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Hills' future plans left up to voter approval

Plan will impact on entire city

By Joanne Maliszewski
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If Farmington Hills voters amend the city charter, they will authorize the city to levy up to an additional 1.5 mills for 20 years to provide financing for needed projects in a six-year capital improvements plan.

The state-required plan was prepared and adopted earlier this year by the planning commission with the help of studies such as the master storm-drainage plan, police building feasibility study, traffic studies and the master parks and recreation plan.

The improvements plan provides city officials with a guideline of needed projects. The projects are listed on a year-to-year basis. City officials at any time may realign the plan depending on the immediacy of the needed projects. Some projects may be deleted and others added.

Each year the plan will be updated and another year of projects added.

When the planning commission developed the plan it was asked to determine which improvements were most needed in the next six years.

Although the plan lists projects according to the year they are planned to start, financing of the specific projects will continue over a period of years. Proposed financing of suggested projects varies on the type of project with financing coming from the city, federal government, county, weight and gas tax money and bonds.

Following is a list of projects included in the capital improvements plan. Voters who vote in favor of the proposed charter amendment, will be authorizing the city to levy additional mills to finance the following improvements:

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Meetings planned to explain tax plan

The "Say Yes to Farmington Hills Committee" will sponsor two community informational meetings on the city's proposed charter amendment next week.

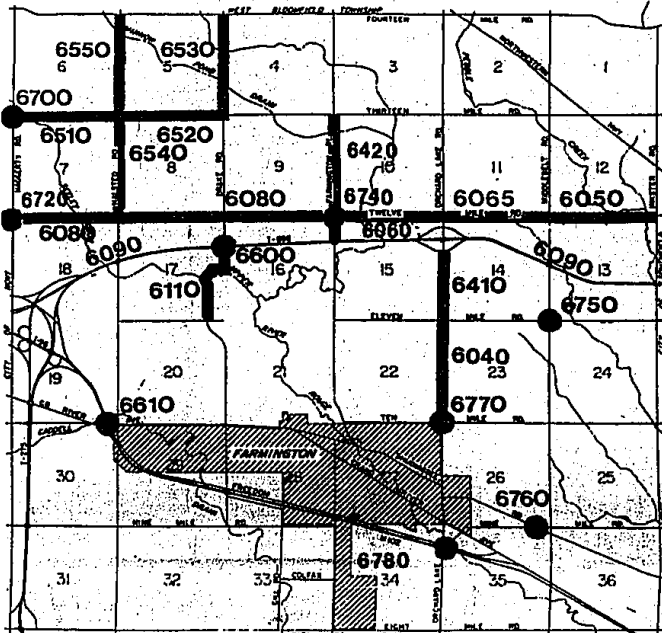
The first meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday in the North Farmington high auditorium on 13 Mile Road.

The second meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Farmington High auditorium on Shawwassee.

The committee was recently formed

to distribute information and encourage support for the charter amendment proposal on the Nov. 6 ballot. The proposal asks voters to give the city authority to levy up to an additional 1.5 mills for 20 years for capital improvements.

The format of each meeting will include a slide presentation by the city's administrative staff. The presentation offers a description of the city's six-year capital improvements plan and its cost.



The bold lines and dots on this map indicate suggested road improvements described in the Farmington Hills six-year capital improvements plan. If voters approve the city's charter amendment proposal on the Nov. 6 ballot, financing will be available to pay for these and other improvements. Some road improvements are already un-

der way such as the intersection of Freedom and Orchard Lake Road. One of the planned projects includes widening and resurfacing of Orchard Lake, from 10 Mile to I-696. With growing office developments along 12 Mile, the widening of 12 Mile from Farmington to Haggerty is also planned. This stretch is planned as a boulevard.

How taxes will tally after vote

By Joanne Maliszewski
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The only local proposal on the Nov. 6 election ballot will ask voters to amend the Farmington Hills city charter to provide financing for capital improvements.

The charter amendment proposal asks voters to give the city authority to levy up to an additional 1.5 mills for 20 years earmarked for capital improvements.

If approved, the city's total taxing authority would be increased from the current 10-mill charter limit to 11.5.

Applied to the city's 1984-85 total state equalized value (SEV) of about \$1 billion, the full 1.5 mills would provide about \$1.5 million for capital improvements a year.

City taxpayers would contribute approximately 40 percent of the total cost of planned improvements. City officials say that an annual investment of \$1.5 million is needed to finance the improvements.

If the additional 1.5 mills is approved, a taxpayer owning an \$80,000 house assessed at \$40,000, would pay \$60 annually toward the city's cost of capital improvements, according to city officials.

BUT WITH rebates through the Michigan General Homestead Property Tax Credit and Federal Income Tax deductions, the cost to a taxpayer could be reduced.

Using the same example, a taxpayer who would owe \$60 for improvements could deduct \$36 under the homestead

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Stay away from schools, moped riders told

By Tom Beer
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Parents and police have a message for riders of mopeds: Stick to the streets and stay out of the school yards.

The moped — a bicycle propelled by a small motor — has become part of the suburban scene in the past couple of years, and many of the riders are teenagers since a moped license can be obtained at age 15, a year earlier than usual.

But police emphasize that mopeds must obey the same traffic rules as automobiles — and that includes not tearing around school playgrounds.

That was the problem recently at a Farmington Hills school, Wooddale Elementary, on Peppermill in the Kendallwood subdivision.

According to parent and police accounts, teen-agers riding mopeds have descended on the school playground, generally intimidating younger children who play there.

A much more serious incident — a teen threatened a younger child with a

knife in the vicinity of the school — also was reported to police.

"We don't want to cause a panic, but we think people should realize that there are ordinances against loitering around these schools," said Susan Gartenberg, mother of a Wooddale youngster and chairman of the school's safety committee.

"We want these kids' parents to know that they can be ticketed — it's happened in the past."

She said the moped problem usually happens after school and on weekends.

"The teen-agers find it (the school playground) a gathering place, and they try to run off the younger kids," she said.

ISOLATED WOODDALE, with paths leading from the school into the surrounding woods, has drawn moped riders in recent weeks, parents and police have said.

"As the youngsters walk along a path, the bigger ones will roar through on their mopeds, using the paths as sort of an obstacle course," Gartenberg said.

Sgt. Richard Murphy, in charge of the Farmington Hills Police Department's Juvenile Division, said he is aware of the moped problem around Wooddale.

"We're on top of it," said Murphy, who met last Monday with several Wooddale parents and Principal Dave Coffey.

"We've had officers working at the school — in fact, they wrote a couple of tickets last Friday."

Murphy called the knife threat an "isolated incident" and not really part of the moped problem. "We're presently investigating that (knife threat)," he said.

Principal Coffey, asked to comment on the situation, said, "I understand I have some parents who called the police, and I understand that last week the police did come out there. But I don't know what the consequences were."

He added, "There isn't any problem, as far as I'm concerned, during school hours. Some parents think there's a problem other times — I think weekends was mentioned — but the police are taking care of that."

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Southfield developer.

Although some board members had misgivings, the offer was approved, 5-0.

"We must say publicly that we're pleased to be selling this property," said Farmington Supt. Lewis Schulman during the meeting.

The land, vacant and undeveloped, abuts the north side of the I-696 freeway about midway between Inkster and Middlebelt roads in northeast Farmington Hills.

The only access to the property is

through a district-owned vacant lot in the nearby Greencastle subdivision.

The access lot is not part of the deal, according to William Prisk, assistant superintendent in charge of finances and services.

"It (the 8.3 acres) is a landlocked piece of land that nobody's going to stand in line to buy unless they own adjacent property," said Prisk, who indicated that he was happy with the offer.

"Sometimes offers go by us . . . we don't want to let a good offer go by," he said.

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oral quarrel

Mopeds a problem in Farmington?

Last week, a group of parents and a school principal met with a Farmington Hills police officer in an effort to solve a problem — teen-agers tearing around the school playground on mopeds, motorized bicycles, and intimidating younger children playing there.

The police officer promised extra patrols around the school. Police in other cities also have indicated that irresponsible moped drivers are a problem, especially around schools.

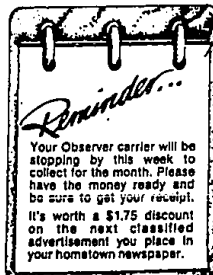
Today's Oral Quarrel question is:

Are mopeds a problem in your neighborhood? If so, what can be done?

To answer this question, call 477-5418 anytime from 3 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25. To see how your neighbors feel about this issue, please look in Monday's Farmington Observer.

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Hopefuls featured in voter's guide

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