

on the agenda

Below are highlights from the preliminary agenda of the Farmington Hills City Council. Meetings are open to the public.

Farmington Hills City Council Council chambers Monday, Sept. 23 7:30 p.m. — public hearing meeting

The council will hold three public hearings. Special assessment district for installation of sanitary sewer for western portion of Biddlestone Lane, special assessment district for installation of water main for western portion of Biddlestone Lane; special assessment for road improvement for Cantfield Avenue, from Grayfield to its northerly terminus.

The council also will set a date for a study session to discuss the proposed temporary sign ordinance. The council will consider vacation of part of Flower Road and appointment to the Committee to Increase Voter Participation.

The council also will consider approval of a bid for the subdivision tree planting program, as well as a bid for repair of the Department of Public Works roof. A special event permit for special services and for a muscular dystrophy event.

Home delivery graces couple

By Casey Hans staff writer

A Lilac Street couple unexpectedly delivered their first baby — a little girl — at home Tuesday morning one month before she was due.

Mary Kay Stevenson started having labor pains Monday evening, but she and husband Scott assumed they were false labor. By 4:50 a.m. Tuesday, they realized the baby was ready to be born.

Scott, graphic artist-turned-doctor, was trying to do everything at once — help his wife, call the emergency 9-1-1 number and just handle the situation as little 5-pound, 9-ounce Grace Marie came into the world.

Scott said Lamaze classes helped him know what to expect during the short labor, especially because the umbilical cord was partially

wrapped around the baby's neck.

"We got her (Mary Kay) dressed, lay her on the bed and delivered Grace. As soon as she was out and crying, I called 9-1-1."

"Dad is to be commended," said Commander Thomas Cox, who arrived at the scene at 5:25 a.m. with Officer Terry Purves just minutes after Scott and Mary Kay delivered the baby. They helped to clean the baby and basically offered the couple support. Mom and baby were

transported to William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak by Community Emergency Medical Services.

"Mom and baby were doing fine," said Cox, a longtime officer and father of two girls who said this was his first on-the-job birth. "I wouldn't let go of her," he added. "It was just great to hold her."

Visiting with her daughter Tuesday afternoon, Mary Kay said she felt "great" and the baby "is doing really good." Hospital tests showed the baby to be fine.

clarification

A headline in a story about a sign ordinance in Monday's Observer should have referred to the city of Farmington, not Farmington Hills.

The story referred to the city's decision to hold a public hearing on the

issue of temporary signs on commercial buildings and whether to change the ordinance. A local business owner has challenged the city's new sign law, saying he needed more than 25 percent of window space for signage.

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