

Hills plans to freeze hiring of cops, firefighters

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That led some council members to wonder whether — despite improvements last year in the retirement plan — to provide a way for long-term police in the higher ranks to retire and make room for younger officers at lower salaries.

"We've honestly not looked at that," Costick said. The police department isn't the only department that will be hard hit with the city's proposed 1991-92 \$28.7 million budget. No new full-time firefighters will be added either. Other departments will suffer the same fate.

"I told all department heads, do not request additional personnel," city manager William Costick said. Four positions have been dropped, including three that were not filled when vacancies occurred and one employee who will retire and that position also will not be filled. But one employee will be added in the street maintenance department. "Most of it (personnel cuts) is a response to the fall off in the construction industry," finance director Charles Rosch said.

THE PROPOSED budget, if approved by the city council in June,

will be supported with a tax rate of 8.87 mills, which is the same as the tax rate levied in 1990-91, including the half-mill parks and tax levy approved by voters Tuesday.

But there's a difference. Unlike past years, the city council wants to capture a small percentage of the city's increased property values.

City officials are required to roll back the 1990-91 tax rate about 2.7 percent — the average assessment increase citywide — but are requesting to roll up 1.8 percent to capture some of the increased value for the operating budget. That means some taxpayers will pay more in 1991-92.

It also means that in order to capture the increased revenues — one mill will generate more revenue because of increased assessments — the city council will schedule a Truth-in-Taxation hearing along with its regular budget public hearing sometime in June to announce its intentions.

The city's estimated state equalized value on property is projected at \$2.3 billion, up from \$2.2 billion in 1990. About \$70.2 million in new construction has been added to the assessment roll. That's compared to \$108 million the previous year. The proposed budget represents a

3 percent increase in expenditures, despite a 5.4 percent increase in the cost of living index. "It's a hold-the-line approach, it really is," Costick said. "We really made an effort to curtail expenses, where possible."

Both Dwyer and fire Chief Richard Marinucci had little to say about their budgets because they say not much has changed since the previous year. "We understand the predicament the city is in. It would be nice if we had a blank check," Marinucci said.



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Parks millage passed

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CONTACTING THE state about the levy's passage is one of the first duties to be completed. City officials have applied for a state grant to buy about 80 acres, called the old sod farm, on Eight Mile, across from Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. The old farm would be used for new ball fields and soccer fields.

"We'll also be aggressively trying to tie up other parcels," Fitzgerald said.

The top priority in the eight-year plan is the purchase of land for youth sports. That makes Roxanne Fitzpatrick of South Farmington Baseball Club ecstatic.

"This is still like a dream," Fitzpatrick said. "We won't have to limit the teams we have."

But Fitzpatrick had some doubts Tuesday as she worked the polls and didn't see many residents out voting. "There weren't many people. All I could hope for was that the seniors voted."

And they did. Derek says he's happy for the community's senior adults whose needs are a key part of the eight-year plan. About \$3.6 million is targeted for a dedicated lease at Mercy Center where senior adult programs can be expanded. Vans and a bus also are expected to be purchased.

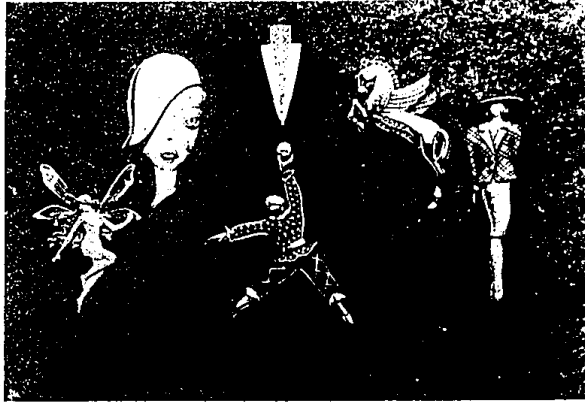
Precinct totals May 7 half-mill parks and recreation tax election results

Registered voters: 46,426; Votes cast: 7,034; Absentee ballots: 4,393.

Total votes	Yes	No
Prec. 1, Power Middle School	27	22
Prec. 2, Wheeler Fire Hall	45	24
Prec. 3, Woodcreek School	38	32
Prec. 4, St. Pauls Lutheran Church	16	20
Prec. 5, William Grace School	47	32
Prec. 6, Larkshire School	31	30
Prec. 7, Dunckel Middle School	77	45
Prec. 8, East Middle School	53	43
Prec. 9, East Middle School	28	38
Prec. 10, Dunckel Middle School	39	17
Prec. 11, N. Farmington High School	145	52
Prec. 12, East Middle School	69	48
Prec. 13, William Grace School	20	30
Prec. 14, Alameda School	40	32
Prec. 15, Finnish Center	45	42
Prec. 16, Fairview School	29	13
Prec. 17, Alameda School	91	19
Prec. 18, Highmeadow School	43	35
Prec. 19, Forest School	147	45
Prec. 20, Fire Dept. Headquarters	25	26
Prec. 21, Dunckel Middle School	62	30
Prec. 22, N. Farmington High School	77	34
Prec. 23, Kenbrook School	45	18
Prec. 24, Hillside School	13	1
Prec. 25, Gill School	37	26
Prec. 26, Hope Lutheran Church	144	55
Prec. 27, Hillside School	13	3
Prec. 28, Faith Covenant Church	77	32
Prec. 29, Power Middle School	33	26
Prec. 30, Gill School	35	15
Prec. 31, Wooddale School	105	37
Totals:	4,130	2,802

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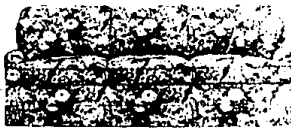
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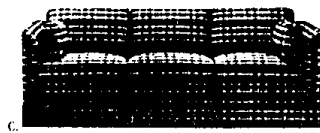
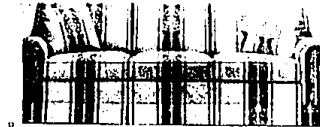
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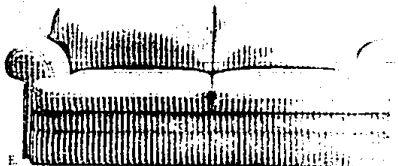
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