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en, who also owns the DOC optical company. The listed asking price is \$600,000, which is \$35,714 an acre, residents said. That fits within the city's budget.

During a recent town hall meeting at St. Alexander's Catholic Church, city officials said they look to pay no more than \$40,000-\$50,000 an acre for potential park land.

"As soon as the word gets out, the price of the property goes up," Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi said.

"You've got our attention. We know there is a need for a park in that area."

Golden declined talk about negotiations between himself and the city, but he had kind words for the residents. "They seem like real nice folks," Golden said.

To those folks, the land represents many fond memories. Some have lived in the area for more than 40 years.

"My father passed away Tuesday. He loved the woods," said Mary Schiffman, who lives on Robinson Street. "One of the last things he said to me was, 'I think you're going to save the woods.'"

Dentistry in the 90s

by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.

THE DECAY PROCESS

The tooth decay process begins when specific bacteria in plaque (the sticky substance that accumulates on teeth) feed on food sugars and release acid capable of dissolving tooth enamel. The first sign of tooth decay, which is not noticeable to the untrained eye, is a white or brown spot on the enamel that indicates that the tooth has begun to demineralize. At this stage, plaque removal and the application of topical fluorides can make it possible to stop the decay process and to regenerate the enamel. If the decay process is allowed to progress to the point where a cavity (hole) forms, the dentist has no choice but to remove the decay and fill the cavity.

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sors. First-choice candidate Rich King, city manager of Upper Arlington, Ohio, turned down the job. The city then offered the position to Hobbs, who was then city manager of Greenbelt, Md.

In the process, the city passed over three internal applicants, assistant city managers Steve Brock and David Call and Planning Director Dale Countegan.

Brock and Countegan still work for the city. Call resigned to enter the private sector with Crosswinds Communities, a developer.

Brock said he intends to apply. "But it's a bit premature. The seat is not even cold yet," Brock added. "I'm definitely interested."

Call and Countegan couldn't be reached for comment. Those involved in the hiring want it to go quicker than last time. Council spent a half year looking for Costick's successor.

"I think we should, in addition to the traditional national wide search, maybe look at

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Dan Hobbs - Outgoing city manager



City manager Dan Hobbs

other ways; The other one took so long," said Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi, who is in New Orleans, La. "No decision has been made."

Hobbs' short stay is a sign of the times, Vagnozzi said. City managers, like in athletics and the corporate culture, no longer remain in a job until retirement.

"What are they saying now? People who enter the job market now will likely have six or seven jobs by the time they

retire. I guess this is happening with city managers," Vagnozzi said.

The mayor said he is happy for Hobbs and his family. Hobbs declined to comment on Thursday, releasing a prepared statement instead.

"It is with regret that my family and I leave Farmington Hills where we have enjoyed truly outstanding neighborhoods and schools," Hobbs said in the statement.

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Her crusade is not new. Barber's ire has grown with increased traffic volumes on the state highway. Since 1-275 was built in the mid-1970s, she has complained.

One wall in her farm house is filled with faded newspaper clips of previous attempts to call attention to the problem. A litany of notes feather off a cupboard, daily chronicles of when the freeway noise is too overbearing.

Barber presents a plastic bag

full of neon yellow foam earplugs, which she uses regularly.

"You don't get used to it because you see other people complain about it and they get help," she said. "They tell me I should move and that makes me mad."

Barber regularly measures the decibel level, which is anywhere from 70 to 75 decibels. The safety wall reduced noise by about 2 decibels.

However, the noise heightened when the state speed limit increased to 70 miles an hour.

A car traveling 55 miles an hour produces 72 decibels while the same vehicle going 70 miles an hour is creating 78 decibels, said a spokesperson for the Noise Pollution Clearinghouse. A large truck hits 89 decibels from 50 feet away.

"At 80 decibels, that's when OSHA regulations kick in," said

Vicky Parra, NPC assistant coordinator. "OSHA considers that very loud and dangerous."

"With some large trucks, there is also a distinct blast of falling exhaust systems. Their fumes are detectable from Barber's yard."

"You know how you get older, the senses start to deteriorate. I can't smell the smells," said Barber, 62. "Right now, it's really the noise and the noise is hell."

NPC gives people like Barber information on how to lobby for sound barriers, which can run \$1 million a mile to build. However, Parra believes Barber - as a lone voice - will continue to face obstacles.

"We would recommend, if you can, to start a group," Parra said. "If you can show it affects a lot of people, it gets their attention. It's very difficult."

Especially for Barber, whose late husband's family - the

Yerkes - had the farm house from the turn of the century.

The two-story house couldn't be easily moved, she said. The home, whose Barber has lived since 1959 when she was married, sits on what used to be nearly 80 acres of farm land. The land was divided up and later sold.

As if to commemorate the house's farming tradition, Barber has pet turkeys that patrol the land.

In 1972, the state bought part of the Barber's land for the freeway right of way. There was little choice but to sell as the state held the upper hand, she said.

"We were told it was only going to be a six-lane highway; We were told noise wouldn't be a problem," Barber said. "I'm still mad. I think we were given a dirty rotten deal."

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JULY 13, 1998

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Vagnozzi at 7:30 p.m.
Council Present: Barnet, Bates, Ellis, Grant, Oliveris, Sever and Vagnozzi
Council Absent: None
Others Present: Assistant City Manager Brock City Clerk Dornan, Directors Binelli, Countegan, Latsley, Roach, and Attorney Beckerling.

CITY COUNCIL TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- Received verbal presentations on: History of U.S. Flag from the Elks Club and progress and status of the Eight Mile Boulevard Association.
- Recognized the city's 25th Anniversary committee members.
- Introduced ordinance amending to: 1) reclassify single-family residential district to vehicular parking district on northwest corner of Emmitt and St. Francis; 2) establish regulations for placement of for rent, lease or sale signs.
- Fastened to August 1st consideration of transfer of 1997 Clean C liquor license at 27095 Orchard Lake Road.
- Retained services of Hubbell, Roth & Clark to prepare Master Sanitary Sewer Plan and established an SHP Evaluation Committee.

APPROVED:

- Resolution consenting to transfer of employment for Richard Tool & Die Corporation.
- Appointment of Sherry Marvel to Planning Commission.
- Amendment to consent judgment for property located at Northwestern Highway and Stonewood Court.
- Contract with Michigan Department of Transportation for guardrail repair/resurfacing of M-6 Freeway from Purdue to I-275.
- Resolution authorizing issuance of \$2,860,000 public improvement special assessment bonds.
- Agreement with Sally LePla-Porzy to complete cultural arts master plan.
- Public hearing dates for: Treatain Water Main Project and Stockton Sanitary Sewer Project for August 10, 1998; Springfield Water Main Project for August 24, 1998.
- Special event permit for circus at Founders Sports Park in July 18, 1998.
- Entering into study session immediately following executive session to discuss Senate Bill 733, personal property tax issue, schedule future study session dates.
- Entering into executive session to discuss possible land acquisition.



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On or about Thursday, July 9, 1998, bidding documents will be made available. Call A.J. Etkin Construction Co. at (248) 737-8900 to confirm availability.

A Fifty Dollar refundable deposit made payable to "Novi Community School District" is required to obtain construction documents at A.J. Etkin Construction Co.

Bids will be received until 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 23, 1998 at A. J. Etkin Construction Co., 30445 Northwestern Highway, Suite, 250, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-9061.

All bids will be publicly opened and read at Novi Community School District Board Room, 25545 Tolt Road, Novi, MI 48374 on Friday, July 24, 1998 at 9:00 A.M.

Specifications and Bid Form may be obtained only at A. J. Etkin Construction Co. main office. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. Any bid submitted will be binding for sixty (60) days after the date of the bid opening. Bid Security in the amount of 5% of the proposal amount is required for all bids over \$14,473. All bidders must be able to furnish a Labor and Material Payment Bond and Performance Bond each in the amount of 100% of the proposal sum.

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