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Voters Approve Firehouse Bond Issue

St. Charles County voters in three political subdivisions approved all eight propositions presented to them in elections Saturday, including a bond issue for a new firehouse in St. Charles.

About 40 percent of the voters backed the firehouse bond issue on the third issue that it was being put before them.

St. Peters voters approved four propositions and two bond issues, also by large margins.

The second election result was a Public Water Supply District No. 3 annual bond issue. The district wanted to assess a large area south of

the district to enable it to buy water from St. Charles.

The proposition needed a simple majority in the existing district and in the area being assessed. District residents approved the assessment, 83

to 16 but in the area to be assessed, the issue passed by one vote, 24.

"I thought there would be more than that," said Greg Meyer, a district board member. "But I think we've finally got the district going after all these

years." The district was created in 1980, but had few accomplishments until a \$600,000 bond issue was approved last year.

St. Charles Fire Chief Edward B. Underwood got a standing ovation when he announced the election results to the City Council, which met Tuesday night.

The \$600,000 bond issue passed by an almost 5-1 ratio in every precinct, the final precinct total was 2,628 to 1,039 in favor of the issue.

Underwood said he hoped the city would be able to break ground for the new fire station at Sixth and Morgan

streets this fall, and occupy it by next spring. It will replace the aged Firehouse No. 1 at Sixth and Clark streets.

The site of the bond issue had been paved down from 21.25 million after the first two districts. The first proposition was to enlarge Firehouse No. 1 at its present location. That would have required the acquisition of two adjacent properties, which elicited some opposition.

There were some issues they didn't like, and we addressed those issues," Underwood said. "It's historic. I want to thank everybody in St. Charles for their support."

Mayor Douglas F. Beachler addressed the council meeting. The council members, the audience and the voters who voted to purchase the property and knocked on a lot of doors distributing literature," Underwood said.

St. Peters Mayor Gary M. Turner applauded the 60 percent approval city voters gave a \$217 million proposal to replace the Missouri Highway Co. building on the corner of Main and Third streets.

Turner said he hoped the bond issue would be able to buy a 6-acre park. "City voters approved it, and the interchange bond issue, 1,267 to 154, according to unofficial totals.

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A festive air prevailed Tuesday morning as crowds lined up for the grand opening of Famous-Barr's new Mid-Rivers Mall store.

Youngsters Make Lasting Impression At Famous-Barr

By Lisa Hoover
Of the St. Charles Post

Edison Boyer and his daughter Ellen's first visit to a crowd when they arrived for the grand opening of Famous-Barr's new store in St. Peters Tuesday morning.

There's not a day that the opening wasn't a success. Mrs. Boyer was just a little early—15 minutes early.

She arrived at the store at 5 a.m. But personally she became one of hundreds of parents and children who came to see the store. As part of the grand opening promotion, Famous-Barr invited children with teachers to suggest to inspire their hands to write.

Mrs. Boyer said workmen at the store thought her a little odd for showing up so early. She said the school wanted to make sure the area was safe for the children.

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Wood explained. "There was something different and fun for the kids, which was also a convenience for the parents. It was very gratifying to see the warm welcome St. Peters and St. Charles have given Famous-Barr and we're looking forward to long relationships."

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Mrs. John Helms of 2807 Unbridge Drive, St. Charles, assisting her daughter in placing her palm print and initials in treat concrete at the opening of the new Famous-Barr store in St. Peters.

School Lunches: Prices Are On The Up And Up

There was when a nationally known fact book could show. "You get lunch prices, but they tend to increase."

The school district says they are all aware of what's going on and will have to increase prices for elementary students and 90 cents for secondary students in the Francis Howell district are 75 cents for elementary students and 90 cents for secondary students.

The price increases are a result of a budget-cutting program that shows \$1.5 billion from the \$4.8 billion annual education for child care. The bill will only reduce subsidies for regular school lunches. It also tightens the restrictions in some quality of free or reduced-price school lunches.

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Walkenhorst Quits As Sewer Head

Charles W. "Bill" Walkenhorst will step up to continue as superintendent of the city's Water Pollution Control Department on Sept. 8. Walkenhorst will remain in his position as water superintendent, a job he had had for years.

Walkenhorst told the city's Public Works Board of his intention to resign as head of the Pollution Control Department at a board meeting Monday night.

Walkenhorst said Tuesday night that the department was "not much work." The city's Board of Public Works asked Walkenhorst to take on the job last fall. After the former sewer superintendent, Charles O. Binkeslager, was forced out of his

job by the board.

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Council Approves Contract For Hauling Garbage

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