

on the agenda

Below are highlights from agendas of government meetings this week. All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are open to the public.

Farmington Hills City Council
city council chamber
31555 11 Mile
7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18

Public hearings:

- Consider introducing zoning request on the north side of Grand River, west of Drake. HC-2, multiple-family residential district, and P-1, parking districts, to B-2, community business district. Proponent-owner, Harold Beznos, Bestak Land Co.
- Consider introducing zoning request on the west side of Middlebelt, between Grand River and Belfast. Part of Lot 1 of Brookside Park subdivision. OS-1, office service district, to B-3, general business district. Proponent: David Donnellon. Owner, David L. Fordon.

- Consider introducing zoning request at 31215 14 Mile, south of 14 Mile, between Orchard Lake Road and Northwestern Highway. OS-1, office service district, and B-3, general business district, to B-2, community business district. Proponent, 1. William Sherr and Andrew Shaw. Owner: Ann S. Welsher, F. Geoffrey Welsher Jr., Elizabeth Welsher Temrowski, Ruth Ann Welsher Mumaw.

- Consider proposed amendment to consent judgment for Sinicola Woods Plat 3, Sec. 23.

- Consider setting date of Jan. 20 for a special goals and issues city council study session.
- Consider setting date for a joint city council-parks and recreation commission meeting of Jan. 29.

City manager reports:

- Consider authorizing city manager to enter into property acquisition discussions with MDOT for property along I-696 between Farmington Road and Drake.
- Consider a resolution approving a budget request to accommodate publication of Year 2000 final report.

Consent agenda:

- Recommend award of bid to buy an all-terrain vehicle for the Department of Special Services to Splitzer Inc., in the amount of \$3,492.
- Recommend award of bid to buy vehicles for the Department of Public Services to Red Holman Pontiac/GMC for one pickup truck and one suburban for \$32,441.
- Recommend award of bid for utility construction and associated improvements for Fire Station 1 at Drake and Nine Mile to Alina Construction and Harry Fox Inc., in the amount of \$172,150.

Farmington City Council
city council chambers
23500 Liberty
8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18

Three sign variance requests top tonight's agenda:

- Pinewoods Condominiums.
- Lisa Griffin, Village Commons

shopping center.

- Russell Buyers, 32721 Grand River.

Also on the agenda is a proposed amendment to the Cable Commission Policy of 1984, proposed change for the Jan. 2 council meeting and approval for the new mayor to sign city bank documents.

Farmington Board of Education
Lewis Schulman Adm. Center
23500 Shawnee
7 p.m. — special meeting
7:30 p.m. — building/site committee
8 p.m. — regular meeting
Tuesday, Dec. 19

During the special meeting, board members will meet the proposed candidate for open high school principal position, a replacement for Don Cowan who is moving to central office. The candidate is expected to be appointed during the board's regular meeting.

The building and site committee is meeting to get an update on the construction of the new elementary school and other construction projects in the district.

During the regular meeting, the board will:

- hear a report on districtwide testing, including recent results of the Michigan Education Assessment Program, Iowa Test of Basic Skills and ACT/SAT scores.
- appoint a new high school principal.

- buy bus bodies.
- hear discussion on proposals for elementary boundary changes.

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Chiropractor: avoid 'Nintendo neck'

All your kids may want for Christmas is Nintendo, the popular games played with a television set, but the state's top chiropractor said they are in danger of getting "Nintendo neck."

The president of the Michigan Chiropractic Society, Dr. Robert Ducharme of Rochester, said, "Thousands of kids in Michigan will get these fun games this Christmas. Chances are these kids will spend hours hunched over their new video game until they fall victim to 'Nintendo neck.'"

neck as an ailment suffered primarily by children and as a relative of "computer neck," distress suffered by adults. The problem can be serious. It involves the back and neck muscles and spinal vertebrae.

The problem comes from lying on the floor on the stomach or side with an arm under the chin or head, Ducharme said.

"It puts an abnormal amount of pressure on the structure of the body, particularly the cervical (neck) area. Abnormal viewing positions over extended periods of time tend to cramp vertebrae, which puts

pressure on the discs that cushion the spine."

The result can be pinched nerves that may cause pain or affect various functions of the body.

The problem and the pain can be avoided by playing Nintendo in a chair, Ducharme said.

"Much criticism has been made about what children watch on television and whether it is harmful to their minds. But not enough has been said about how they watch television and if it is harmful to their bodies."

The MCS is the state's largest chiropractic organization with more than 700 members.

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