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Move Ahead With Off-St. Parking

The City Council passed formal resolutions Monday night, May 5, authorizing the city manager and engineer to proceed with plans for the development of two new off-street parking lots in the downtown Farmington business section as well as with plans for the paving of Thomas Street from Farmington Road to Warner Avenue.

The action came at the conclusion of the meeting. Public hearings on the necessity for all three projects were held at the beginning of Monday night's meeting.

One of the parking lots is proposed to be located on the north side of Grand River Avenue east of Farmington Road and the other on the west side of Farmington Road between Grand River Avenue and State Street. Both of these projects will be done on a special assessment basis with the benefiting property owners standing the costs for the improvements.

THE LAND AREA to be utilized for these improvements is owned and will be controlled by the city.

While no official objections to the improvements were voiced at the public hearings, there were some questions raised.

The owner of the Farmington Shoe Repair store on Farmington Road just south of Grand River questioned the value of the parking lot proposed in that quadrant to him, since he already has a three-car parking area of his own. He agreed to going along with the improvement but asked that he be allowed to retain ownership of his own lot rather than turning it over to the city. Question was also raised.

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Three Charged With Car Theft

Three Southfield men were arraigned in Farmington Municipal Court last Tuesday, April 27, on charges of a theft. All but one waived extradition and were bound over to Oakland County Circuit Court for trial. Examination for the third was set for May 11 before Municipal Judge Sylvester J. Phenev.

Farmington City Detective William Gaden made the arrest on Kenneth Bader, 17, of Farmington, and Walter E. Hammar, 17, all of Southfield, last Monday. The trio admitted stealing a 1963 Ford owned by Warren Edmonds of 2318 Beacon Drive in the City of Farmington on April 18.

Edmonds' car was recovered the next day, minus the engine and transmission, in Oak Park. The trio admitted stripping the car and towing it to Oak Park where they dumped it.

Hunters Ridge Approval Given, Okay Multiple Text Additions

The Township Zoning Board, at a special meeting on April 29, approved rezoning to permit construction of Hunters Ridge, a multiple development. The original request was to have a 100-acre site south of Fourteen Mile Road and west of Orchard Lake Road zoned RC, multiple and B-2, business.

A CONTINUANCE OF public hearing was also held on the rezoning to the multiple residential zoning ordinance.



THE SMASHED MOTOR SCOOTER pictured above proved no match for two automobiles between which it was sandwiched last Thursday morning, resulting in serious injuries to both of the boys riding the scooter. The accident occurred at the intersection of Shawassaw and Prospect in the City when a car rammed the motor scooter they were riding.

Auto-Scooter Crash Injures FHS Students Name Piatt, Millard to City Planning Comm.

Two Farmington High School boys were seriously injured last Thursday morning when the motor scooter they were riding to school was struck from behind and knocked into a car at the intersection of Shawassaw Avenue and Prospect Street in the City of Farmington.

Taken to Botsford General Hospital in serious condition were Ritchie Scott Graham, 15, of 24801 Arundel and Robert E. Charles, 16, of 23606 Whittaker, both of Farmington. CHARLES WAS DRIVING the motor scooter and Charles was riding on the back end seat. They were struck by a car driven by Charles Cloyd Heath, 19, of 2824 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington. The motor scooter was knocked into a car driven by Miriam Emilia Hall, 45, of 24002 Shawassaw Avenue in Farmington who suffered minor injuries.

All three vehicles were heading east on Shawassaw which is a four-way stop at the Prospect Street intersection, just west of Farmington High School. The accident happened at 7:45 a.m. while the boys were en route to classes at Farmington High.

Heath also suffered minor injuries in the crash. A passenger in his car escaped injury.

Okay Car Wash

A request from the Farmington DeMolay for permission to use a fire hydrant to hold a car wash in the Masonic parking lot at Farmington Road and Oakland Avenue later this month was approved by the City Council at its regular meeting Monday night, May 5.

The revisions were approved as advertised by four of the five members present, with Charles Hannan (voicing) and Charles Lorion and David Mills absent.

The text additions will allow three different densities for multiple developments at 7 units per acre, 10 units per acre, and 14 units per acre.

The new law, when passed by the Township Board, will automatically place those properties in RC classification which have received site plan approval in the RC-3 (14 units per acre) classification and those in RC classification which have not yet received site plan approval in the RC-2 (10 units per acre) classification.

WILLIAM BALDWIN, representing the Kendallwood Corporation, appeared at the April 29 public hearing and asked that an exception be made on property owned by the corporation between 1-606 and Twelve, Shawassaw.

James Piatt of 21039 Meadowlark and Arthur Millard of 33455 Alta Loma were elected to fill the two vacant seats on the Farmington City Planning Commission by members of the City Council at their regular meeting Monday night, May 3.

Piatt was named to fill the unexpired term of John Allen which runs until mid-1967 and Millard was named to fill the unexpired term of James Cavanaugh and Richard Duncan.

Asks Rezoning For Industrial

A rezoning request to permit industrial development on the east side of Haled Road north of Ten Mile Road was made at a special meeting of the Township Zoning Board of April 29.

Bill Bowman, chairman of the Township's Industrial Development Committee, represented the proponents, Hubbard & Associates. Bowman said that the 28-acre site, adjacent to the I-16 Brighton, Grand River Expressway, would be an ideal location for industry since the Highway Department owns the property south of the site and northeast of the present interchange. He stated that there is a possibility that the interchange will be enlarged in the future.

ALSO, BOWMAN SAID, there is a demand for industrial property in the Township as well as a need for the tax base. He reminded board members that the new highway, 275, will take 40 to 60 acres out of the Township and off the tax rolls.

The board referred the request to Villan-Leman, Township planning consultants, for their recommendation.

Mile Road (just north of the Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus site). The property, planned to be developed under the 14 units per acre classification, would become RC-2, 10 units per acre.

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Petitions Ready For School Board Posts

Petitions are now available for anyone wishing to run for the office of Trustee of Education. Two four-year terms, those of Patricia Dates and Herbert Neal expire this year. The deadline for filing petitions for the June 14 election is Saturday, May 15, at 4 p.m. Petitions may be obtained at the Farmington School District Administration Office, 32500 Shawassaw.

Millard to fill the unexpired term of Yoder running until mid-1968. Both Allen and Yoder are now members of the Council.

The selections were made by secret balloting from a field of four nominees recommended by members of the planning commission to fill the two vacancies on their commission. Suggested by the planners as candidates in addition to Piatt and Millard were James Cavanaugh and Richard Duncan.

IT WAS NECESSARY for the councilmen to ballot four times before the selections could be completed.

At their last regular meeting, in addition to recommending candidates to fill vacant planning commission seats, the city planners also re-organized. Fred Seibert was elected to the position of chairman. Left vacant by Mayor-elect Sandy Brotherton, William Burke was unanimously chosen as voice chairman and Doris Porter as secretary.

Seibert was also chosen to serve as a member of the City's Zoning Board of Appeals replacing Yoder.

State Wants Grand River Parking Ban

City Councilmen were informed by City Manager John Dinn at their regular meeting Monday night that the State Highway Department had turned thumbs down on the installation of a traffic light on Grand River at Power Road.

He reported further that it was the state highway officials' recommendation that the city impose a no parking ban on Grand River from Warner Street all the way to the eastern city limits and make the traffic lane cleared in this manner a turning lane.

Councilmen made a clear conversation on this matter that they were somewhat upset with the highway department's failure to see the need for a light at Power and with not recognizing the problem for businessmen if a no parking ban on Grand River was put into effect.

The city manager disclosed in his report to the Council that he felt some method of providing parking in front of business places along this stretch of Grand River might be able to be worked out so that parking on the highway itself could be eliminated. He asked permission from the councilmen for him and the public safety director to begin a study of this matter.

While councilmen agreed to the conducting of such a study they made it clear that they wanted no parking restriction on this stretch of Grand River imposed until the study was completed and report back to them made.

City Budget Hearing Set For May 13

The public hearing on the City of Farmington's proposed general fund and sewer and water operating fund budget for the 1965-66 fiscal year has been set for Thursday, May 13, at 8 p.m. in the municipal building on Liberty Street.

The proposed budget calls for a total expenditure during the fiscal year of \$757,140.11 with \$534,203 earmarked for general fund expenditure and \$222,937.11 for the water and sewer fund.

It has been estimated by the city manager in his proposed budget that revenues from the various sources due the city will be sufficient to meet the proposed budget with no increase in the present city tax rate.

THE CITY tax rate for the past three or four years now has been \$1.50 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

A summary of the proposed budget runs as an official legal advertisement elsewhere in this week's issue of The Enterprise. The complete city budget is on file at the municipal building for public review and inspection anytime during regular office hours Monday through Friday.

The budget runs higher than the budget under which the city has been operating during the current fiscal year that draws to a close on June 30.

THE BULK of the additional money proposed to be spent is earmarked for public improvements including the purchase of a number of new pieces of equipment for the department of public works. The money is also set aside for the hiring of a part-time recreationist.

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City to Ask Twp's Feelings On Dog Warden

Action was taken by the City Council Monday night authorizing the city manager to direct a letter to the Farmington Township Board to determine whether the township would be willing to consider the hiring of a dog warden and the setting up of a kennel to serve the city and township area jointly.

Councilman John Allen suggested that this inquiry be made and indicated that he felt this would be a very satisfactory solution to the dog problem of the area.

Allen had suggested at the last regular council meeting that he felt a stepped up effort should be made by the city to get a greater percentage of the dogs licensed and a greater effort put forth to pick up dogs running loose.

It was his suggestion at that time that the city consider hiring a dog warden of its own. Allen stated that he felt a dog warden to serve both the city and township as had been suggested more practical solution if arrangements could be worked out.

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Clean-Up Campaign Kicked Off Today

The fifth annual May clean-up campaign in both Farmington City and Township is being officially kicked off today, Wednesday, May 5, and will continue through the remainder of this week and all of next week.

Farmington City and Township governmental officials who are lending their wholehearted support to this annual community clean-up program sponsored by the South Farmington Township Civic Association, other community associations and organizations and

the Farmington Enterprise have actually designated the whole month of May as clean-up, fix-up, paint-up time.

Showing more than just verbal support, township and city officials have arranged for special trash pickups during the "clean-up the community" project this year.

IN THE TOWNSHIP special trash pickups will be made on Saturday, May 8, and again on Saturday, May 15. You are urged to have all of your trash out at the edge of the road

early on each of these special trash pickup dates.

In the City of Farmington, special trash pickups will be made throughout the city each Monday during the entire month of May. You are asked to have your trash out at the curb early Monday morning to avoid being missed.

If you have junk cars or very large items such as old appliances to be picked up, you should call either the city or township offices and make

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CLUTTERED BACKYARDS are a sore spot with many property owners who while keeping their own lots in order have to put up with neighbors who don't seem to care. "Clean-Up,

Fix-Up! Paint-Up Month" is a good time to check on conditions around your house to make sure there are no conditions existing which are likely to give offense to neighbors.

Funds Authorized for City Park Improvements

Desired improvements and improvements planned or already in the process of being made at the Farmington City Park on Shawassaw Road were discussed at a considerable amount of discussion at the regular City Council meeting Monday night.

A delegation of nine Farm-

ington Baseball for Boys officials, including Commissioner Charles Kuperschmidt, appeared at the Council meeting with five requests for improvements and learned that many were already in the planning stages of being made. Consideration on the other requests were also promised.

THE REQUESTS made were for improved toilet facilities, better maintenance of the ball diamonds, improved water facilities, provisions for storage facilities and permission to have a soft drink stand at the park.

An expenditure of another \$200 was approved to increase the height of the fence in the outfield of the softball diamond from 4 feet high to ten feet high to make it more difficult to hit home runs.

The Farmington Jaycees had requested this improvement earlier.

COUNCILMEN were informed that the Farmington

Register By May 17 For School Election

Voters in the Farmington Public School District are reminded that the last day for registration to be eligible to vote in the Annual School Election on June 14, is Monday, May 17, at 5 p.m.

Applications for registration should be made to the clerk of the city or township in which the elector resides. Persons already registered need not re-register.

Voters will be asked to elect two trustees and to vote on a Special Education Millage question.



WATER AND SEWER lines which will service the industrial park area of Farmington Township are nearing completion. Workmen are pictured above at Halsted Road and Grand River Avenue which is about the midway point of the line's east-west extension.

When completed, the lines will form a "loop system" from Eight Mile Road and Hagerty, north to Ten Mile, east to Grand River and down Grand River to the Farmington City limits.

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Grand River Homes Area Wants Sewers

At the public hearing held last week before the Farmington Township Board on the necessity for establishing a special assessment sewer district for the Grand River Homes subdivision area only one official objection was filed.

The between 40 to 45 home owners and prospective owners who were present at the hearing all expressed approval with the establishment of the sewer improvement district and a waged battle in getting the project under way.

The district will consist of those homes and commercial establishments located on the west side of Middlebelt Road, extending over to the Grand River Drive-in theatre, to the north as far as Shawassaw and also takes in some area on the south side of Grand River.

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