



Rochester Hills

Minutes - Draft

City Council Special Meeting

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*Susan M. Bowyer Ph.D., Ryan Deel, Dale A. Hetrick, James Kubicina,
Stephanie Morita, Mark A. Tisdel, Vacant Position*

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, December 17, 2018

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

President Tisdel called the Special Rochester Hills City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Michigan Time.

ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Susan M. Bowyer, Ryan Deel, Dale Hetrick, Stephanie Morita and Mark A. Tisdel

Absent 1 - James Kubicina

Others Present:

*Bryan Barnett, Mayor
Tina Barton, City Clerk
Allan Schneck, Public Services Director
Leanne Scott, Deputy Clerk
Tom Talbert, Strategic Innovations Specialist*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Deel, seconded by Hetrick, that the Agenda be Approved as Amended to remove Attorney Matters. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Bowyer, Deel, Hetrick, Morita and Tisdel

Absent 1 - Kubicina

PUBLIC COMMENT for Items not on the Agenda

None.

LEGISLATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2018-0604** Interview of candidates for City Council - At Large vacancy, and nomination of candidates to be considered for final selection at the January 7, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting to fill the unexpired term of Jenny McCardell, for a term to expire November 17, 2019

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President Tisdell expressed his thanks to all of the prospective candidates, and stated that he was surprised by their exceptional qualifications, number of advanced degrees held, and amount of service that the candidates have provided the city through nonprofits and in support of the schools and businesses. He noted that it is confirmation that the city does have a good thing going right now, and he commented that it starts at the top and filters down through department directors.

He explained how Council will proceed with the interview process to fill the vacancy, and recapped Council's Rules of Procedure. He stated that selecting an individual to fill a Council vacancy is a similar process to electing a Council President or Vice President. He noted that each Council Member will have the opportunity to nominate one individual and no second will be required. The nominee to be appointed must receive a majority vote of the Council Members currently holding office, or four votes. He pointed out that five members were in attendance this evening. He stressed that this is a compressed process including a holiday season, as the resignation was effective as of December 10, 2018 and was accepted by Council on December 10, 2018. He noted that Mr. Kubicina was unable to attend this evening, and Dr. Bowyer has informed him that she will not be able to attend the January 7, 2019 meeting.

He stated that the interview process will be conducted in the same manner as when Mr. Kochenderfer was replaced in 2015, with candidates called up in groups. Each candidate will be able to provide a two-minute opening statement. He explained that Council has been given the candidates' resumes, candidate questionnaires,

and responses to the three questions asked of them. He stated that Council will ask questions of the candidates based on the provided information sources and will be able to ask a follow-up question per category.

He mentioned that out of 12 qualified candidates, 11 were in attendance this evening as one informed him that they would not proceed to the interview process.

The candidates were given the opportunity to pick numbers one through 11, and were called up in groups of threes.

Candidates holding numbers 1, 2, and 3 were called up to the presenters' table.

Candidate Sharon Lynn Pizzuti stated that she was a life-long Oakland County resident and has lived in Rochester Hills for 26 years. She noted that she has 30 years of work experience in County, State and Federal government. She commented that she seeks an additional way to serve in the community, and will use her experience, passion and involvement with government to serve. She explained that she has participated with the Rochester Community Schools, nonprofits, and volunteer work. She stated that she wants to expand the scope of her involvement to serve as Councilwoman at Large, and will work toward promoting inclusivity and diversity.

Candidate David Walker stated that he is a 31-year resident and has been a real estate agent for the past 11 years. He commented that he drives in and out of almost every Rochester Hills neighborhood. He noted that he knows the area well and has the ability to work with residents in the community as well as those coming in from outside, being able to see the city through their eyes. He mentioned that he sits on both the local Chamber of Commerce and the Community Foundation Boards, and has done regional Chamber work. He noted that the Chamber has celebrated over 500 businesses moving into the community over the past ten years, and he stated that he has a unique perspective of the city. He commented that the At Large position will provide him a unique opportunity to serve all individuals.

Candidate Jamie Seibert stated that he moved to Rochester Hills with his wife 12 years ago and shares many of the values of the residents. He stated that he coaches with the Rochester Avon Recreation Authority, volunteers at Brewster Elementary School, has been elected to a position with the Leader Dogs for the Blind, and is the newly-appointed Homeowners' Association president for Hawthorn Subdivision. He noted that he understands local politics within the neighborhoods. He commented that he loves the community and has seen significant changes over the last 12 years that makes him want to ensure that he can be a part of the decision-making process.

Each Council Member asked questions of the candidates, and each candidate was provided the opportunity answer each question.

Candidates holding numbers 4, 5 and 6 were called up to the presenters' table.

Candidate Ryan Smith stated that he moved to Rochester Hills in 2015. He noted that he has known from a young age that he has wanted to serve, and had a

leadership role while in school. He commented that he has known for some time that he has wanted to become a member of City Council, and he stated that he has great love for the City.

Candidate David Murphy stated that he believes that a City Council operates best when people get involved. He noted that his career is in architecture, and he pointed out that he understands building codes and the process for permits and appeals. He mentioned that he has stood before the Zoning Board of Appeals and other City commissions. He commented that he has a willingness to listen and learn, is self-disciplined, and can provide a voice for the LGBTQ community. He noted that he would like to see more focus toward protecting wildlife, sustainability, and reducing the footprint on the environment. He commented that public and private lands are being overrun by invasive species. He stated that he would ensure that the residents' tax dollars are spent wisely and their lives made easier, and he noted that he would promote responsible growth.

Candidate David Blair stated that he is a business owner and has been in the area for nine years, is married, and has five-year-old twins. He noted that he is a graduate of the Rochester Leadership Program, which gave him an in-depth look into the inner workings of Rochester Hills and the surrounding communities. He stated that people make a community, and he commented that he has a passion to want to give back to the community. He mentioned that he is a member of the Rochester Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Young Professionals of Rochester.

Each Council Member asked questions of the candidates, and each candidate was provided the opportunity answer each question.

Candidates holding numbers 7, 8, and 9 were called up to the presenters' table.

Candidate Steve Reina stated that the City boasts a unique and diligent administration and staff, providing the finest City services in a cost-conscious manner without cutting corners. He noted that he would maintain the high standards exhibited by the rest of City government, and would be open to input from residents, partners in business, and peers in administration. He mentioned that he is in his 30th year as an attorney, and owns his own firm. He noted that he has sat locally on the Shir Tikvah Board of Trustees, and has served on the Historic Districts Commission since 2016, which gave him an introduction to the culture of Rochester Hills' government.

Candidate Jeffrey Duperon stated that he has worked with a number of Council Members in different capacities. He noted that being appointed to Council would be fulfilling for him and would help build and sustain quality of life here. He commented that his direct experience with City government, and his business and technical acumen would play a sustaining role. He noted that he has taken a leadership role for stormwater funding and implementation concerns. He stated that he intends to participate in the next election.

Candidate Theresa Mungioli stated that she is a 31-year resident of Rochester Hills and served on the Rochester Community School Board from 1993

to 2001. She noted that she is fiscally conservative and plans to make good use of every tax dollar available. She commented that she has been involved in a number of organizations, including the Rochester-Auburn Hills Community Coalition, the county-wide Community Coalition, and has worked to create a teen group giving youth in high schools leadership opportunities. She stated that she will be a team player and she will work with others to come to a consensus. She noted that there are 74,000 residents with 74,000 different ideas on how things should be done. She stated that she will do her homework and research and be prepared for all meetings.

Each Council Member asked questions of the candidates, and each candidate was provided the opportunity answer each question.

Candidates holding numbers 10 and 11 were called up to the presenters' table.

Candidate Michael Koch stated that he has been a resident of Rochester Hills since 1961, and has seen many changes that have occurred in the city. He mentioned that his career was in the property management field, and both managed properties and owned property here in the city. He noted that at one time he had a portfolio of 46 properties. He commented that Council's work is similar to what he did in his career but on a larger scale, and he noted that his background will aid in development considerations for the City.

Candidate LaVerne Farmer stated that she has lived in Rochester Hills for nine years, and is a broker and general contractor along with her husband. She noted that people raise their families in Rochester Hills; and instead of moving out, they move around the corner. She commented that Council must be innovative thinkers and must be deliberate and intentional in their decisions for the city. She noted that Council are representatives of the people and Council must help the residents understand their decisions. She mentioned that she is a daytime resident of Rochester Hills, spending time in the community during the day.

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Following the questions, **Mayor Barnett** stated that he has rarely been more encouraged than he is this evening, noting that individuals are here with from one to 60 years of residency, in their 30s, 40s and older, of multiple races, abilities, religions, and orientations. He commented that he has written down ways that each individual who might not be selected for Council could be included at the City through committees and action groups.

President Tisdell noted that all three At Large seats and a District 2 seat will be included in the upcoming City elections this year. He stated that there will be opportunities for anyone not selected this evening to strive to serve on Council.

President Tisdell Opened the Floor for Nominations.

Mr. Deel nominated David Walker.

Vice President Morita nominated Theresa Mungoli.

Seeing No Further Nominations, President Tisdel Closed the Floor for Nominations.

President Tisdel noted that as there were two nominees, he would ask Council to consider whether they would like to move forward this evening or on January 7, 2019. He pointed out that there are five members in attendance to vote this evening, and five members will be in attendance to vote on January 7, 2019.

Mr. Deel stated that it would be his preference to vote this evening, as it would afford more time for Orientation. He commented that a new Council Member will need to learn much information in a short period of time. He made a motion to proceed, which was seconded by Dr. Bowyer.

President Tisdel asked City Clerk Tina Barton for her thoughts on the orientation process.

Clerk Barton responded that she and Deputy Clerk Leanne Scott could be flexible; however, it could be a challenge to schedule orientation times with directors over the holidays. She mentioned that it would be easier to schedule for only one incoming member rather than multiple individuals.

President Tisdel commented that he was expecting multiple nominations this evening.

Vice President Morita noted she had additional questions for the nominated candidates and requested the nominees be called back up prior to voting.

President Tisdel called a brief recess prior to resuming the questions.

Council Recessed from 9:48 p.m. to 9:59 p.m.

Discussed.

- 2018-0604** Adoption of a Resolution to Proceed to a Vote this evening for the appointment of a candidate for the City Council - At Large vacancy to fill the unexpired term of Jenny McCardell ending November 17, 2019

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A motion was made by Deel, seconded by Bowyer, that this matter be Adopted by. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Bowyer, Deel, Hetrick, Morita and Tisdel

Absent 1 - Kubicina

Enactment No: RES0394-2018

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council will hereby proceed to a vote this evening for the appointment of a candidate to fill the City Council - At Large vacancy to fill the unexpired term of Jenny McCardell ending November 17, 2019.

2018-0604 Appointment of a candidate to fill the City Council - At Large vacancy to fill the unexpired term of Jenny McCardell for a term ending November 17, 2019

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Council resumed its questions for nominees David Walker and Theresa Mungiola. The Council Members thanked all of the candidates participating this evening.

*Following the questions, **President Tisdell** instructed Council Members to vote for one of the nominees.*

The nominees received the following votes:

Theresa Mungoli: *Morita*

David Walker: *Bowyer, Deel, Hetrick, and Tisdel*

President Tisdel *announced that David Walker received four votes, and would be appointed to City Council.*

Appointed David Walker to fill the City Council - At Large Vacancy to fill the unexpired term of Jenny McCardell ending November 17, 2019.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

City Clerk Tina Barton administered the Oath of Office to David Walker.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Regular Meeting - Monday, January 7, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Council, it was moved by Morita and seconded by Bowyer to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 p.m.

*MARK A. TISDEL, President
Rochester Hills City Council*

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

*MARY JO PACHLA, CMMC
Administrative Coordinator-City Council
City Clerk's Office*

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