



Rochester Hills Minutes City Council Work Session

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Barbara L. Holder, Linda Raschke, Gerald Robbins*

Wednesday, March 9, 2005

7:30 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

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RESCHEDULED MARCH 23, 2005 REGULAR WORK SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

President Hill called the Regular Rochester Hills City Council Work Session Meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Michigan Time.

ROLL CALL

Present: Melinda Hill, Bryan Barnett, John Dalton and Barbara Holder

Absent: Jim Duistermars, Linda Raschke and Gerald Robbins

Others Present:

*Bev Jasinski, City Clerk
Kurt Dawson, Treasurer/Director of Assessing
Susan Galeczka, City Council Liaison
Julie Jenuwine, Director of Finance*

Council Members Duistermars and Raschke provided previous notice they would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Lee Zendel, 1575 Dutton Road, praised the City's MIS department for putting the budget on the website. He then suggested that Council hold weekly meetings with residents soliciting their suggestions for prioritizing the City's goals and objectives. He stressed that the Council would not answer questions or debate residents, but merely gather resident feedback. He further stressed that the format of this evening's meeting is a mistake because it fosters mistrust by not being televised, noting that "Council will not build trust in the dark."

CITY COUNCIL

2005-0155 Discussion Regarding the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC)

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; Youth Council Timeline.pdf; 030905 Agenda Summary.pdf; Youth Rep Program.pdf; 0155 Resolution.pdf

President Hill, Ms. Susan Galeczka, City Council Liaison and Ms. Margaret Strate, Administrative Secretary, provided a Power Point presentation outlining the current City Council Youth Representatives program along with proposed enhancements. They noted that the current program consists of the following:

- * *Serve on Communication Committees*
- * *Participate in discussion.*
- * *Periodically report to City Council.*

The following enhancements were proposed:

- * *Create separate Youth Council that will meet monthly.*
- * *City Council Vice President to serve as a Liaison between Council and the Youth Council.*
- * *One City staff member to support Youth Council.*
- * *Youth Council to select three (3) projects related to City's Goals and Objectives:*
 - *Council will provide a list of possible projects.*
 - *Additional options may be presented by Youth Council to AIS Committee for approval.*
- * *Youth-appointed representatives to serve on Council Communication Committees:*
 - *Representation on Committees based on projects selected.*
 - *Individual selection based on individual strengths and interests.*
 - *Youth Members will be required to attend Communication Committees on a quarterly basis; may attend additional meetings if they desire.*
- * *Establish operating budget.*
- * *Youth Council and City Council to meet bi-annually.*
- * *Selection Process:*
 - *Interview Team consisting of:*
 - * *One Council Member*
 - * *One Administrative Staff Member*
 - * *One Citizen Representative from Communication Committee*
 - * *Two Youth Representatives currently serving*
 - *Candidates evaluated based on the following:*
 - * *Application quality*
 - * *Adult reference*
 - * *Interview*
 - * *Representation*
 - *Appointment*
 - * *Interview team makes recommendation to City Council*
 - * *City Council makes appointments*
 - *Grade/Age of Participants:*
 - * *Sophomores/Juniors/Seniors*

- Number of members:

- * Thirteen (13) members
 - Two (2) from each Council District
 - Five (5) At-Large members

- Length of Terms:

- * One-year terms with the opportunity for reappointment
- * Maximum serving two (2) years

- Youth Council Budget:

* \$1,200 annually (to cover items such as T-shirts, mailings/postage, food, swearing-in ceremony, etc.).

* Staff will pursue possible funding options through grants and foundations.

It was noted that the Initial Goals of the enhanced program would be broken down as follows:

* City Council:

- Determine operating structure of the Youth Council
- Provide list of potential projects to Youth Representatives

* Youth Council:

- Bylaws, Rules and Procedures
- Attendance Policy
- Officers
- Committee Appointments
- Select three projects related to City's Goals

Council members expressed concern as to how the Youth Representatives would be chosen and the need for term limits. It was noted that, at this early stage in the development of the program, adequate recruitment of participants is an ongoing challenge and that any possible limitations to participation may result in an inadequate number of youth members. It was suggested that any requirements regarding district representation, age/grade of participants and term limits be included in the bylaws along with language that would allow for some fluidity in applying them.

Discussed

(Recess 8:23 p.m. - 8:37 p.m.)

2005-0054

Discussions Regarding 2006 Budget

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; 050705 Agenda summary.pdf; Mayor.pdf; Fiscal.pdf; Planning 1.pdf; Planning 2.pdf; Planning 3.pdf; Planning 4.pdf; Planning 5.pdf; DPS and Engineering.pdf; Building.pdf; Parks.pdf; Forestry.pdf; Fire.pdf; OCSD.pdf; MIS.pdf; Clerks.pdf;

President Hill explained that Council had previously discussed the City's long-term goals and that this Work Session was an opportunity for Council to identify and prioritize the long- and short-term objectives that support those goals.

Following extensive discussion led by **Mr. Ed Anzek**, Director of Planning/Development, the following objectives were determined:

Goal: Improve Economic Development

Better PUD Ordinance
Enhance Public/Private Alliances
Commercial Use (size and amount)
Business Incentive Programs
Regional Communication Cooperative/Chamber of Commerce

Goal: Enhance/Maintain Infrastructure

Adams Road Relocation
Crooks/Hamlin/M-59
Comprehensive Storm Water Management Program
DPS Facility
Trail Development
Proactive Maintenance
Gateways
Road Funding
Reservoirs

Goal: Enhance Communication with Residents

Citizen Academy
Youth Council (in process 5/3/04)
Channel 55/10
Hills Herald
City Web Site
Town Hall Meetings
Complaint System
Improve Notification/Programs
Enhance City Public Relations
Enhance Sister City - Explore "Shared" Services
Public Communication/Proactive Committee
News Releases
"Suggestion" Box
Citizen Hotline with Recorded Messages and Publish/Promote in Hills Herald

Goal: Enhance/Maintain Public Safety Levels

Enhance/Maintain Fire Department LOS
Enhance/Maintain Police Operations/LOS
Emergency Broadcast City Wide via Pagers and Channel 55/10
Community Policing
Amber Alerts via Pagers and Channel 55/10

Goal: Enhance Quality of Life

Community Center
Green Space Preservation
Parks
Leaf Pickup
Historical Preservation
Solid Waste Threat to Quality of Life Trail Development
Improve Access to River
Proactive Code Compliance
Policy Review - Operations

Goal: Efficient Government

- Upgrade Facilities, Staff, Equipment - DPS Perspective*
- Implement New Meter Read Capabilities*
- Improve and Maintain Staff Training*
- Upgrade Communication/Technology System - Long-Term Technology Plan*
- Long-Term Technology Plan*
- Implement Records Management*
- Program Prioritization by Department*
- Cut "Red-Tape" (process improvement)*
- Develop Five-Year Plan for Fire Services*
- Outsourcing and Privatization*
- Review City Charter*
- Decrease Dependency on Outside Consultants*
- Inter-Departmental Communication*
- Regional "Shared" Resources*
- Add an Employee Suggestion Box*

Goal: Maintain Financial Stability

- Enhance Revenue*
- Contain Costs*
- Maximize Grants and Other Funding Sources*
- "Spend Smarter!"*
- Police Services Funding*
- Pathway Funding*

Discussed

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Regular Meeting - Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Council, President Hill adjourned the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

*MELINDA HILL, President
Rochester Hills City Council*

*BEVERLY A. JASINSKI, Clerk
City of Rochester Hills*

MARGARET A. STRATE
Administrative Secretary
City Clerk's Office

Approved as presented at the (insert date, or dates) Regular City Council Meeting.