

Area city to fight self-serve gasoline stations

By ALICE COLLINS

Birmingham is expected to go to court to try to stop the operation of self-serve gasoline pumps at the Total station on South Hunter, south of Forest.

The city commission this week voted City Manager Robert Kenning the authority to obtain legal

representation "and to take any other action needed" to halt the self-service.

Total Petroleum Inc. began the self-serve operation at midday last Friday. It had been running an attendant-service station at the location.

Until Friday, there had been no self-operated stations in the city.

A spokesman for Total said Tuesday that the company has complied with the law and will continue the new operation.

Other oil companies have been prevented from converting to self service in Birmingham because the city refused permission under a state law which requires local community approval.

Birmingham went on record as opposed to self-serve stations with a resolution in 1975. It has no local ordinance prohibiting them.

Kenning told commissioners Monday that Total had made the switch without local approval.

The city contends that Total is in violation of a state law because it didn't receive local approval, according to Kenning. The city has been

serving daily notices of violation to the station since Friday.

The oil company denies any violation, according to attorney Norman Hyman, and has continued to operate the self-service pumps. "Total has done all it can," said Hyman. It has complied with the law. The city may not arbitrarily refuse to issue a permit when you have complied with all the requirements."

TOTAL'S DECISION to provide self service in Birmingham "was not a spur of the moment thing but carefully thought out," said Hyman. "Total had made inquiry of the city over a period of time as to whether or not self service was prohibited by Birmingham ordinance and was advised that it was not."

Birmingham maintains that the state law requiring local approval covers the issue.

When self-service stations began to appear on the scene in 1975, the Birmingham City Commission passed a resolution declaring that the city "does not favor self service stations at this time (Dec. 22, 1975)."

Since that time, two stations on South Woodward, Shell and Union,

sought permission to convert to self-service. Their requests were denied, according to Kenning.

KENNING SAID the city did not know about the Total changeover until it occurred Friday.

"They (Total) came in to the city sometime earlier and got a permit to do miscellaneous electrical work," said Kenning.

obituaries

ROBERT ANGUS JENKINS, SR.
Mr. Jenkins, 53, of Bloomfield Township died Dec. 14 in Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills.

He was a resident of Farmington since 1977. Mr. Jenkins was the proprietor of Solar Relester Film, Inc. of Detroit. He was a member of the Farmington Elks Lodge 1886 BPOE, Harper Woods Lodge 585 F & AM, Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Livonia and a board member of Farmington Boy Scouts. He was a member of the board of directors of the West Bloomfield Little League Soccer.

Survivors include wife, Irene; sons, Todd of Bloomfield Hills, Robert Jr. of Plymouth, Mich., James E. of Bloomfield Hills; daughters, Tonya of Bloomfield Hills, Lyn Simon of Livonia; mother, Margaret Boldt of Warren and sister, Shirley Riding of Warren.

Services were Dec. 17 at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, Troy. Rev. John Stiefen officiated. Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

The family requests memorial contributions be sent to Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills or Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Livonia.

CHESTER BRYANT
Mr. Bryant, 75 of Farmington died Dec. 15 at home.

He was a retired cost accountant for Ford Motor Co. Before working for Ford, he was a cost accountant for the Chrysler Corp.

Survivors include wife, Evelyn; sons, Phillip and Ronald of Calif.; four brothers, two sisters and two grandchildren. Services were Dec. 17 at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia. Rev. Charles H. Beynon conducted the service. Burial was at Grand Lawn Cemetery.

ROUWYDA ALAMEDDINE

Mrs. Alameddine, 70, of Lebanon died Dec. 17 in her home in Tripoli. Survivors include husband, Budih, sons, Farouk and Haroune of Farmington Hills, Tarak, Saladin and Saad of Tripoli; daughters, Zoubieda, Mrs. Sabah Souk; 27 grandchildren.

Services were conducted Dec. 18 in Lebanon. Burial was in Lebanon.

The family requests that memorial contributions be sent to the Farmington Community Center, 24785 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills 48018.

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING December 17, 1979

The City Council of the City of Farmington Hills held a regular meeting at the City Hall on December 17, 1979. Mayor Oppertthausen opened the meeting at 7:30 o'clock P.M. Councilmembers present were: Sorenson, Jones, Deacon, Smith, Akateeb and Dolan. Others present were: City Manager Savage, City Clerk Cairns, and City Attorney Billeck.

Council adopted resolutions opposing Senate Bill 694 and supporting House Bill 4189. After the public hearing for water improvement on Meadowview, Pleasant Valley Farms Subdivision, a necessity was declared and the intent to sell Bonds resolution was adopted. Ordinance C62-193 request to rezone from RA-2 to OS-1 or OS-2 in Section 10, lots 8, 9 and north 15 ft. of lot 10 of Park Hill Subdivision was introduced.

Ordinance C62-194 a request to rezone from RA-2 to OS-2 in the SE¼ of Section 10, lot 12 and north 80 ft. of lot 13 of Park Hill Subdivision was introduced.

Amendatory Ordinance C62-A, amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to provide a new Industrial Research Office District Classification; Article XVA Section 1500, 1501A, 1502A, 1503A, 1504A, Section 1907 Signs, paragraph 3 and Section 1914 Walls and Berms was introduced.

Revision was approved for the Notice of Intention of the City of Farmington Hills to issue Revenue Bonds for Exotic Rubber and Plastics Project.

By-Laws of the Farmington Hills Economic Development Corporation were approved. Amendatory Ordinance C62-Y to the Zoning Ordinance: Article XIX General Provisions, Section 1919, Flood Plain Controls was enacted.

Amendatory Ordinance C16-78 an amendment to the City Code to add Chapter 66, "Flood Plain Damage Control Ordinance", was enacted.

Council rescinded the previous action taken on July 9, 1979 regarding Windspan Liquor License.

Binding resolutions were adopted for Nine Mile Water SAD C135 in the amount of \$30,000, Haggerty Road Sewer SAD C132 in the amount of \$400,000 and Haggerty Road Water SAD C131 in the amount of \$260,000.

Final payment for site work at Fire Station 4 was approved. Extension of one year for land fill permit at Eleven Mile and Drake Road, in Section 17 was granted.

Council reviewed and approved the presentation of June 30, 1979 audit by Plante and Moran, C.P.A.

Upon recommendation of City Manager the bid requirement to repair the Champion Road Grader was waived.

Approval was given to purchase ten police cars through the State Extended Purchasing Bid Program.

After the report on progress of structures located at 21447 St. Francis and 21411 Jefferson, Council dismissed the Show Cause Hearings, with expense incurred for securing of 21411 Jefferson to be paid by the owner.

Upon motion meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
FLOYD A. CAIRNS, City Clerk
Approved by: MAYOR OPPERTTHAUSEN

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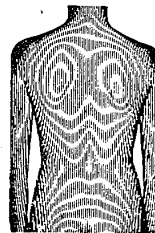
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