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curious to peruse. Farmington Hills city planners literally tried to get a grasp on the variety of proposals, which include a multitude of finance options, amenities and residential development ideas as well as the requisite seven holes. All but one developer submitted site plans — some offering more than one scenario for the large parcel.

"We're just looking at these right now," said Ed Gardiner, Hills city planner. "The RFP (request for proposal) was such an open-ended process. So it's hard to compare. It's not like we're comparing apples to apples."

City planners are likely to

weigh how much developers are willing pay and how many residential units they're proposing. The city paid \$4.5 million for the land. To expand the golf course could run anywhere from \$3 to \$5 million, city officials said.

Some developers propose buying the land and leasing the golf course back to the city.

Proposals vary from single family homes to condominiums and apartments. At least one bid calls for a small office park going next to the golf course.

"The city has to go and wade through the different proposals and determine what's best for the community in terms of recre-

ational amenities and a quality development," said Dale Countegan, Hills planning director.

"It's a multifaceted task we've undertaken in evaluating these proposals."

No timetable has been set. The likely scenario is the city planning department — perhaps with parks and recreation and planning commission assistance — will make a recommendation to city council.

Of those who put forth proposals, five are based in Farmington Hills: Windmill Ridge Development Co., Lautree, Bestek Land Company, Silverman Development Co., and Sherr Development Co.

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Crosswinds Communities of Novi, Lake Forest Partners 2 of Ann Arbor, PM Group of Brighton and CED Construction of Maitland, Fla., are also bidding.

Some proposed site plans

included 18-20 acres on the east side of Halsted, which is owned by Farmington Public Schools. The city is negotiating with the school district on the parcel that fronts Halsted.

"That wasn't a mistake," Countegan said. "They could submit their site plans with the school property or without it."

Brighton-based PM Group's proposal factors in the school-owned land, which would have 15 condominiums and two golf holes in its plan.

Overall, the PM Group's \$6.9 million proposal includes 300 luxury apartments, 150 units of senior congruente housing and 85 cluster condominiums.

"The site is interesting because of the location," said Tony Bashore, PM Group development officer. "Farmington Hills is obviously a desirable community to do a residential development."

One challenge is a landfill on the site, Bashore said. There will likely be costs involved in dealing with it.

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"It wasn't that alarming," Gardiner said.

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Group attorney. Meanwhile, city officials have

to come up with a way to help the developer make up the difference. With the redevelopment, officials acknowledge the city gets something in return.

City officials and the developer see the project as rehabilitating a sagging neighborhood

while at the same time revitalizing the northeast portion of the Orchard Lake/14 Mile commercial corridor.

The estimated \$4-\$6 million is needed to help buy property from existing residents, developers have said. The proposed develop-

ment calls for 175-199 condominium units in the south portion.

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Councilwoman Vicki Barnett suggested setting up a building or community improvement district, which taps homeowners' associations and nearby businesses that would benefit from such a development.

Bates favors the city contribution be in terms of infrastructure.

"I have no problem investing in the community where the money stays in the community," she said. "Their profit is not council's responsibility. To make this double is council's responsibility."

Added Councilman Jon Grant:

"I'm going to have to be convinced we're not contributing to your profitability."

Money is only part of the reason the project has been in limbo.

In December, then-City Manager Daniel Hobbs asked the developer to consider including an office building — conceivably to house computer software firm Computware Corp.

"That wasn't feasible," Lichtman said.

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