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## City Adopts Land Use Plan for Annexation

The City of Farmington has announced its proposed zoning plan for more than 2,000 acres of the Township which it hopes to acquire Nov. 8.

Under a plan approved by the City's Planning Commission the area would consist of residential developments, industrial plants, apartments, shopping facilities, park areas, education research offices and expressway service centers.

In a letter to the residents of the City of Farmington, John Dinan broke down the total area and percentage of the various kinds of zoning.

**Residential development** — both of the planned unit developments and 15,000 square foot lots — will

amount to 1,000 acres or 43.7 per cent of the total parcel.

A total of 845 acres or 37.1 per cent of the area will be given over to industrial development, while 195 acres or 8.5 per cent along the ex-

pressway will be zoned for education research offices.

**Apartment units** will occupy 151 acres or 6.3 per cent of the population, while shopping facilities with commercial zoning will occupy 54 acres or 2.4 per cent.

Public facilities in park conjunction with the elementary school in Woodcroft, while expressway service was a new concept providing for motel facilities adjacent to the expressways at major interchanges.

The industrial and multiple

zoning is already in existence in the area, while the City would zone for a 20 acre shopping center at Grand River and Drake Rd. and provide for additional commercial buildings in certain sections of Grand River.

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THE FARMINGTON FREEWAY Industrial Park was "officially" begun Monday when Lt. Governor William Milliken broke ground for the development. From left at the ceremonies are: DeLoe Hamlin, a longtime Farmington resident and chairman

of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors; Milliken, Curt Hall, Farmington Township Supervisor; and Bill Bowman, chairman of the Township's Industrial Development Commission.

## Township Industrial Park Is Result of Much Work

While ground was officially broken Monday for the Farmington Freeway Industrial Park, work on the development has been underway for a long time.

The first big step was when the residents of the Township voted their approval of a special millage levy to provide water and sewer facilities to the area south of Grand River and the I-96 expressway.

Since that time three plants

have been erected and at least seven more are either under construction or will be built within the next six months.

Currently operating in the Park are: Diamond Automation, Posi-Cut, and Futurmill. Slated for construction work by the first of the year are: The Boensch Co., Omni Spectra, Lockhart Manufacturing Co., H.M.L. Industries, Gancia-Cote, Howell-Pencraft, Johnson Die and Engineering

and a plastics company.

In the entire Park project a total of 13 sites have already been sold.

All in all it adds up to a total of 77,000 square feet of space for industrial usage which boosts the tax base of the community.

With the new firms that are expected to be in operation the development is anticipated to bring an additional \$2,000,000 in valuation to the tax base.

So even if the formal ground breaking wasn't until Oct. 17, 1966 the people of Farmington are well aware of the growth and development of the Farmington Freeway Industrial Park.

It just seems that it took awhile for recognition to catch up on the state level.

## Milliken Speaks To Board

Michigan's Lt. Governor William Milliken met with the Farmington Board of Commerce Monday morning prior to the ground breaking ceremonies at the Farmington Freeway Industrial Park.

During a short speech at a breakfast meeting at the Farmington Mazion Lodge, Milliken told the business community that the current state campaign boiled down to two basic issues.

"Whether or not the people like the last four years and recognize the progress which has been made under Governor Romney and whether or not they approve of this leadership," was how he summed them up.

Milliken said that one of the nice fringe benefits of campaigns was that it provided the opportunity to travel throughout the state and to meet the people in a "human and personal" basis.

## Courts To Settle Labor Dispute at Mills Products

The City of Farmington's Mills Products has been hit by a strike which has been termed "illegal" by one side and a clear case of "unfair labor practices" by the other.

It all started last week when Patricia Neuman, president of the local of the Independent Metal Union of Walled Lake, sought to discuss a grievance with management.

According to union members, she was told that the matter would be discussed

some other time and when she persisted in trying to settle the matter she was dismissed from employment.

Edward Gesteau, vice president of the firm, termed the strike illegal stating that under the terms of the contract there is a no strike clause.

He stated the company had just cause to fire the worker

that the matter is in the hands of the court.

Union members asserted, however, that the union really isn't recognized and that management does not observe the grievance procedure outlined in the contract.

In addition they charged that men are paid \$1.75 per

hour in the plating division while women performing the same work are paid \$1.40 an hour. Judith Bailey, the union steward in this division, told The Observer that the women are doing exactly the same kind of work as the men, but for less pay.

Garrett termed the difference in jobs as "technical

and added that the difference was involved in the actual plating operation.

Douglas Craig, attorney for the union, told The Observer that the matter was in the courts and termed the entire matter as "unfair labor practices."

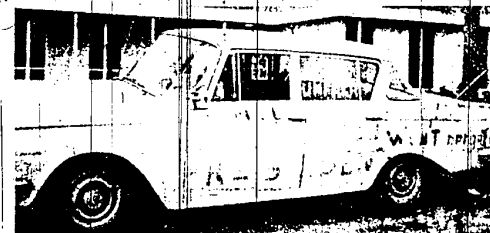
The attorney for the company, Joseph T. Brennan, could not be reached for comment.

The City of Farmington Police log shows that on three separate occasions since the strike began the police have been called to the scene to investigate complaints.

One of these incidents concerned the charge that a member of management, Howard Cox, had turned his car into the pickets and caused two women to be shoved along and a third was brushed by the auto.

Craig witnessed the incident and told the three—Elizabeth Grabowski, Barbara Linkhorn and Lillian Tabbs—that they had certain rights in this matter.

The firm employs approximately 250 people most of whom according to the union members are in support of the strike.



THIS CAR parked outside Mills Products on Monday tells the story behind the strike against the company by the Independent Metal Union of Walled Lake. Painted on the side of the car is the legend that the

Union Local's President Patricia Neuman was fired by the company. A court order prohibiting the workers from picketing was lifted by the courts Monday and picket lines reformed shortly afterwards.

## City All Set To Tackle County on Power's Signal

The Oakland County Road Commission had better be set to hear the city's case for a right at Grand River and Powers Rd. in the near future.

Grand River Ave. is being abandoned as a state trunk line by the State Highway Department and the City Council voted Monday night to waive any claim to the road and turn the jurisdiction over to the County.

After the resolution was

passed Councilman Ralph Yon asked if the city could put in the traffic signal which the city has been seeking for the past two years.

City Manager John Dinan told him that the County was "much more cooperative in these matters than the state" and pointed to the fact that three signals had been installed by the county to correct the flow of traffic.

The consensus of the Council was that as soon as the County assumes jurisdiction over Grand River the City will go to work to obtain the traffic signal.

Reasoning behind the City's giving up jurisdiction of the road was purely economic.

Under the present arrangement with the County the City receives the funds for maintenance, but is not responsible for any repairs. A similar agreement existed with the State Highway Department and under it the City received \$2,500 per year, per mile for maintenance.

The City will receive \$2,000 per mile for maintenance from the Oakland County Road Commission

as Grand River will be a primary road. However, if the City were to hold jurisdiction over the road the rebate from the gasoline and weight taxes would only amount to \$1,700 per year, per mile.

In other action the Council:

● Agreed to a two year lease with the Farmington Holding Company for the municipal parking lot on Grand River; and

● Told City Manager John Dinan to take bids for fencing around the magic square at the 10 Mile Rd. School.

## Township Gets State Approval on Urban Grant

Farmington Township has received official notification from the State of Michigan's Department of Commerce that the \$14,328 Urban Planning Assistance Grant has been approved by the state agency.

While the funds come from the Federal Government approval must also come from the state agency which actually allocates the funds to the local community.

## Schools Purchase Section 13 Lot

At its Monday night meeting, the Farmington Board of Education approved the purchase of a lot to the rear of the Greenacres Subdivision for \$4,390.

Purpose of the purchase of Lot 54 in Section 13 is to eventually provide a roadway to a school site which until now has been land locked.

The school property is adjacent to 1696 and Sisters of Mercy, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Lot 54 runs between the Greenacres Subdivision and the corner of the school site.

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## Highway Hearing Brings Out Crowd

The proposed extension of Northwestern Highway was brought out a large group last week at North Farmington High School.

They must have liked what they heard though because no voices were raised in dissent at the proposed route. Some suggestions were offered for its improvement, however.

Appearing on behalf of the highway development

were: John Knecht, director of public hearings for the State Highway Department; John Kasenko, route location engineer; and L. E. Brillhart, right of way representative.

Knecht pointed out that it has been 50 years since the idea of Northwestern Highway was first conceived, and it has since been visualized as a route across the state ending near Ludington. It will connect with M-275 west of Haggerty Rd. This highway will complement I-75 which doesn't begin to handle the traffic volume.

Within Farmington Township, a full interchange is planned at Northwestern and 12 Mile Rd. Split diamonds will be constructed at 13 Mile Rd. and Middlebelt.

At the present time the state agency anticipates that contracts will be let April 1, 1971. The earliest acquisition date for property needed is April, 1970 except for cases of proven hardship resulting from delay.

Duane Sanford, Supervisor of West Bloomfield Township endorsed the program. He said that the highway should



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"NO SATISFACTION... No Work" reads the sign posted by members of the Independent Metals Workers Union outside the Mills Products plant on Eight Mile Rd. in the City of Farmington. Workers walked out of the plant last week following the dismissal of Patricia Neuman, president of the local.

## Grievances Plague Board

With the school year not even two months gone, the Farmington Board of Education has been troubled with labor problems.

The past few weeks they have busied themselves with the Farmington Education Association grievance over the working hours of secondary teachers. At present a formal letter should be on the way to the FEA rejecting their grievance.

Gene Syverson, FEA president, termed the ruling "distasteful." It is expected that the FEA will appeal to the State Labor Mediation Board.

The most recent grievance came at a special Board of Education meeting Monday evening. Local 1458 composed of custodians brought their grievance before the School Board after they were unable to reach a satisfactory agreement. (Continued on Page 4A)

## Enterprise Moves To Sun. Publication

This is the week for the change in publication day for the Farmington Enterprise. It don't reach for the phone to complain to the circulation department that one of Farmington's community newspapers is missing.

It will arrive on your doorstep Saturday morning in time to provide a full weekend of information and entertainment for the entire family.

Philip H. Power, publisher of the Enterprise, announced the date change last week pointing out that on the weekend families have the time and inclination to read their newspapers thoroughly.

"The only real function of a newspaper is to serve the community," Power observed. "Readers are served by informative, thoughtful reporting of the news of the community in Advertisers are served by effective, original and hard-hitting ads which bring the product to the direct attention of each reader."

"The Farmington Enterprise has devoted itself to

these twin concepts of service for more than 78 years. The sole concern has always been, and will continue to be, service to the community. In order to more fully serve the Farmington community, we have undertaken an extensive program to expand and improve the Enterprise.

"As part of these improvements," Power continued, "we delighted to announce that on Sunday, Oct. 23, the Farmington Enterprise will move to a Sunday publication day. The proven acceptance, readership and selling power of weekend newspapers throughout the country has prompted this change."

"Our editorial policy, while retaining its present solid coverage of community affairs, will be improved and expanded. In addition, we plan to include a number of feature articles especially geared to suburban living."

The Farmington Observer will continue to publish on Wednesday as in the past.