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SWOCC trustee Hugh Crawford asked if Time Warner could have waited until February to raise rates, giving customers 30-day notice. It was a corporate decision, Bjorklund responded.

The social contract didn't require Time Warner to raise rates, Crawford said. The cable company did that on its own.

Programming and equipment costs are rising faster than inflation, McCann said. Time Warner is rewriting Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi with fiber optic cable as part of its existing franchise agreement with SWOCC.

Also, the hike is the first in three years.

"The bottom line is... we're a corporation," McCann said.

SWOCC member and Hills mayor Aldo Vagnozzi called the increase "unconscionable," citing a financial audit done on CityVision that showed a 25-percent profit margin. Time Warner merged with MotionVision last year.

Though a private company, Time Warner is using a public right of way, Vagnozzi said.

"We pay for it, Aldo," McCann said.

"You don't pay enough," Vagnozzi retorted.

Exchanges between McCann and other SWOCC members were

similarly terse.

Time Warner also raised its re-connect fee — the charge made when service is restored after a disconnect.

However, those who have already disconnected temporarily will still pay \$9.95, McCann said. Vagnozzi asked if the higher rate will be charged next year.

"I'm not going to let what's going to happen next year," McCann said.

Cable Access Committees, represented by Pat Inham and James Mitchell, asked the commission about letting SWOCC executive director Karen Collins have more of a say on public access programming. Time Warner made a

change that indirectly led to a two-hour loss in public access programming.

"If Karen wants to make out the program schedule, I could care less," McCann said.

During the public schools' report, Peggy Schmidt said equipment is outdated and needs to be replaced. SWOCC might want to make it an issue in franchising negotiations with Time Warner, Schmidt said.

The cable company would likely be asked to contribute money for such equipment.

"Is there anybody else who wants money?" asked McCann after Schmidt finished her report.


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public hearing took place. Greenery administrator David Duffy called the house demolition "poor timing."

Said Dahlhofer Friday, "You know it was a done deal all along."

For that reason, another Pickett resident Marge Brown said she didn't attend the public hearing.

"I'm not pleased about having a parking lot," Brown said. "I talked to the city manager and he said they're going to have one. So I guess they will."

Planning commission only approves a site plan to make sure it fits in with city zoning and ordinances.

The Greenery has a special exception permit, which is granted to churches and nursing homes

for expansion and renovations.

Commission member James Pogue was concerned about increased traffic on Grand River, where the lot will exit. The way on Pickett will be four feet high with the corner of Grand River scaled to 30 inches for visibility.

The lot will create 27 new spaces. Several residents on Gill Road and Earl Court have complained about Greenery employees and visitors parking on their street.

The city implemented permit parking on Earl Court as a result.

While a majority disapprove of the lot, one nearby resident is happy to see it. Howard Aldrich has complained to Farmington

City Council about speeders on Gill Street.

The parking lot was a long time in coming, Aldrich said.

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