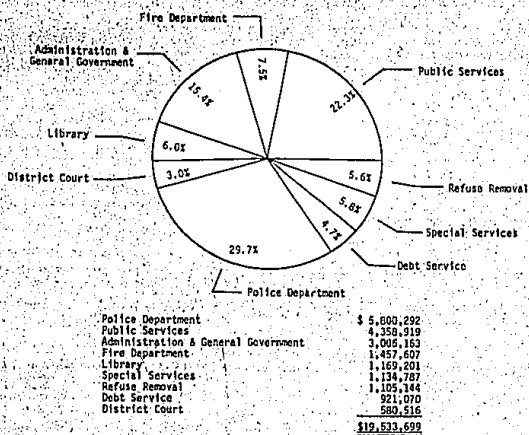
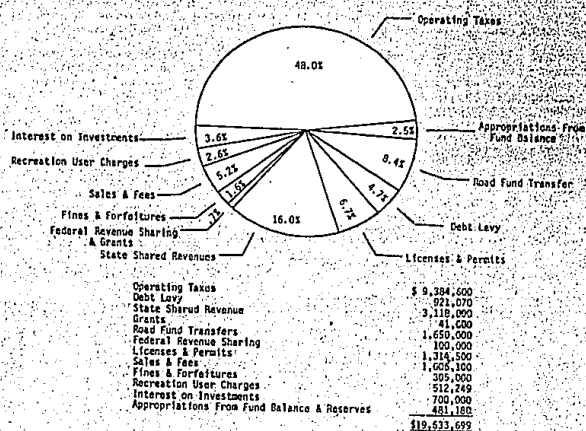


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# Planned budget raises few eyebrows

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If lack of negative comments at a public hearing last week on Farmington Hills' proposed \$19.6 million 1986-87 budget is any indication, a proposed one-mill increase this year isn't causing much controversy.

"This is not an action night. We are simply here to hear the public," Mayor Joe Alkateeb said, following a public hearing and special presentation on the proposed budget May 21.

Budget adoption is expected at a regular city council meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 9 in the council chambers, 31555 11 Mile.

The special meeting last week was highlighted with visual presentations of the proposed budget by City Manager William Costick.

Council's proposed \$19.5 million 1986-87 budget would be financed by 9.8 mills — a 1-mill increase over the current levy. The proposed levy brings the city's total tax rate close to the 10-mill charter limit.

The proposed 1-mill increase would be used specifically to begin financing a \$14-million, three-year road improvement program. The city's share of the program would total \$9 million.

HILLS RESIDENT Aldo Vagnozzi — one of three residents who commented during the public hearing — lauded council and city staff for actively pursuing solutions to the city's growing road problems.

There is a cost to all of us if we do nothing," Vagnozzi said, referring to traffic congestion and potential accidents on the city's congested

## Adoption is pending

roads.

The proposed one-mill for roads would generate \$1.2 million and would be combined with \$750,000 in the city's existing major road budget for a total of \$2 million. City officials also are asking voters to go to the polls Tuesday, Sept. 23 to consider financing the remaining \$7 million of the city's \$9 million share of the proposed three-year road program with general obligation bonds.

Voters also will be asked on Tuesday, June 24 to consider approval of a special 0.5-mill levy for five years to pay for development of parks and recreation facilities. As a special

levy, the proposed 0.5-mill would not be included in the city's maximum 10 mills.

Farmington Hills property owners will pay a total of 10.3 mills this year if council adopts the proposed \$19.5 million 1986-87 budget based on 9.8 mills and the 0.5-mill special park levy wins voter approval.

THE 10.3 mills (per \$1,000 of assessed valuation) will cost taxpayers — based on a \$90,000 house assessed at \$45,000 — approximately \$464.50.

The proposed budget represents a 14.3 percent increase over the current \$17 million budget. But 2.7 per-

cent of the increase is due to new debt incurred for construction of a new police facility and the long-awaited Caddell Drain project near 10 Mile and Grand River.

Last week's budget public hearing also included the state-required Truth-in Taxation hearing. In 1986-87, one mill will generate about 4 percent more revenue than a mill did last year because the city's state equalized valuation (SEV) has increased.

The city's estimated SEV for 1986 is projected at \$1.2 billion, compared to the 1985 SEV of \$1.1 billion. Approximately \$107 million in new construction has been added to the 1985 property assessment roll.

On the revenue side of the budget, operating taxes (7.4 mills for operations) of an estimated \$9.8 million accounts for 48 percent of the city's

general fund revenues.

The rest of the city's proposed \$19.5 million in general fund revenues derives from: \$3.1 million (16 percent) state shared revenues; \$1.6 million (8.4 percent) road fund transfers; \$1.3 million (6.7 percent) licenses and permits; \$1 million (5.2 percent) sales and fees; \$921,000 (4.7 percent) debt levy (0.7-mill); \$700,000 (3.6 percent) interest on investments; \$512,000 (2.6 percent) recreation user charges; \$461,000 (2.5 percent) appropriations from fund balance and reserves; \$305,000 (1.6 percent) fines and forfeitures; \$100,000 (0.7 percent) federal revenue sharing and (\$41,000) grants.

While increased construction is pushing the city's value upward, it's also the cause for an increased demand on city services, including police.

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## Memorial service held

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young warriors opened the gates to more than 43 million immigrants from every nation — many of whom are our forebearers."

On "What does this mean to us?" Wylie said that the answer was strong reserve and guard forces, including Army, Navy and Air Force.

He pointed out that 60 percent of the units locked in arms in World War II were reserve forces, and said that in the future, even more dependency will be placed on them.

"IT IS up to us — the veterans of wars past — to instill in the youth of America an obligation to support the institutions we hold dear — for if they don't protect them, they shall surely disappear. We have a duty to educate our youth in the freedoms we enjoy, and the responsibilities to defend them."

"Did our comrades die for nebulous or no reason? No, sir! They died — yes — but the legacy for which they died lives on in all of us," he concluded.

Wylie was welcomed by mayors Joe Alkateeb of Farmington Hills and William Hartsock of Farmington.

"Yesterday, we celebrated 'Hands Across America,'" Alkateeb said. "Today, we celebrate 'Hearts Across America.'"

"Hearts that stretch all over the globe — to strange and far away places in Europe and in Asia . . . that recall Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Lebanon, Germany, and, most recently, Libya . . . united in the pioneering spirit of the space shuttle Challenger."

"AS WE honor those who gave all in the cause of land and country, let us keep our hearts united in the spirit of sacrifice and giving. Let us resolve as never before to keep the torch of freedom burning."

In brief remarks, Hartsock noted that "the price of freedom continually asks to be paid."

The Veterans' Memorial ceremony included patriotic music by the Farmington High School Marching Band. Al Schweizer of the Clarenceville United Methodist Church led a rendition of the "Baltimore Hymn of the Republic" and of "America, the Beautiful."

Several veterans groups, including World War I Veterans, laid wreaths at the memorial. There was also a rifle volley and the playing of taps.

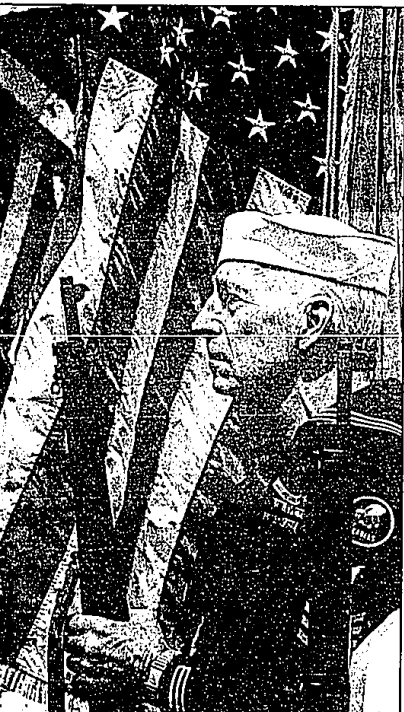
A public reception at the VFW Farmington Post 2269 followed.

LOCAL VETERANS groups are hoping to move the Memorial Day celebration to the original date of May 30.

To that end, they will hold a short memorial service at 7:30 p.m.

Friday in the North Farmington Cemetery, on Farmington Road, north of 13 Mile. Parking is available in the North Farmington High School lot.

The service will include prayers, a rifle volley and the playing of taps.



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World War II Navy veteran Ira Wing of Farmington Hills was among those who took part in the rifle volley.

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