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Planting: *Farmington Mayor Mary Bush and Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi put the finishing touches on the planting of a tree at Farmington Hills City Hall. The tree was given from Farmington officials as a gift to Farmington Hills for the 25th anniversary*

Changes to Hills eatery in works

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Plans to change the Brady's Restaurant at the Holiday Inn into Pompano's Seafood Grill moved ahead Monday night when the Farmington Hills city council approved a change in liquor co-licensees.

Entertainment 2-U Inc. of Farmington, headed by Ramzi Naber, was approved as co-licensee with Maxwell Management Co., succeeding Brayne Enterprises II Inc., which was dropped.

The license continues to permit dancing and entertainment at the 38123 10 Mile address, which has a seating capacity of about 165.

LIQUOR LICENSES

The transfer does not affect the city's liquor quota license applications; the city has no quota licenses available.

Naber told the council he hopes to have Pompano's open in November, pending state liquor control commission approval.

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"It's great to do those things that we have already done," said Bill Richards, Farmington assistant city manager. "Such as streetscapes and pedestrian lamps. But ... ongoing maintenance requires funding, whether it's for replacing light bulbs or putting in new electrical wiring."

Longtime Farmington resident and historian Dick Carvell said it "would be great to keep it going."

The proposed renewal would continue the original five-year request, which concludes June 30, 1999.

Richards added that the special assessment renewal would "continue the commitment that the Downtown Development Authority has to continuing public improvement in the area and to maintain the infrastructure already in place."

Concurring was Downey, who earlier outlined the proposed renewal to council members.

"To promote and maintain the unique, charming downtown and small, friendly atmosphere we've managed to retain through the years is the most important thing to the council, the authority and to merchants," Downey said.

She emphasized that the fund would help pay for maintenance, marketing and administrative costs, but would not take care of any capital projects.

About 140 businesses would be affected by the renewal; residents will not be. Downey said Farmington is one of only a handful of Michigan municipalities with Principal Shopping Districts in place.

City Manager Frank Lauhoff also strongly endorses the recommendation. "The DDA has fulfilled their previous commitments to responsibly manage the special assessment collection of the last five years and their success is highly visible by the appearance and the type of businesses that are now found in the district area. To continue the success requires the renewal."

The DDA, and Principal Shopping District, runs on the western boundary on Grand River to Grace/Oakland; eastern boundary on Grand River to the Burger King/Benchmark; northern boundary on Farmington Road to Oakland; and southern boundary on Farmington Road to Slocum.

Downey said that property owners would be assessed based on state equalized value, contributing to a five-year distribution as follows: first year, $120,000; second, $125,000; third, $130,000; fourth, $135,000; and fifth, $140,000. The increase in each of the latter four years is due to projected inflation.

The original SAD request for the Principal Shopping District was prompted by 1993 legislation, which slashed Tax Increment Financing by about 50 percent.

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