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Hobbs liked what he saw, including a lot of green, a prosperous city and a school system he and his wife had been hoping to find for their children.

"People here didn't say the schools were good, or not bad," said the Dayton, Ohio native. "Everyone has told me they are excellent, this is a great place to raise a family."

Hobbs is also impressed by the housing in the city. In and around Washington, housing is two or three times as much. He has leased a house for a year

while his family settles and looks to buy, he said. Hobbs was given a three-year contract.

Despite his excitement at the move, Hobbs said he had a hard time saying goodbye to friends. He had worked in Greenbelt for five years and for 13 years in nearby Rockford from 1974-1986.

"That's a reflection on how impressive Farmington Hills is for us to pull up stakes," he said.

Hobbs said he felt comfortable in his new job after only a couple of days.

The University of Dayton graduate has master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin and Dayton.

"It feels good, I think because it's Midwestern," said the prodigal son. "I'll have to relearn how to pronounce the flat 'a'."

Hobbs was chosen after a lengthy selection process that included candidates from around the country. Along with his experience in Maryland, Hobbs has worked as the city manager of Killeen, Texas and the director of management and

budget in Corpus Christi, Texas.

His experiences in Killeen, a 64,000 population city with a military base, were among his toughest.

"It was the third fastest growing part of Texas when I came on Jan. 16 (1990)," he said. "Two weeks later they announced the downsizing of the army base from a two-division to a one-division base."

Then things got really bad. Killeen, which was home to the Second Armored Division and First Cavalry Division lost

most of its military population to the Mideast during the Desert Storm campaign.

"The city had talked about diversifying over several economic cycles, but hadn't really done much," he said. "We really had no choice but to diversify."

And in Greenbelt, Hobbs had seen SEV decrease as federal workers were laid off in the Washington suburb and the area, causing an economic ripple effect.

But Hobbs sees Farmington Hills as a great city, in part

because of the staff brought together by former City Manager Bill Costick.

"You've got good government here and good people," he said. "I'm going to fit in as much as I can. I expect the staff to do what they normally do."

Hobbs said he plans to become oriented and move the staff in the direction the city council decides. He said the leadership of Costick and interim City Manager Kathy Dornan has made his task easier.

"One person doesn't make or break a city," he said of his role. "It takes a good citizenry, elected officials, staff, residents, press and the city manager. This city has all of those. Unfortunately, not all cities do."

Hobbs said his new bosses, the city council, had made the move and transition to Farmington Hills a good one.

"They are upbeat, eager to help and committed to Farmington Hills," he said. "This is a good, clean government."

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OBITUARIES

GARY E. LYNN, SR.

Mr. Lynn, 45, of Dearborn Heights, died Aug. 4.

Born in Dearborn, Mr. Lynn worked for several different security firms over a 25 year span.

Survivors include his son, Gary E. Jr. of Farmington; parents, James and Audrey Lynn; brothers, Wayne, Steven and Linus; sisters, Sheila Goldman and Linda Watley; long time friend, Anne Davis.

Services were at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. The Rev. John Quigley of Ward Presbyterian Church officiated. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington.

FRANCIS J. MONTANA

Mr. Montana, 69, of Farmington, Hills died Aug. 5.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Montana was a retired engineer for Valeron Corp.

Mr. Montana was a graduate of St. Cecilia School and Lawrence Technology University in Southfield. He served in the U.S. Army from Sept. 1946 to Jan. 1948.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth; sons, Jack, Mike, Mark, Dave, Jim, and Joe; daughter, Janet; eight grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated Aug. 8 at St. Fabian Catholic Church. Burial was in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, Southfield. Memorials may be made to the National Brain Tumor Foundation.

Arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills.

JOSEPHINE MARY BARZYK

Mrs. Barzyk, 86, of Farmington Hills, died Aug. 7 in Botsford Continuing Care Center.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Barzyk was a teacher in Detroit Public Schools. She was a resident of Farmington for 50 years.

Mrs. Barzyk received her master's degree from Wayne State University. She swam on WSU swim team, played field hockey and was a member of the Women's Club.

Survivors include many nieces and nephews.

Mass was celebrated Aug. 10 in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. The Rev. Douglas Bignall officiated. Burial was in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, Southfield.

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endorsement of the Michigan Education Association's PAC.

"She was not the only one that went to them for an endorsement (Rackowski and Sever also interviewed)," she said.

"She (Webb) has not always been kind to them in negotiations (as a school board member)."

Dolan said she was surprised by the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association's lobby for their support of Rackowski.

The group opposes tort reform, something most state and national Republicans favor.

Jolicœur credited Rackowski with hard work and said Right-to-Life played a large role in his election.

"I have to tell you I think those right-to-life people made a lot of phone calls," she said. "Because I know we got three or four of them at home ourselves."

Reporter Larry O'Connor contributed to this story.