



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2015-0332

TO: City Council Members
FROM: Keith Sawdon, Finance Director, Ext 2535
DATE: November 9, 2015
SUBJECT: 2015 Millage Rates

REQUEST:

In accordance with the City Charter Section 3.1 **Budget Procedure and General Finance**, Section 3.6 **Adoption of a Budget**, Section 4.1 **Power to Tax and Special Revenue**, and Section 4.2 **Charter Tax Rate & Special Voted Millage(s) Limitation** we are requesting that City Council approve the revised 2015 millage rates (to be levied in December 2015), which will provide the tax revenues needed to support the FY 2016 budget.

BACKGROUND:

On September 14, 2015 the Rochester Hills City Council approved millage rates proposed as part of the FY 2016-2018 Budget process with a combined total City millage rate of 10.3605. This rate included 0.0000 mills for OPC Transportation since the millage expired with the 2014 millage levy, which provided funding for FY 2015.

Pursuant to the requirements of the State Tax Commission, municipalities must file State form L-4029, tax rate request, with the Oakland County Department of Equalization by October 1, 2015. The City is also required to file form LT-1, Annual Report of Taxes, with Oakland County on or before October 1, 2015.

On November 3, 2015, the residents of Rochester Hills voted and approved a new OPC Transportation millage of up to 0.1000 mills. OPC has requested the full 0.1000 mill be included on the December, 2015 tax bill to provide funding for the 2016 fiscal year.

We are proposing City Council adopt and authorize the millage rates as listed below, which will allow Administration to file a **revised** State form L-4029, tax rate request, with the Oakland County Department of Equalization

FY 2016 MILLAGE RATES			
	Approved Millage Rate	Voted Changes	Revised Millage Rate
Operating Millages:			
General Fund (Charter)	2.0275	-	2.0275
Local Street I (Voted)	0.3542	-	0.3542
Local Street II (Voted)	0.4851	-	0.4851
Local Street III (Voted)	0.2969	-	0.2969
Fire Fund (Charter)	2.7000	-	2.7000
Special Police I (Voted)	1.2073	-	1.2073
Special Police II (Voted)	1.6036	-	1.6036
Pathway (Voted)	0.1856	-	0.1856
RARA Operating (Voted)	0.1948	-	0.1948
OPC Operating (Voted)	0.2401	-	0.2401
OPC Transportation (Voted)	-	0.1000	0.1000
Library Operating (Charter)	0.7816	-	0.7816
Operating - Subtotal	10.0767	0.1000	10.1767
Debt Millages:			
Chapter 20 Drain Debt	0.0426	-	0.0426
OPC Building (Voted)	0.2412	-	0.2412
Debt - Subtotal	0.2838	-	0.2838
TOTAL MILLAGES	10.3605	0.1000	10.4605

Fiscal will bring forth a budget amendment for City Council to consider as part of the 1st Quarter 2016 Budget Amendment to amend the OPC Millage Fund (265) to reflect the additional revenues and expenditures the additional millage will support.

RECOMMENDATION:

We are requesting that City Council approve the attached resolution which will revise previously approved 2015 millage rates (to be levied in December 2015), which will provide the tax revenues needed to support the FY 2016 budget.

RESOLUTION:

See attached resolution.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
City Council Liaison		