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ages. "I'm suggesting we need to go beyond a little business as usual ... We need to take our discussions to a higher level."

Specifically, city officials want to know the age of Detroit Edison infrastructure and what emergency response plans are in place.

"I want to find out how many folks are coming out and what is the battle plan," Hobbs said.

In all, 4,600 Edison customers in the Farmington area were affected by the storm, an Edison spokesman said.

"Whenever you have these types of storms, you're going to have damage," said Scott Simons, Edison spokesman. Detroit Edison has the second highest reliability rate among electrical utilities in the country,

Simons said. One reason for the success rate is \$30 million the utility spends on its tree clearance program, which trims branches to maintain a 10-foot clearance from electrical wires.

Farmington Hills Fire Department had 42 runs, which is well above the average of 16. Downed wires accounted for about a third of those calls and not all the fall-on wires were electrical, Lt. Mike Garr said.

Farmington Hills, as far as how the wind was blowing and how the rain was coming down, we were relatively unscathed," said Farmington Hills Fire Lt. Mike Garr. "It just didn't touch us as much."

Businesses along the Orchard Lake corridor and homes in the Eight and Nine Mile area had the greatest number of outages,

Garr said.

In Farmington, the severe storm resulted in several reports from residents and businesses.

Between 7:30-7:55 a.m., in the 22000 block of Brookdale, tree limbs downed power lines and damaged a car parked in a driveway.

Heavy winds blew out the front window at China Merchandise, in the 34000 block of Grand River. About \$500 in damage was caused.

Other damage reported included: Power lines in the 33000 block of Glenview Drive, 23000 block of Warner, 33000 block of Thomas, 22000 block of Power and 22000 block of Violet were felled by trees or tree limbs. A cable wire was downed by a tree limb in the 33000 block of Shiawasee. Trees also landed across the road in the 33000 block of Oakland and at Floral at Astor.

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think that's a good sign."

A few feathers were ruffled, though, about the handling of The Farmington Area Republican Club's endorsement interviews. Neither Inch nor Webb attended Monday night's interviews, which were conducted one candidate at a time. Inch said he had a prior commitment while Webb said she didn't go out of protest to how the interviews were being conducted.

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Jaske also acknowledges that campaign activity has been minimal.

"We only had one debate," Jaske said. "I think more is better. It helps the candidates to get their viewpoint across more than once."

Another challenger, Jackie Katz, said her campaign spending will "definitely be under \$1,000, and it's mostly from me."

Katz, also running solo, apparently picked up at least one supporter during the recent candidates forum. Farmington Hills City Councilwoman Vicki Barnett telephoned her after the recent candidates' forum and told Katz she liked what she heard from the first-time candidate - enough to want to help her out in the final weeks if it was needed.

Anwar Mahmood's similarly low-key campaign is putting more emphasis on face-to-face

encounters than anything else, although he did send out a mass mailing to residents. He expected to spend \$1,000 to \$1,500.

The incumbents are linked in how they view their job on the board, but not financially. Inch said his campaign bill will range between \$1,000-\$1,500, with 80 percent of the outlay coming from his own coffers.

Webb probably has the biggest financial output of the candidates, spending about \$2,100 of \$4,200 in outside contributions. "I've got some very wonderful support from many people across the community who believe in what I do," Webb said.

All candidates filed campaign financial statements with Oakland County's elections division, listing where the money came from (at least contributions of \$20 or more) and where it went.

"I always account for everything," Webb said. "I even list contributions of \$10. Those are just as important."

The polls for Monday's election will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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