

# Balance Needed On Proposed City Council

The first council for the City of Farmington Hills needs balance.

At least part of the council should be experienced in municipal affairs, since they will be responsible for the transition to the new government. An infusion of new ideas and area-wide representation are also needed.

We endorse Robert McConnell, Frederick Lichtman, Vivian M. Jurosek, D. Keith Deacon, L. David Stader, James Moreen and William Hatton.

ROBERT McCONNELL has been both a driving force behind cityhood and a capable administrator since his election as supervisor of Farmington Township. His knowledge of municipal affairs and

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progressive attitude would be a major contribution to the new council.

FREDERICK LICHTMAN has worked hard on the charter commission, as well as being a township trustee. Although he has demonstrated a tendency to squash small flies with a big hammer, he has a good grasp of municipal work and has been an able member of the board.

VIVIAN M. JUROSEK, as clerk of Quakerstown Village, has both experience and technical knowl-

edge. She is well able to handle the responsibilities of the new council.

D. KEITH DEACON has worked in both school and township affairs, including much behind-the-scenes work towards incorporation. With his background of community activity, he should bring fresh energy to the council.

L. DAVID STADER - A thoughtful, objective member of the township board, Stader has concentrated on planning, and is a member of the planning commission. His experience would be a valuable contribution.

JAMES MOREEN has developed a reputation as a conservative member of the planning commission, but has also worked on industrial development and with subdivision groups. He has a reputation for independence as well as a history of work in township affairs.

WILLIAM HATTON has often played the devil's advocate to the established powers in local affairs. His adversary style aside, he is thoughtful and knowledgeable about local politics and should make an innovative councilman.

## Candidates' Night Draws Small Crowd

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By DAN McCOSH

FARMINGTON. A sparsely-attended League of Women Voters "candidates night" pointed out a twist in the "generation gap."

The youngest candidate, 20-year-old Thomas Achtenberg, was campaigning against increasing either taxes, fire or police protection in his bid for council of the proposed City of Farmington Hills.

In contrast, the tough question, "Can you justify a tax increase?" brought veteran Township Board member Earl Oppertausser and Supervisor Robert McConnell to their feet to argue for better services.

McConnell mentioned more policemen for the anticipated growth. Oppertausser said a

city could pick up garbage cheaper than private contractors.

William Hatton urged an increase in "taxes for drainage," a problem he said was "long since past the time when we can ignore it. It takes courage for a city council to increase taxes," he added.

The meeting was the last where the candidates all met face-to-face. About 30 in the audience heard 14 speak.

Frederick Lichtman, Melvin Paunovich, Larry Perry, Wylie Pruner and Mrs. Margaret Schaefer were absent.

A question about "cooperating with surrounding governments" had David Stader, Joanne Smith, Hatton, Vivian Jurosek and Henry Gresh urging joining the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

The township board pulled out of SEMCOG several years ago.

"It's time to reconsider," said Stader, currently on the township board.

No one answered a question, "How would you implement open housing?" directly, with most of the candidates saying it was merely a question of following the open housing law.

Achtenberg said, "If you own a house, it's no one's business who you sell to."

"What would you do if the Supreme Court rules in favor of busing?" required a response from each candidate.

All opposed busing, but attitudes varied.

Robert Baers, who is both a volunteer and professional fireman, said he supported a constitutional amendment against busing.

William Ortman, who ran as a Conservative Party candidate for Supreme Court, said he would "get in touch with Huber, Griffin, even this area's congressman."

Oppertausser said, "How long before the Supreme Court tells you where you are going to live, work, go to church?"

Achtenberg, D. Keith Deacon and Stader said it "was not a city problem" with the remainder agreeing with Donald Chisholm, who said, "You could be against it personally, but as a councilman you are sworn to uphold the U.S. Constitution - you have no choice."

"How would you protect Farmington's heritage?" was answered by most candidates by swearing allegiance to the master plan.

Joan Dudley added, "Green belts - even a parking lot looks good behind trees."

McConnell said, "It's a balance - we currently have 16 per cent industrial and commercial - we must maintain this balance, not too much or too little."

One questioner asked, "Do any of the candidates have holdings in the township?"

Stader answered, "I have AT&T stock, and the telephone company does a lot of business in the township."

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Certificates recognizing 300 hours of service each will be presented to Mrs. Charlotte W. Knight, 28851 Glencastle; Mrs. Mary Shaw, 28262 Farmington Road; and Mrs. Ruth Schumacher, 2944 Ravencroft. All represented the DAR.

A certificate for 100 hours of service will be given to Mrs. Stella McCurly, 24808 Adams. She is a member of the VFW auxiliary.

**2 Initiated To Honorary**

Two area young women were among those initiated into a national women's honorary at Albion College this month.

Susan Polgar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Polgar, 32436 Shady Ridge, Farmington and Judith Blackwell, daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Blackwell, 36742 Kingsbury Gardens, were chosen for Mortar Board, the honorary, for several reasons.

Junior women selected must have an overall grade point average of at least 3.1. They are also evaluated on the basis of leadership, citizenship, campus and community involvement and faculty evaluations and recommendations.

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**JOHN M. SHAHEEN**, of Farmington Township has been elected president of Pulte Multi-Housing Corp., a newly-formed subsidiary of Pullo Home Corp. of Southfield. The new firm will engage in construction of rental and condominium projects. Shaheen was with Kaufman and Broad Homes, Inc. and Edward Rose and Sons, Inc. Shaheen, wife, Mary and two children live in LaMuera Estates subdivision.

**THE FOLLOWING SUBDIVISION ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS, AS INDIVIDUALS, RECOMMEND A "YES" VOTE FOR THE FARMINGTON HILLS CHARTER**

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**VOTE "YES" FOR THE CHARTER TUESDAY, MAY 8**

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**U-M Student Is Honored**

FARMINGTON Candace McDonald, 53005 Schulte Drive, Farmington, was among five University of Michigan architecture students honored for a project on energy conservation at an annual student awards dinner.

The project, which uses solar energy and wind currents for interior air conditioning, qualified for a \$75,000 grant from the National Science Foundation. The five students will design and build an experimental structure.

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