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council members.

"Whether the planning commission approves or denies the plan to be submitted, there is a new court date of Sept. 14 for the judge to review the status of this case," Lauhoff said.

"If the new plan submitted for the parking lot planters is approved, then the court may not take any action on that issue Sept. 14. However, if the planning commission denies this new plan, then on Sept. 14, the court can take action to order the business to remove the planters within a certain period of time."

Meinke said she personally presented no information in the courtroom. The attorneys for both sides met in a private conference. She intends to bring up the discussion of outside seating at the planning commission meeting.

The court order also said that Meinke agrees to either main-

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Frank Lauhoff
—City manager

tain the Mooney Street right of way by cutting the grass in accordance with city codes or to replace the grass with a non-vegetative material immediately. Meinke said she maintains this area regularly.

The parking lot maintenance issue was adjourned to May 15. Meinke plans to obtain competitive bids for parking lot improvements. One estimate came in as high as \$8,000, she said.

Assault warrant issued for Farmington landlord

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A warrant for felonious assault has been issued in a case in which a couple was allegedly threatened in their River Glen Condominium on Grand River in Farmington.

Arrangements were being made Friday for the suspect to turn himself in to police.

The man and woman told police that the man from whom

they sublet their bedroom threatened them with a gun. He awakened them about 8 a.m. Aug. 5, though they didn't see the gun.

The gunman slept in the other bedroom, and according to the police report he wasn't happy that his roommate had moved in his girlfriend and her son. He typically spends half the year in Farmington and the other half in Florida.

A neighbor said the woman's

teen son ran from the condominium and asked her to call police.

When police officers arrived at the building, they were confronted by the couple and teen who ran down the stairs from the second floor, according to the police report. The couple had earlier barricaded themselves inside the room and pushed a file cabinet in front of the door to protect themselves from the man, police said.

After police repeatedly ordered the gunman to surrender, he appeared at the door and was taken into custody at gunpoint. He was returned to his unit while police conducted a search.

Police found a .32 caliber handgun in a clothes hamper located in the man's room.

The Farmington Hills police department assisted.

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mation which is not already known about the property or its proposed use.

No residents spoke at the Aug. 6 meeting, despite protests from neighbors at previous public meetings.

Councilwoman Mary Bush said she favored the plan. "You folks would probably be the first to admit that your building is nondescript," she said. "The plans blend very well with the residential area."

The city's master plan

acknowledges that redevelopment is essential in order for the City of Farmington to continue to be a prosperous community, Lauhoff said. "Without successful redevelopment on the city's corridors, it is almost certain that the city's tax base and property values — commercial and residential — will decline."

The master plan allows for expansion of rear parking into residential areas when certain conditions are satisfied. "These conditions include shifts in the

lines between commercial and residential when a logical relationship exists," Lauhoff said. "This relationship exists in this situation as the property immediately west and parallel to Lakeway is currently zoned for commercial and parking."

The planning commission had also addressed issues of appropriate screening, landscaping, the brick wall requirement between commercial and residential and parking lot access to the residential street.

Many of the requests and concerns of the residents were incorporated in the final site plan by the planning commission and credit union representatives, Lauhoff said.

The entrance on Lakeway Street is being referred to the traffic and safety board for review. "That was a concern of the neighbors to not allow a right-hand turn into the neighborhood," Lauhoff said. "That seems like logical request."

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