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"Atlantic City has had gambling for 18 years," he said. "It hasn't brought them back."

Carr should know. He and several members of Archer's committee have visited several communities with casinos and legalized gambling.

He's seen plenty of evidence to support his view that gambling is no economic panacea. "They approved a brand new casino in New Orleans on the riverfront but then put up a temporary one in a poorer area of the city," he said.

There were problems with crime and poorer people gambling away money they could not afford while the affluent tourists stayed away.

opened," he said. "There are other horror stories, and few successes," said the father of four and grandfather of six.

But Detroit is planning educational programs for the schools and training for anyone involved with gambling in order to avoid catering to gambling addicts. And the city plans to get financial support from any gaming company that profits from casinos in the city.

"The encouraging thing is that when we visit another city, they say, 'You are doing it the right way,'" he said. "Most cities had not done enough before casinos came."

## Addicts in debt

Among the many people Carr has asked for input is Al Horner, president and CEO of Credit Counseling Centers, Inc. of Farmington Hills and a longtime friend.

"Because of the business we're in, we have to consider how this will affect people," Horner said. "We have a small amount of experience with casinos in Michigan," he said. But (Credit Counseling Centers) offices in the Upper Peninsula and near the Indian casinos in Mount Pleasant, Traverse City and Sault Ste. Marie are beginning to see problems as people become addicted.

Horner, whose company is a not-for-profit counseling service, spelled out his findings in a letter to Carr that would make

anyone reconsider how much gaming does for a city.

In Windsor, Las Vegas and Fargo, North Dakota, Horner said, "local casino operators will not admit to the fact that people have become indebted due to gambling. In fact, none of the casinos in those three areas support either local human service agencies or CCSCS agencies."

And local governments aren't doing much to help either, Horner said.

Ontario collects about \$1 million annually in tax from Windsor casinos and distributes it, with Toronto getting the lion's share and Windsor getting only \$200,000, all ear-marked for Gamblers Anonymous.

"They totally have their head in the sand," Horner said.

## Time to ante up

In Detroit, any gaming company will have to ante up before the cards are dealt, Carr said.

The city's approach should be to provide entertainment, including shows, that attracts patrons from outside of the area.

"Gambling shouldn't be the main draw and the draw should include from 50-60 percent visitors," he said. "It really is a science."

United Way raised more than \$58.4 million for human services in Southeastern Michigan through the 1996 Torch Drive along with an additional \$4.8 million and \$2.4 million during the campaign for United Way of Oakland and New Detroit, Inc. respectively.

That success, however, could be undermined by a heavy social fallout from gambling, Carr said.

"In Biloxi, Miss., they have included child care and planned ahead," he said, adding that riverboat gambling and entertainment money have been used

to build an auditorium for the city. "It's part of the community. They had leadership and planning."

Without those elements, gambling could burn a hole in the city's comeback.

"By the time we see a person addicted to gambling, they have pretty much used their credit, money, there home is foreclosed, they are divorced and there is a limit to what we can do," Horner said.

That is the challenge the city faces now that it is preparing for casinos. The committee will schedule a public hearing at Cobo Arena on March 1. It plans to submit its report to the mayor by summer's end, Carr said.

"We estimate there will be 8,000 buses a day traveling in the city. There will be parking needs, road construction, a lot of changes," Carr said. "But it's

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Patterson supports the idea.

Livonia receives about \$400,000 a year through the surcharge and can replace communications equipment and hire dispatchers with the money.

Another initiative this year will focus on making sure rental properties are properly maintained.

Hobbs said by the year 2000, 43 percent of the city's 13,000 rental properties will be at least 20 years old.

"We respond to complaints only, at this point," Hobbs said. "We don't want to have a situation where the owner is not investing in the property. We

can't afford to lose one of those areas. It has a ripple effect."

Vagnozzi said the city is looking at an ordinance to give the city's strategy of inspections teeth. The city is also considering some increased police presence at some of the larger rental properties.

In keeping with the concept of maintaining a maturing community, rather than continuing fast paced development, the city wants to assign a staff person, without adding new staff, to the Economic Development Corp. to give the city more of an active role in business development and retention.

"We've had \$1 billion in devel-

opment over the last 10 years," Hobbs said. "We have to maintain that, expand business and redevelop areas, such as the Grand River corridor."

The city would like to establish a rehabilitation board, made up of citizens, to review commercial properties in the city and identify those that could use upgrading.

The city plans to upgrade its computer systems, hoping to begin installation and training in June.

The council also proposed continued improvements for the decentralized youth program, including transportation improvements for children who need a ride home from a center.

And the city will propose a policy on political activities at city facilities.

# Police trim from the top

By WILLIAM COUTANT  
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The Farmington Hills Police Department is being reorganized with the idea of eliminating a layer of bureaucracy, making the chain of command more efficient, giving officers more paths to advancement and saving the city money.

Chief Bill Dwyer presented his proposal to the city council at a January goals session.

The change will eliminate one civilian job but add a one new position above the rank of lieutenant.

Under the old system, the patrol division commander, a captain, reported to one of three inspectors. They all reported to the deputy chief who then

reported to the chief.

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report directly to the chief.

The change will result in a reduction in salary of about \$38,000 initially.



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