

# City of Rochester Hills AGENDA SUMMARY NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** John D. Staran, City Attorney

**DATE:** April 13, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Settlement of Adams/Hamlin litigation

## **REQUEST:**

City Council is asked to decide whether to approve the proposed Consent Judgment

## **BACKGROUND:**

In 2004, after being denied for a rezoning to B-2 general business and a use variance, the owners and prospective developers of the approximately 28 acre parcel of vacant land at the NE corner of Adams and Hamlin filed a lawsuit, styled *Adams/Hamlin Development Co, et al. v City of Rochester Hills*, Oakland County Circuit Court No. 04-060730, claiming the City's R-2 one-family residential zoning is unconstitutional and seeking invalidation of the zoning and money damages. In 2005, the Court ordered the parties to facilitation. The facilitation process culminated in a proposal for a mixed use development with office and retail uses. Further negotiation has refined the concept, and details have been fully explained to Council and to the public by means of a series of public information meetings. A proposed consent judgment setting forth the proposed settlement has been prepared for the Council's consideration for approval. Trial is scheduled to commence on June 5.

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council now decide whether or not to approve the proposed settlement.

# **RESOLUTION**

## **NEXT AGENDA ITEM**

## RETURN TO AGENDA