

Goss

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manager from his public safety post followed the same route taken when recently retired Robert Deadman left his public safety post in 1985 to become city manager.

Goss' starting salary will be \$56,763.

Looking at a packed audience which came to debate a town clock issue, Mayor William Hartsock further jested to Goss: "You didn't know that all these people were here for you."

Goss was named deputy director in 1985, filling the post left vacant for seven months by the appointment of then-deputy director Laubhoff to department chief.

Goss' promotion will have a domino effect on promotions within the department.

"I'll be putting together a management team and will start focusing on ways to provide services more efficiently to improve responsiveness to the community," Goss said. "It's pretty generic stuff, but that's my game plan."

There's a lot of good talent in the department, Goss said. He'll also put more effort into ways to retain young officers, among whom turnover is highest.

The promotion is one of many in Goss' 21-year law enforcement career. He joined the department in 1978 and made sergeant in 1982.

Three years later, he was named deputy director, replacing Laubhoff.

Goss was a seven-year member of the Detroit Police Department prior to coming to Farmington.

As a patrolman in the department's First Precinct, operated



New chief: Gary Goss, a familiar face around the Farmington City Hall, now heads the public safety department.

out of 1300 Beaubien, he received a citation for helping save people from a burning building.

Prior to being named deputy director, Goss worked as a department shift commander and fire

marshal. He's also served as a senior range officer and firearms instructor.

He recently completed his master's degree in public administration from Eastern Michigan Uni-

versity and has an undergraduate degree from Morey College. He's also received training through the Police Staff and Command School at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

As deputy director, Goss was responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operation of the 49-member department that includes 22 full-time officers and 20 reserves.

Clock

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Downtown Center.

Nancy Leonard of Shilwasas told the council members they did not seem to be listening to the public's concerns.

"I don't understand why two people can get together and complain about somebody else's cat in their yards, and you get together and you pass an ordinance," Leonard said.

"Somebody else complains about a satellite dish; you pass an ordinance. Somebody complains about skateboards; you pass an ordinance. There's a lot more people on the muscle about this."

Tom Lyczkowski of Farmington Road pointed out that the public did not have a lot of input because DDA meetings are held at 8 a.m. "I'm sure there are other alternatives that we can explore," he said.

The DDA proposed the Downtown Clock Plaza, using \$22,000 contributed by the 125th Anniversary Committee as seed money. The DDA would appropriate \$65,000.

Completion date was set for July in time for the Founder's Festival.

In addition to the clock tower, the plans include a walkway, new trees, benches and a triple-tiered planter.

CLARIFICATION

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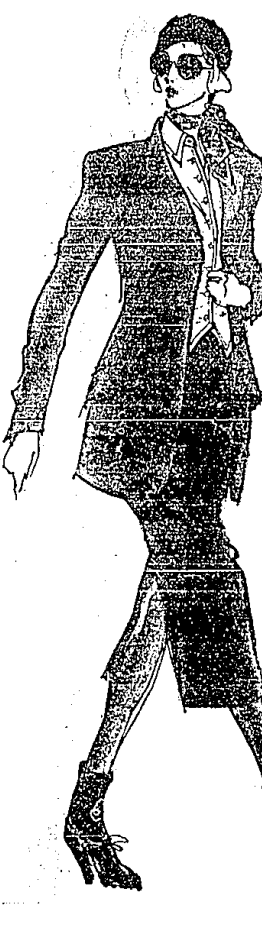
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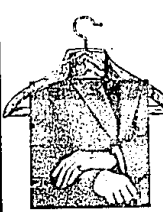
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