

Plan Board Action Stands On Rezoning

Birmingham city commissioners took no action Monday night on a plan board recommendation to deny a rezoning request.

Hubert Smith petitioned for rezoning of Lots 58-73 at Hazel and Adams Roads from R-3 to B-1. The petitioner has the right to appeal for a hearing before the commission if he so desires.

THE PLAN board gave these reasons in recommending denial:

1) B-1 zoning would not be compatible with the well-established residential character of the immediate neighborhood, and the present R-2 zoning is most fitting and desirable for the subject property.

2) Although B-2 and B-3 zoning exist to the south along Adams, it was felt that the public property immediately south of the Smith property affords a fitting buffer between it and the business area.

3) ALTHOUGH there is R-6 zoning across the street on the east

side of Adams, this property has been developed in a manner which is congruous and harmonious with R-2 zoning.

4) R-1 zoning, the highest of residential zoning, exists two blocks north on the east side of Adams.

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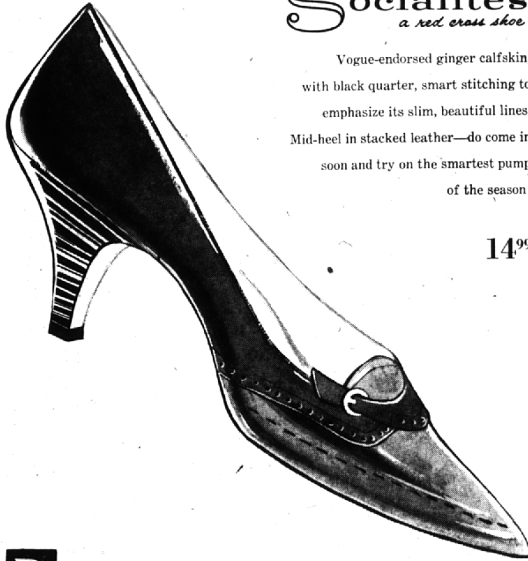
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Financial Consulting Aid Offered to Cities

Michigan Municipal League has expanded its activities to offer cities and villages a financial consulting service.

Birmingham City Commission received notice of the new service this week.

MML Director John H. Huss said "highly individualized service" will be offered on a fee basis.

Mayor Florence H. Willett and City Manager L. R. Gare said it's possible that Birmingham may have need of the service in the future.

According to Huss, the new department's office—in Lansing—is in charge of W. Robert Studd, formerly with Louis Schimmel of the Municipal Advisory Council of Michigan.

Assisting on a part-time basis is Lottie Many, formerly with the late J. Dean Stanley and the Municipal Finance Commission.

HUSS SAID, "Complete financial consultation will be offered ranging from suggestions as to the most suitable method of financing through the delivery of the securities to the investment banker."

"Once the avenue of financing has been selected, the League's Lansing office will consult and cooperate with all persons and state agencies necessary to bring the bond issue to market."

"The service will include the preparation of a prospectus on the offering and its distribution to the securities dealers in Detroit, New York, Chicago and other financial centers."

"THE FINANCIAL consulting service will furnish the necessary information to the bond rating

agencies (Moody's Investors Service, Standard and Poors, Dun and Bradstreet) to secure the best possible rating prior to the sale date.

"Personal contact will be maintained with the rating agencies even after a particular bond issue has been sold and delivered, in an attempt to improve credit ratings."

MML Wants Ideas On Con-Con for Studying Now

Michigan Municipal League is encouraging municipal officials in this area, and throughout the state, to send suggestions for the Constitutional Convention to League headquarters in Lansing.

In a letter this week to Birmingham City Commission, MML President Phillip L. Reno said League committees now are studying home rule, fiscal problems, local government structure, eminent domain, local judiciary and general government.

"SEVERAL suggestions," he stated, "have come to us of specific items to be given to the committees for study and recommendation."

"If you have any ideas at all of matters that you believe should be studied by the League for presentation to the membership and to the Convention, will you write us at once?"

Hardy Will Receive WMU Degree Tonight

Kenneth W. Hardy, 412 S. Glenhurst, Birmingham, will be among 500 persons receiving diplomas from Western Michigan University tonight.

Hardy will receive a bachelor of science degree.

University President James W. Miller will present the diplomas in the university field house.

Speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Samuel L. Brownell, superintendent of schools in Detroit. He will speak on "The Soviet Challenge to American Education."

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