



Rochester Hills

Minutes - Draft

City Council Special Meeting

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Michael Webber and Thomas W. Wiggins*

Vision Statement: The Community of Choice for Families and Business

*Mission Statement: "Our mission is to sustain the City of Rochester Hills as the premier
community of choice to live, work and raise a family by enhancing our vibrant residential
character complemented by an attractive business community."*

Monday, May 12, 2014

6:00 PM

Rochester Hills Museum at
Van Hoosen Farm Dairy Barn

JOINT WITH THE CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

CALL TO ORDER

*President Hooper called the Joint Meeting of the City Councils of Auburn Hills and
Rochester Hills to order at 6:21 p.m. Michigan Time.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL - AUBURN HILLS CITY COUNCIL

Present 6 - John Burmeister, Maureen Hammond, Henry Knight, Kevin McDaniel,
VeRonica Mitchell and Cheryl Verbeke

Absent 1 - Robert Kittle

ROLL CALL - ROCHESTER HILLS CITY COUNCIL

Present 6 - Kevin S. Brown, Greg Hooper, Stephanie Morita, Mark A. Tisdell, Michael
Webber and Thomas W. Wiggins

Absent 1 - Adam Kochenderfer

Others Present:

Pete Auger, Auburn Hills City Manager
Stephanie Carroll, Auburn Hills Coordinator of Community Relations & Legislative
Affairs
Terri Kowal, Auburn Hills City Clerk
Doreen Olko, Auburn Hills Director of Emergency Services/Chief of Police
Tina Barton, Rochester Hills City Clerk
Sean Canto, Rochester Hills Chief of Fire and Emergency Services
Pat McKay, Rochester Hills Supervisor of Interpretive Services
Allan Schneck, Rochester Hills Director of DPS/Engineering

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

President Greg Hooper opened the meeting by extending a warm welcome to the members of the City of Auburn Hills.

Pat McKay, Rochester Hills Supervisor of Interpretive Services, gave an overview of the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm and provided a history on how the two cities are connected. He expounded on the power of philanthropy.

Each individual in attendance introduced themselves, noting their years of service.

DISCUSSION OF OIL AND GAS ORDINANCE

President Hooper explained how Oil and Gas Exploration became a topic of discussion in Rochester Hills, and noted the issues that the City is facing. He recapped the City Attorney's opinion regarding Oil and Gas Exploration and mentioned that Rochester Hills Council Member Morita has taken a lead on behalf of Rochester Hills.

Discussion ensued regarding the structure and content of the proposed Gas and Oil Ordinance, along with work on the development of a Pipeline Ordinance.

Auburn Hills Mayor McDaniel mentioned that Auburn Hills recently adopted an ordinance relative to fracking and drilling.

Auburn Hills Council Member Knight noted that the Auburn Hills Council viewed an oil well at Schoolcraft College, and described how the wells function and how the well is serviced and how the gas is hauled and piped back to the school. He encouraged Rochester Hills Council Members to visit the Schoolcraft College operation.

Discussion ensued regarding wording within the proposed Ordinance addressing park properties.

Auburn Hills City Manager Auger commented on conversations held with the oil company and mentioned that it is thought that the largest vein is located by the Apostolic Church.

President Hooper discussed the Oil and Gas Informational Meeting held at Rochester College, and suggested that Auburn Hills request that Michigan Department of Environmental Quality representative Hal Fitch make a presentation to Auburn Hills City Council.

Discussion ensued on the topic of mineral rights and how many property owners do not understand their ownership of mineral rights.

DISCUSSION OF TRASH HAULER CONTRACT

President Hooper recapped the history of the development of a Single Waste Hauler Contract.

Auburn Hills Mayor McDaniel noted that Auburn Hills used Rochester Hills' contract template in the drafting of a contract for their community. He mentioned that the contract has been successful and has resulted in few complaints.

Discussion ensued regarding amortization of the costs of the bins, the average cost for residents of each community, and how incentives affect recycling.

DISCUSSION OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHARING RESOURCES

President Hooper noted Rochester Hills Director of DPS/Engineering Allan Schneck's role in creating many opportunities to partner with a number of agencies throughout Oakland County.

Mr. Schneck explained how partnership with various agencies is developed and commented on the benefits of cooperative purchasing through the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN). He noted that these partnerships generated approximately \$110,000 in revenue in the last year. He mentioned efforts toward development of a North Oakland County Water Authority.

Auburn Hills City Manager Pete Auger pointed out how cooperative purchasing could be incorporated in the acquisition of new equipment and vehicles.

Discussion ensued regarding the efficiencies of converting vehicles from gasoline to propane, and the benefits of electric vehicles.

Rochester Hills Council Member Tisdell introduced the concept of the communities combining to participate in the Medical Student Booster Family program through Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine.

DISCUSSION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT MUTUAL AID

President Hooper discussed the cooperation between the two communities for Mutual Aid.

Rochester Hills Chief Canto discussed the burden that fire departments nationwide are experiencing due to staff shortages. He commented that our department has become a stepping stone where we train them and they move on to a career position elsewhere. He mentioned current challenges along with several future changes he will be proposing.

Discussion ensued regarding the pay scale for emergency personnel and how challenges exist for maintaining volunteer firefighter staffing.

Auburn Hills Chief Olko mentioned that her department is undertaking a fleet evaluation and noted that Auburn Hills would be interested in discussing future combined purchases and new ideas for cooperation between the two cities.

Discussion ensued regarding how many instances of mutual aid occur, how units are staffed and dispatched, response times and level of service. It was noted that Auburn Hills contracts out their EMS services.

Discussion included the topic of fire authorities and their challenges and benefits.

Rochester Hills Council Member Brown questioned whether the cities could participate in co-training and encouraged the two Chiefs to work together.

DISCUSSION OF ITEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST

Hookah Lounges:

Discussion ensued regarding the hookah lounges that currently exist and complaints that the cities have received regarding their operation.

Road Projects:

Auburn Hills Council Member Knight mentioned that Auburn Hills is in negotiation with Oakland University regarding a right-of-way for road work. He added that a new interchange is in the works for I-75 and University Drive. Timing for that project was discussed.

Senior Services:

Auburn Hills Council Member Verbeke mentioned that Auburn Hills Senior Citizens currently have no place to swim.

Rochester Hills Council Member Brown shared the benefits of the Older Persons Commission and the services it provides to seniors in the community.

Public Transportation:

Auburn Hills Council Member Knight commented that he would like to see a cooperative effort for transportation between the downtowns of Auburn Hills and Rochester.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Councils, President Hooper adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

*GREG HOOPER, President
Rochester Hills City Council*

*TINA BARTON, MMC, Clerk
City of Rochester Hills*

*MARY JO PACHLA
Administrative Secretary
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Approved as presented at the (insert date, or dates) Regular City Council Meeting.