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Bob Perani's Hockey Shop has been given exclusive rights to sell hockey equipment at the city-owned IMA Sports Arena.

The Flint City Council approved a three-year agreement with the store, at 2111 Davison, after city Parks and Recreation Director Thomas L. Tapp said the firm is willing to immediately buy the city's \$36,000 inventory of hockey equipment.

Tapp said that the Flint Generals hockey club was approached first about running the shop but that the club was not willing to pay for the entire inventory because some of it is obsolete. He said the parks department has no interest in running the store, which has been closed since December, when the city took over the arena.

Arena Director George Dellinger told The Journal that other local hockey-supply companies were not contacted because, he said, there was not enough time left in the hockey season to go through the bidding procedure.

Tapp said that Perani's is the largest seller of hockey equipment in the area. Perani's will pay the city \$500 a month for a season that will end April 1 and begin Oct. 1 next year.