



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Mark Tisdel, Council Member and RHGYC Liaison
DATE: July 17, 2017
SUBJECT: Appointment of 2017/2018 Rochester Hills Government Youth Council

City Council at this Regular Meeting of March 16, 2005 adopted Resolution RES0080-2005 establishing the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC) to promote youth involvement in local government through active participation and the mutual exchange of ideas and experiences. The RHGYC consists of representatives from each City Council District and at-large representatives.

This year we are very pleased to mention that we received forty-one (41) applications that met the minimum qualifications to be considered. Of the forty-one (41) applications received, eight (8) were from the current Youth Council members requesting to be reappointed to an additional term on the Council.

The established application/appointment process included the following:

- Submission of application packet by interested students which included the following:
 - Application
 - Essay Questions
 - Two Letters of recommendation
- Interviews by the Interview Team consisting of City Council Vice-President Mark Tisdel, Deputy Clerk Leanne Scott, Senior Youth Council Member Shreya Reddy and Youth Council Liaison Alexandria Aleman.

Thirty-two (32) students participated in the interview process. The interview team evaluated the candidates on application quality, adult references, interview and representation.

As in the past years, we continue to be very pleased with the large number of students interested in serving on the RHGYC; nonetheless, it does make the final selection process very difficult. Each applicant was extremely bright and pleasant, and could bring something different and unique to the group. In the end, however, the Interview Team took into account the composition of the RHGYC district representation, school representation and the number in each graduating year, and we are recommending to Council that they appoint these students to the Youth Council this year. The terms of office will be for one (1) year coinciding with the school calendar year beginning on September 1, 2017 and expiring on August 31, 2018.

- CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS
 - District 1 – Four (4) Students
 - 4 returning students
 - District 2 – Eight (8) Students
 - 3 returning students
 - 5 new students
 - District 3 – Two (2) Students
 - 2 new students
 - District 4 – Two (2) Students
 - 1 returning student
 - 1 new student

- SCHOOLS
 - Rochester – 8 representatives
 - Adams – 3 representatives
 - Marian High School – 2 representative
 - Notre Dame Preparatory – 1 representative
 - Stoney Creek – 1 representative
 - International Academy – 1 representative

- SCHOOL GRADES 2017/2018
 - Ninth Grade – 4 students
 - Tenth Grade – 3 students
 - Eleventh Grade – 3 students
 - Twelfth Grade – 6 students

Application materials are available in the Clerk’s Office if you are interested in reviewing them. A resolution for your consideration appointing the students is included in the packet.

Please note, at the August 14th Council Meeting the 2016/2017 RHGYC members will be providing their final report to City Council and the 2017/2018 RHGYC members will be sworn in.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
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