttoning, holding, and grasping. In turn this takes its toll on all manner of the small joints of the hand, and their need to remain at rest. The inability to move in the morning is compounded by the lack of hand movement through the night that ordinarily would tend to reabsorption of usual daytime activities.

The second hallmark of the rheumatoid hand is symmetrical joint swelling. The small joints of the right and left hand have a bumpy feeling on firm touch. The joint tissue has accumulated fluid itself, as has the surrounding tissues.

Thirdly, not only the hand but the wrists and left are swollen and lose their ability to work in a coordinated manner with the fingers.

Finally the individual notes fatigue, and is unable to sleep despite exhaustion, because of the continuous hand pain. When these features are present, your doctor, without blood tests or x-rays can conclude you have rheumatoid arthritis. He can begin treatment even before test results are available to him.

UPRATION Obstetrics & Gynecology

A NUMBING PROSPECT

One of the newest options being given to pregnant women is the "walking epidural," which allows laboring women to have pain relief and still walk and observe their control over their labor. This procedure involves the injection of varying concentrations of opiate and local anesthetic through a catheter inserted into the epidural space between the vertebrae of the back and the spinal cord. The traditional epidural, which is given with higher concentrations of anesthetic to produce temporary lower body numbness and paralysis, walking epidurals are designed so that opiate interacts with local anesthetic to produce pain relief without incapacitating the motor nerves. Walking epidurals do not provide total pain relief. They dull the pain and still may show some feeling of deep pressure and discomfort with contractions.

As an obstetrician, I want to hear what you have to say regarding your wishes during childbirth for pain relief. Some women prefer a little shot of something, many women opt for the traditional epidural. Today more and more women want to have their options available, but without the need of an anesthetic. If possible, pregnant women in their third trimester should make a point of discussing their anesthetic options with their obstetrician and recording their preferences on their patient chart.

If you are interested in obtaining more information regarding this topic, or wish to schedule an appointment, call 528-8002. I will explain all of your options so that you can make an informed choice. I am located at 19001 W. 13 Mile Road in Southfield.

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Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan at the Clerk's Office at 31555 Eleven Mile Road until 10:00 a.m., Friday, January 26, 1996, at which time and place, all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

This project consists of the installation of sanitary sewer along Wellington Road. The approximate quantities of major items of work are as follows:

10' Sanitary Sewer (Approx. 14' deep)	300 Linear Feet
6' Holes in the Road	20 Linear Feet
Standard Manhole	2 Each
Road Boring For 10' Sanitary Sewer	40 Linear Feet

Plus miscellaneous items necessary for a completed project.

Plans, specifications, and proposal forms may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office at the above address on or after Tuesday, January 16, 1996, upon deposit of \$20.00, which is non-refundable. Proposals must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the City of Farmington Hills. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Certified Check or Bid Bond by a recognized surety company in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, payable to the City of Farmington Hills, as security for acceptance of the Contract.

The City reserves the right to waive any or all proposals, to waive irregularities and/or informality, and to make the award, that in the opinion of the City Council is in the best interest and to the advantage of the City of Farmington Hills.

KATHRYN DORNAN
City Clerk

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CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Corrected Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor McShane at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 1996 in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 207-1976.

PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Hartcock, McShane, Mitchell.

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk Cantrell, City Attorney Donohue, Director Goss, Director Guzman, City Manager Lauhoff, Assistant to City Manager Richards.

Minutes of Special and Regular Meetings of December 4, 1996 were approved as submitted.

Minutes of other boards were received and/or filed.

Council issued a proclamation declaring January 15-21, 1996 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Week.

Council introduced Ordinance No. C-627-96 relating to the City of Farmington Employees' Retirement System Ordinance.

Council appointed Thomas Williams as Hearing Officer for the City of Farmington Dangerous Structure Ordinance.

Council approved continued membership in the Michigan Municipal League, including the Legal Defense Fund and payment of the annual dues.

Council adopted a resolution for the State Maintenance Contract Permit.

Council accepted the Farmington Hills bid award for road salt.

There were no Public Comments.

Council comments and announcements were heard.

Council established a meeting schedule with Boards and Commissions for 1996.

Council adopted a 1996 Council Meeting schedule.

Council set a study session January 16, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. for Council Goals Setting and Budget Updating for 1996.

Council received and approved the Monthly Payments Report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

JO ANNE M. McSHANE, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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