



Rochester Hills

Minutes - Draft

City Council Regular Meeting

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Stephanie Morita, Mark A. Tisdel, and David Walker*

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, June 3, 2019

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER - President Tisdel called the Regular Rochester Hills City Council Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Michigan Time.

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Susan M. Bowyer, Ryan Deel, Dale Hetrick, James Kubicina, Stephanie Morita, Mark A. Tisdel and David Walker

Others Present:

*Bryan Barnett, Mayor
Tina Barton, City Clerk
Alan Buckenmeyer, Parks Manager
Scott Cope, Building / Ordinance / Facilities Director
Ken Elwert, Parks & Natural Resources Director
Pam Gordon, Human Resources Director
Kevin Krajewski, Information Services Director
Sara Roediger, Planning & Economic Development Director
John Staran, City Attorney
Allan Schneck, Public Services Director
Joe Snyder, Chief Financial Officer
Tom Talbert, Strategic Innovations Specialist
Maria Willett, Chief Assistant to the Mayor*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Morita, seconded by Hetrick, that this matter be Approve the Agenda as Presented. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Bowyer, Deel, Hetrick, Kubicina, Morita, Tisdel and Walker

COUNCIL AND YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC):

Mr. Deel introduced **Noah Peterson**.

Noah Peterson, stated he attends Rochester High School and reported the RHGYC is currently accepting student applications for the 2019-2020 Youth Council term. He noted they have created a recruitment video which is being shown at local middle schools in the district. He mentioned applications are available on the City's website and due Monday June, 24, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. He pointed out that the Youth Council are planning a few projects before the year is over, and announced that their next meeting will be on June 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Older Persons' Commission (OPC):

Mr. Kubicina announced the following OPC events:

- Tom Daldin book signing is Monday, June 10, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Bike for Coffee is Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m and runs through the summer. Cost is \$2.
- Summer Solstice Soiree: An Evening Garden Affair to Celebrate Summer's Arrival is Friday, June 21, 2019 6:30 p.m. at OPC Gardens. Features 4 course dinner, live music and silent auction. Tickets are \$100. Proceeds benefit Meals on Wheels.

Paint Creek Trailways:

Dr. Bowyer announced that the replacement bridge was delayed and will now be delivered July 1, 2019. The trail will be closed between Silver Bell and Dutton. She mentioned to check for updates and closures at paintcreektrail.org.

Rochester Area Recreation Authority:

Mr. Deel announced RARA will hold a coloring contest for ages 0-5 and 6-9. Stop by RARA or visit their website to obtain a coloring template and register; winners will be notified by August 12, 2019.

Mr. Deel shared the RHGYC recruitment video.

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

- 2019-0225** Request for Acceptance for Second Reading and Adoption - An Ordinance to amend Sections 54-741 through 54-745 of Division 2 of Article XII, Utilities, of Chapter 54, Fees, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan to modify water and sewer rates and fees, repeal conflicting Ordinances, and prescribe a penalty for violations

Attachments: [060319 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Ordinance.pdf](#)
[052019 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[WSAC Resolution.pdf](#)
[052019 Resolution.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Joe Synder, Chief Financial Officer, stated that this Ordinance presented for second reading is to amend the City's water and sewer rate fee ordinance to become effective on July 1, 2019. He stated that on May 8, 2019, the Water System Advisory Council meet to consider, discuss, and recommend updated water and sewer rates for the upcoming 2019-2020 rate year, and unanimously recommended the following changes:

- Water rate per unit decrease of 0.6% from \$5.84 to \$5.81.
- Sewer rate per unit increase of 1.8% from \$6.09 to \$6.20.
- Customer charge per bill increase of 2.5% from \$5.64 to \$5.78 per bill.

He explained that the average residential water and sewer customer who uses 12 units of water and sewer per each two-month period can anticipate a water and sewer bill increase of approximately \$1.00. He stated that the recommended reduction in water rates for the upcoming year is largely due to the recent reduction in water costs achieved by the North Oakland County Water Authority (NOCWA), the intergovernmental entity composed of member communities which include Orion Township, Auburn Hills, Pontiac, and the City of Rochester Hills. He explained that NOCWA exists to purchase water from the Great Lakes Water Authority as a collective unit or entity as better costs can be achieved through NOCWA than can be achieved individually. This reduction in residential water costs is due in large part to residents compliance with the City's outdoor watering ordinance.

A motion was made by Hetrick, seconded by Walker, that this matter be Accepted for Second Reading and Adoption by Resolution. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Bowyer, Deel, Hetrick, Kubicina, Morita, Tisdell and Walker

Enactment No: RES0169-2019

Resolved, that an Ordinance to amend Sections 54-741 through 54-745 of Division 2 of Article XII, Utilities, of Chapter 54, Fees, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan to modify water and sewer rates and fees, repeal conflicting Ordinances, and prescribe a penalty for violations is hereby Accepted for Second Reading and Adoption and shall become effective on Monday, July 1, 2019, following its publication in the Oakland Press on Monday, June 10, 2019.

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

2019-0208 Request for Approval of a Resolution to Support Reinstatement of State Historic Tax Credits

Attachments: [061719 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Midwest Stratgies Policy Briefing - Historic Preservation Tax Credits.pdf](#)
[FAQ MIImpact.pdf](#)
[060319 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Tax Credit Intro Letter.pdf](#)
[Tax Credit Article 1.pdf](#)
[Tax Credit Article 2.pdf](#)
[Minutes HDC 050919.pdf](#)
[HDC Resolution.pdf](#)
[Letter MHPN 052919.pdf](#)
[060319 Resolution.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Sara Roediger, Planning and Economic Development Director, stated that there are currently two bills before the state legislature looking to reinstate the previous historic tax credits that were eliminated under the Snyder administration in 2011. She explained that reinstating these tax credits would provide a 25 percent credit for the property owner doing any rehabilitation to an existing local historic district. She noted that the credit would be charged against the owner's state income tax liability and clarified that this is not a property tax. She stated that from a staff perspective, this is viewed as a tool in the economic development toolbox to help incentivize people who need to repair their historic properties.

President Tisdell clarified that this pending legislation would not present an expense for the City, but rather would be restoring practices that were previously in place and would serve to encourage those that are in historic districts, or have a historic property, to maintain or keep them up to City standards.

Ms. Roediger concurred, stating that the annual expense from the State's budget in 2011 was \$6 million for these credits. She pointed out that it is really a financial tool from the State to incentivize historic development.

President Tisdell question how many historic districts, and properties, we have in the City.

Ms. Roediger responded that there are three historic districts; Winkler Mill, Stoney Creek, and the non-contiguous. She explained that there are approximately 70 individual properties.

Dr. Bowyer requested confirmation that the City does not receive any of the money from the tax credit, and the property owner only receives a 25 percent credit on what they spend to restore their historic property.

Ms. Roediger confirmed that was correct. She mentioned that she was aware that there are some concerns pertaining to the Historic District Commission (HDC) passing a resolution in support of reinstating the historic tax credits. She requested Attorney Staran address the authority and jurisdiction of the Historic District Commission.

City Attorney John Staran stated he has been asked to comment on the cities subordinate boards or commissions, in this specific case the HDC making and

distributing an expression of support or advocacy for or against a matter of public policy. He mentioned that the question has been raised whether that should be the domain of City Council and the Mayor. He explained that by City Charter, the City Council is charged with being the policy making body of the City and the Mayor is charged with being the official spokesperson and chief executive for the administration. He pointed out that no legal lines were crossed in terms of there being any violation of law or adopted procedural rules by the HDC taking the direct action it did. He noted that this is an unusual situation; however, he was certain the actions taken by the HDC were done in good faith and well-thought. Nonetheless, he noted that he understands how this may be viewed as encroaching on Council's authority to set and influence policy and be the spokesperson along with the Mayor for the City. He suggested that Council can and should act in support, oppose, taken no action, or request more information or study on the substantive issue. He further suggested that there be some type of policy or ordinance to make it clearer for Council and for the boards and commissions as to these types of actions in the future and making sure protocol process is being followed.

Vice President Morita stated that she had questions regarding the legislation and mentioned that she would like the City's lobbyists to look into it and provide input on who exactly the legislation would benefit and whether or not that is something the City Council wants to go on record as being supportive of. She pointed out that based on the fact that Attorney Staran opined that positions of policy need to be taken by City Council and not any of the City's boards or committees, she does not want to see another board or commission take a policy position that has not been approved by Council. She pointed out that she is not in support of this legislation and requested the HDC consider rescinding the resolution until Council decides to take a position on the matter.

Dr. Bowyer concurred with Vice President Morita stating that she had concern with how the HDC sent in a resolution of support and represented the City without asking Council, the Mayor, or the City Attorney prior to doing so. She stated she does not support moving forward with the request before them tonight.

Mr. Hetrick concurred that Council should not take action on this item this evening. He stated the City has a lobbyist for that very reason; to help Council understand legislation before they take a particular position on it.

Mayor Barnett stated that the lobbyists from Midwest Strategies are in attendance and he has asked them for a briefing on this matter. He noted that this particular legislation is considered to be very pro local government because it allows investment into the communities. He mentioned that some of the most challenging projects for our city have been those surrounding historic districts. He stated he is in favor of this legislation because it provides a tool for people to invest in their historic homes with no cost to the city. He commented that the process component is interesting and agreed with Council that it should be looked into. He stressed that he did not believe the members of the HDC intended to do anything wrong when they sent out a resolution on city letterhead; they are passionate about historic properties and historic preservation. He emphasized that he agrees with this legislation and believes the HDC was

executing a duty they felt invested in. He stated that he will work with Midwest Strategies and hopes to be able to provide Council with a fuller briefing and a list of those communities that are supportive of this legislation.

Mr. Deel stated his concern with this item comes more from the process rather than the substance. He mentioned that he has complete confidence in the Mayor, the Planning Department team, and the volunteers serving on the city's Boards and Commissions. He noted he believes the HDC moved forward with a bona fide belief in two things; first, that this is a good thing for the City from their perspective, and second, that they were right in the process. Unfortunately, much of the supportive background information they heard tonight was not provided to Council as part of the packet.

President Tisdell pointed out that the City has approximately 30 different boards, commissions and committees with roughly 130 people serving on them. He mentioned that every year since he became President he has written an article for the Hills Herald at the end of the year thanking them for their service. He noted that he appreciates the effort, time and study they put in and the recommendations they bring to Council; however, anyone wanting to be in a policy making position can run for elected office. President Tisdell shared that the Strategic Planning Committee, comprised of himself, Vice President Morita and Mr. Deel recently came out with a policy on improved communications and providing direction to these boards, commissions and committees, that placing the onus on City Council. The HDC is somewhat unique in that it does not have a council member on it. He pointed out that because there are so many boards, commissions and committees, he wants it to be clear that they welcome their study, information and recommendations; however, the policy-making will come from City Council.

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

Aye 7 - Bowyer, Deel, Hetrick, Kubicina, Morita, Tisdell and Walker

2019-0212 Request for Conditional Use Approval to add a drive-through at a new 8,154 square foot outlot retail/restaurant building at Campus Corners Shopping Center, located at the southeast corner of Walton Blvd. and Livernois, zoned B-3 Shopping Center Business with an FB-3 Flexible Business Overlay, Kevin Biddison, Biddison Architecture + Design, Applicant

Attachments: [060319 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Site Plans.pdf](#)
[EIS.pdf](#)
[PC Minutes \(Draft\).pdf](#)
[Staff Report 052119.pdf](#)
[Dept Review Comments.pdf](#)
[PHN 052119.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

In attendance were **Sara Roediger**, Planning and Economic Development

Director, **Kevin Biddison**, Biddison Architecture + Design, and **Stuart Frankel**, parcel owner.

Ms. Roediger noted that the property is an outlet in front of the Kroger shopping center on Livernois across from Rochester High School, which was formerly a bank building. She stated that the applicant is looking to create a similar building that was recently developed to the south, and will include a Panera drive-through and space for a bank without a drive-through. She explained that Paneras across the country are looking for drive-throughs and looking to move out of their existing spaces and be more accessible to their clients. She stated this went to the Planning Commission at their May 21, 2019 meeting as part of their FB-3 district. The staff reviews recommend approval with minor comments that can be addressed during construction plan review, and the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and recommends conditional use approval from Council.

Vice President Morita expressed her appreciation to the applicants for appearing before Council, doing what they needed to do in order to get approved, and investing in the City.

Mayor Barnett joked that a Stuart Frankel sighting at City Hall is rare, and expressed his thanks for his work, noting that he is one of the most prolific developers in southeast Michigan who has been a longtime supporter of many things in the City.

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

Aye 7 - Bowyer, Deel, Hetrick, Kubicina, Morita, Tisdell and Walker

Enactment No: RES0170-2019

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves a Conditional Use for an outlet retail/restaurant building at Campus Corners, located at the southeast corner of Livernois and Walton Blvd., zoned B-3 Shopping Center Business with an FB-3 Flexible Business Overlay, Parcel No. 15-15-101-014, based on plans dated received by the Planning and Economic Development Department on April 23, 2019 with the following findings:

Findings

1. The proposed drive-through and other necessary site improvements meet or exceed the standards of the zoning ordinance.
2. The expanded use will promote the intent and purpose of the zoning ordinance and Master Plan.
3. The proposed drive-through has been designed and is proposed to be constructed, operated, maintained, and managed so as to be compatible, harmonious, and appropriate in appearance with the existing and planned character of the general vicinity, adjacent uses of land, and the capacity of public services and facilities affected by the use.
4. The proposal should have a positive impact on the community as a whole and the surrounding area by offering other dining experiences as well as supplying jobs.

5. The proposed development is served adequately by essential public facilities and services, such as highways, streets, police and fire protection, drainage ways, and refuse disposal.
6. The proposed development should not be detrimental, hazardous, or disturbing to existing or future neighboring land uses, persons, property, or the public welfare.
7. The proposal will not create additional requirements at public cost for public facilities and services that will be detrimental to the economic welfare of the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT for Items not on the Agenda

Ryan Smith, 1475 Dawes Avenue, expressed concern with the increased traffic in the Brooklands area this past Thursday. Oakland County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched and he and fellow residents watched car after car being pulled over. He stated that the ball was dropped on the planning of the closure, and suggested that barricades, local traffic only or additional speed limit signage be posted.

Ron Gruzowski, 2825 Longview Avenue, stated that since Auburn has been shut down the traffic on Dawes has become a raceway. He noted that it went from 1-3 cars an hour up to 200 cars passing his house. He commented that he has grandkids that live at this house and expressed concern that they would get hit by a car. He suggested 4-way stops at all intersections on Dawes to slow the traffic down until construction is completed.

Elliot Widd, a Royal Oak resident, requested that the City of Rochester Hills be the 19th city to issue a proclamation in support of National Gun Violence Awareness Day. He noted that the gun violence prevention movement is about people from all walks of life coming together to work towards ending gun violence as well honoring those lives lost to gun violence. He encouraged everyone to come out to a gun violence awareness event at the Spirit of Detroit Plaza from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. this Saturday.

Mayor Barnett presented a proclamation in support of National Gun Violence Awareness Day. He stated that the City Council's number one goal is the safety of the residents and community. He commented that he was saddened to hear about the act of violence that happened Friday in Virginia Beach. He read the proclamation in support of gun violence awareness.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion, without discussion. If any Council Member or Citizen requests discussion of an item, it will be removed from Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

2019-0239 Request for Acceptance of Pedestrian Pathway Easement granted by Stephen

J. Aulph and Beverly Anne Aulph, husband and wife, whose address is 1247 John R Road, Rochester Hills, MI and authorization of payment to landowners in the amount of \$1,863.00

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[Easement.pdf](#)
[Exhibit A.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0171-2019

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby accepts the Pedestrian Pathway Easement granted by Stephen J. Aulph and Beverly Anne Aulph, husband and wife, whose address is 1247 John R Road, Rochester Hills, Michigan 48309 for the construction, operation, maintenance, repair and/or replacement of a pedestrian pathway over, on, under and through and across land more particularly described as Parcel No. 15-24-100-011 and authorizes payment to the landowners in the amount of \$1,863.00.

Further Resolved, that the City Clerk is directed to record the easement with the Oakland County Register of Deeds.

2019-0240 Request for Acceptance of Pedestrian Pathway Easement granted by Lawrence C. Shattmaier, a single man, whose address is 1271 John R Road, Rochester Hills, MI and authorization of payment to landowner in the amount of \$1,726.00

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[Easement.pdf](#)
[Exhibit A.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0172-2019

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby accepts the Pedestrian Pathway Easement granted by Lawrence C. Shattmaier, a single man, whose address is 1271 John R Road, Rochester Hills, Michigan 48307 for the construction, operation, maintenance, repair and/or replacement of a pedestrian pathway over, on, under, through and across land more particularly described as Parcel No. 15-24-100-012 and authorizes payment to the landowner in the amount of \$1,726.00.

Further Resolved, that the City Clerk is directed to record the easement with the Oakland County Register of Deeds.

2019-0237 Request for Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Parks & Natural Resources Director to be the Agent for the City of Rochester Hills for Oakland County's West Nile Virus Fund Program

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[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0173-2019

Whereas, upon the recommendation of the Oakland County Executive, the Oakland

County Board of Commissioners has established a West Nile Virus Fund Program to assist Oakland County cities, villages, and townships in addressing mosquito control activities; and

Whereas, Oakland County's West Nile Virus Fund Program authorizes Oakland County cities, villages, and townships to apply for reimbursement of eligible expenses incurred in connection with personal mosquito protection measures/activity, mosquito habitat eradication, mosquito larviciding, or focused adult mosquito insecticide spraying in designated community green areas; and

Whereas, the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, has or will incur expenses in connection with mosquito control activities believed to be eligible for reimbursement under Oakland County's West Nile Virus Fund Program;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City Council of Rochester Hills authorizes and directs its Parks & Natural Resources Director, as agent for the City of Rochester Hills, to request reimbursement of eligible mosquito control activity under Oakland County's West Nile Virus Fund Program.

- 2019-0238** Request for Purchase Authorization - FACILITIES: Blanket Purchase Order/Contract for concrete floor application at the Department of Public Services parking garage in the amount of \$45,000.00 plus a 10% project contingency in the amount of \$4,500.00 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$49,500.00; Concrete Floor Treatment, Inc., Westland, MI

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[Proposal Tabulation.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0174-2019

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a blanket purchase order/contract for concrete floor application treatment at the Department of Public Services parking garage to Concrete Floor Treatment, Inc., Westland, Michigan in the amount of \$45,000.00 plus a 10% project contingency for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$49,500.00 and further authorizes the Mayor to execute a contract on behalf of the City.

Further Resolved, that the City's acceptance of the proposal and approval of the award of a contract shall be contingent and conditioned upon the parties' entry into and execution of a written agreement acceptable to the City.

- 2019-0245** Request for Purchase Authorization - FACILITIES: Blanket Purchase Order/Contract for building alarm and monitoring services in the amount not-to-exceed \$30,000.00 through June 30, 2020; Weber Security Group, Inc., Mt. Clemens, MI

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[Proposals Tabulation.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0175-2019

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a blanket purchase

order/contract for building alarm and monitoring services to Weber Security Group, Inc., Mt. Clemens, Michigan in the amount not-to-exceed \$30,000.00 through June 30, 2020 and further authorizes the Mayor to execute a contract on behalf of the City.

Further resolved, that the City's acceptance of the proposal and approval of the award of a contract shall be contingent and conditioned upon the parties' entry into and execution of a written agreement acceptable to the City.

2019-0256 Request for Approval of Fireworks Display Permit Application for the Festival of the Hills event to be held at Borden Park on Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Attachments: [060319 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Fire Dept Memo.pdf](#)
[Rochester Hills Site.jpg.pdf](#)
[Rochester Hills FOTC Permit Application.pdf](#)
[Rochester Hills Pyrotechnic Application.pdf](#)
[Wolverine BATFE License.pdf](#)
[Insurance Documents.pdf](#)
[Safety Data Sheets for Division 1.3G Explosive.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0176-2019

Whereas, Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. of Kawkawlin, Michigan has been selected through a competitive bid process for their safety record and the size of their show; and

Whereas, Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. has provided the necessary insurance with the City of Rochester Hills named as also insured; and

Whereas, the Rochester Hills Fire Department has no objection to the issuance of a fireworks permit provided their safety procedures are followed;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council does hereby approve a permit for Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. of Kawkawlin, Michigan to provide a fireworks display for the Festival of the Hills event at Borden Park on Wednesday, June 26, 2019.

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Bowyer, seconded by Hetrick, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Bowyer, Deel, Hetrick, Kubicina, Morita, Tisdell and Walker

LEGISLATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

*In response to public comment by Mr. Widd, **President Tisdell** stated that his family was personally touched by gun violence. He mentioned that while gun violence trends have declined since the 90's, suicides account for 60% of gun violence deaths; and the spread between homicides and suicides is growing. He pointed out that nonfatal violent firearm crime victimizations is also down, and the suicide rate is above the peak for ages 15-19 which is tremendous. He*

mentioned that firearm-related deaths for ages 15-19 has fallen in half in the last 25 years, although it does not feel like that. He pointed out that while homicides, suicides, and terrorism represent a small percentage of causes of deaths collectively, they received a disproportionate amount of media coverage. He noted that there is a correlation between gun ownership, suicide, and the perception that young people have of themselves, and expressed his appreciation for the people drawing attention to a portion of this issue.

Vice President Morita stated that she could hear the concert at Meadowbrook Theatre last night from her house, and as it is in her district, she has received many complaints from residents. She expressed thanks to the Mayor for contacting the Sheriff's Department, who had discussions with Meadowbrook Theatre. She stated that other options to deal with the noise issues will be explored. In response to public comment, she noted that everyone has been touched at one point or another by gun violence or suicide.

Dr. Bowyer concurred with President Tisdell and Vice President Morita's sentiments on the state of suicides, gun violence, and mental health issues. In response to public comments on traffic concerns, she thanked Mr. Smith and Mr. Gruzowski for bringing attention to road construction related issues. She asked Allen Schneck, Public Services Director, whether temporary speed humps could be laid out to slow down traffic.

Mr. Schneck responded that they could not.

President Tisdell responded to public comments regarding traffic, noting that unless there were some allowable exceptions that could be looked into, there are restrictions and guidelines that the City has to follow.

Mr. Schneck stated that the Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices is a guide that traffic practitioners adhere to. In response to a suggestion to place 4-way stop signs at every intersection, he commented that there is a study that is performed to ensure that the stop signs are warranted. He stated that there are other strategies and mitigations that they are looking into, such as better advanced warning signs, and commented that they asked the Road Commission for Oakland County to look at the traffic signalization to ensure that they are functioning optimally. He noted that they are exploring ideas.

Dr. Bowyer reported that she participated in the OPC 5k Run was held this weekend.

Mr. Deel stated that he has gotten to know Sailor Mayes through the Youth Council and she is very passionate about issues. He expressed his

appreciation for everything she is doing on behalf of gun violence. He stated that his grandmother was the first female police officer in the City of Sterling Heights, and he is very supportive of law enforcement doing everything they can to curb gun violence. In response to public comment regarding traffic concerns, he stated that he has been in contact with Mr. Schneck and they have a plan to mitigate this issue. He noted that Mayor Barnett has asked for additional law enforcement presence. He reminded everyone that they do not have to wait until a City Council meeting to bring something to Council's attention.

Mr. Hetrick expressed his thanks to the students who were in attendance to raise awareness of gun violence. He thanked President Tisdell for providing additional data on gun violence, and Mayor Barnett for putting together a proclamation that Council stands behind. In response to public comments pertaining to Auburn Road Corridor related traffic, he stated that he appreciates the residents comments and that they could contact any Council Member to let them know what they see. He pointed out that it will be a challenge to get through the construction phase; however, the Auburn Road Corridor project will be great once it is completed. He also thanked Allen Schneck, Public Services Director, for looking into ideas as to how the City can better manage traffic whether it is through devices or additional policing. He reported that he and other Council Members marched in the Memorial Day Parade.

Mr. Kubicina thanked President Tisdell for his comments, and expressed his appreciation to Dr. Bowyer for reaching out to a mutual friend he had been concerned about. He mentioned that he missed the Memorial Day celebration this year.

Mr. Walker reported that the Memorial Day ceremony was a moving experience. He thanked those that put the parade together.

Mayor Barnett thanked Council for their poignant comments. He noted the following:

- The Memorial Day ceremony had a great turnout. He thanked those who put together the parade.
- Last Friday he toured two concentration camps in Poland.
- He stated there were many complaints last night and this morning regarding the concert at Meadowbrooke. He noted that it was not the first concert at Meadowbrooke; however, the first three were uneventful so the speakers make have been set up differently.
- Art Van recently opened in the City and a ribbon cutting was held.
- ABC Warehouse will open on Wednesday.
- He noted that groundbreaking has occurred on Aldi.
- He reported that Paddlepalooza had a great turnout, with kayakers and canoers participating. He participated with his son.

- He reported that work continues on Innovation Hills, which is starting to come together.
- This Friday, June 7, 2019 is Wear Orange Day; a day to increase awareness of gun violence and encourage responsible gun use.
- He noted that six fellows from the City's Pathways To Public Service program and a new intern were in attendance.
- He thanked Mr. Smith for his leadership in the Brooklands, and Mr. Deel for his leadership in his district. He noted that there is a massive traffic disruption, but it is a good disruption in the sense that it will bring about a major benefit. He added that anytime there is a major traffic change it takes about a week to identify new traffic habits and patterns, and address them.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney John Staran had nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2019-0243** Request for Purchase Authorization - MIS: Request for approval of project budget for the purchase of equipment, software and professional services for a network upgrade project in the amount of \$320,092.00; IT Solutions Group, LLC., Novi, MI

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Kevin Krajewski, Information Services Director, stated that in 2015 when the current server and storage virtualization system was put in they included capacity for all of the city's systems with the exception of the JD Edwards Financial system. He explained that at that time, a decision had not yet been made as to the future upgrade or replacement of that system so to avoid unnecessary expenditures, additional capacity was not included. Recently a decision has been made to upgrade the JD Edwards system so they now need to move forward with purchasing the additional capacity. He mentioned that the existing system is designed fairly modular in nature so it will be an easy task to add the additional capacity and he expects the expansion to go off without a hitch.

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

Aye 7 - Bowyer, Deel, Hetrick, Kubicina, Morita, Tisdell and Walker

Enactment No: RES0177-2019

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a project budget for a network upgrade project that will include the purchase of equipment, software and professional services to IT Solutions Group, LLC, Novi, Michigan in the amount of \$320,092.00 and further authorizes the Mayor to execute a contract on behalf of the City.

Further Resolved, that the City's acceptance of the proposal and approval of the award of a contract shall be contingent and conditioned upon the parties' entry into and execution of a written agreement acceptable to the City.

- 2019-0241** Request for Purchase Authorization - PARKS: Increase to the blanket purchase order for rental of portable toilets in the amount of \$10,000.00 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$35,000.00 through February 28, 2020; Metro Environmental Services, Inc., Walled Lake, MI

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Ken Elwert, Parks and Natural Resources Director, and **Allen Buckmeyer**, Park Operations Manager, were in attendance.

Ken Elwert stated that this increase is due to an increased volume of visitors, as well as adding port-a-potties at Tienken Road and Innovation Hills. He explained that the City is initially paying for port-a-potties for some of the soccer tournaments and then being reimbursed for that.

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

Aye 7 - Bowyer, Deel, Hetrick, Kubicina, Morita, Tisdell and Walker

Enactment No: RES0178-2019

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes an increase to the blanket purchase order for the rental of portable toilets to Metro Environmental Services, Inc., Walled Lake, Michigan in the amount of \$10,000.00 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$35,000.00 through February 28, 2020.

- 2019-0242** Request for Purchase Authorization - FACILITIES: Increase to blanket purchase order for overhead door maintenance services in the amount of \$10,000.00 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$35,000.00 through August 31, 2019; McKernan, Inc., Roseville, MI

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Scott Cope, Building/Ordinance/Facilities Director, stated that this increase is due to an unfortunate incident which requires the repair of one of the doors at a cost of \$6,500. An increase of \$10,000 is being requested so we have a little leftover to carry us through the next couple of months.

Mr. Kubicina questioned whether anyone was hurt.

Mr. Cope responded that no one was hurt and there was very minimal damage to the vehicle.

Vice President Morita thanked staff and Chief Canto for their quick response

to inquiries relative to the incident.

A motion was made by Kubicina, seconded by Hetrick, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Bowyer, Deel, Hetrick, Kubicina, Morita, Tisdell and Walker

Enactment No: RES0179-2019

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes an increase to the blanket purchase order for overhead door maintenance services to McKernan, Inc., Roseville, Michigan in the amount of \$10,000.00 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$35,000.00 through August 31, 2019.

- 2019-0221** Request for Purchase Authorization - FACILITIES: Contract/Blanket Purchase Order for janitorial services in the amount not-to-exceed \$115,000.00 through June 30, 2020; Americlean, Inc., Chesterfield Township, MI

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[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Scott Cope, Building/Ordinance/Facilities Director, stated that this item is for janitorial services for the DPS Garage, City Hall, and Fire Station #1. He stated that the City has had several janitorial service contractors through the years but are very pleased with Americlean and the services they provide. He commented that he is happy to have them on board and recommend them for another year of service.

Mr. Kubicina concurred with Mr. Cope that the janitorial services provided are great.

A motion was made by Kubicina, seconded by Walker, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Bowyer, Deel, Hetrick, Kubicina, Morita, Tisdell and Walker

Enactment No: RES0180-2019

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a contract/blanket purchase order for janitorial services to Americlean Inc., Chesterfield Township, Michigan in the not-to-exceed amount of \$115,000.00 through June 30, 2020 and further authorizes the Mayor to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

- 2019-0258** Discussion regarding the Results of the Rochester Hills 2019 Public Opinion Survey conducted by the Public Affairs Research Laboratory - Oakland University (PARL)

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Mayor Barnett stated that he appreciates the opportunity and ability to be able to share the results of the Public Opinion Survey with not only Council but with the community as well. He stated that the public opinion survey results guides the City's plans and conversations. He noted this is the 10th survey and it is administered by Oakland University's Public Affairs Research Laboratory. He

stated that the first survey was conducted in 1991, and noted that it is done to obtain longitudinal results to see how things are changing in our community over the last 25 years. He stated that the survey is handled entirely by Oakland University, the City only receives the results. He noted the purpose of the survey is to assess resident perceptions of existing services and programs, solicit opinions, listen and improve what we do. He provided the following overview:

Overall Observations:

- Residents like living here.
- Residents feel safe.
- Parks remain a huge asset.
- We are feeling better about the condition of our streets, including roundabouts.
- Biggest concerns include traffic congestion and speed, roads and development.
- New questions were asked about diversity and public transportation.
- Top reasons for deciding to live in Rochester Hills included reputation, schools, location and environment.

He noted the following survey results:

- 97% are very satisfied or satisfied with Rochester Hills as a place to live
- 96% are very satisfied or satisfied with their interaction with City employees
- 86% are very satisfied or satisfied with their contact with elected officials

Road and Traveling In The City:

- He noted that ratings for road conditions have improved compared to 2011 and 2013. He credited this to strong support from City Council, which has allocated \$5 million a year for the past five (5) years, and a strong team executing that.
- 74% feel traffic congestion is a problem, and the Planning Commission is starting to deal with matters differently.
- The survey results showed there is support for widening major roads in the City to relieve traffic congestion; with Adams and Livernois cited most frequently.

Public Safety:

- 95-97% feel very safe or safe in their homes and in their neighborhood, with only 1% feeling unsafe in the City.

Public Transportation:

- This is the first time public transportation has been included in a survey; the results showed making public transportation available on select major roads in Rochester Hills would have a positive effect on the community. He noted that if a millage were to come forward, the majority of people in favor would support an

amount of less than \$50.

Parks:

- Respondents gave generally high marks for park quality. He noted that 67%, or seven (7) out of 10 people, have been on the Paint Creek Trail in the last year, and over half have used the Clinton River Trail. He commented that time and money invested on improving the trails will be well received in the community.
- Recommended improvements to parks, trails, or facilities included adding dog park, paved trails, trash and recycling, restrooms and water fountains, keep parks maintained.

Single Hauler Waste Program:

- He commented that 75% are very satisfied or satisfied with the single hauler waste and Recyclebank program, down from the last survey in 2013. At the time, the City was with a previous contractor; however, the number of complaints are going down.
- Recommended improvements to the solid waste or recycling programs included year round yard waste pickup, more choices for rewards, pick up Styrofoam and plastic bags, place containers back on driveway properly, more explanation of what can be recycled, battery and hazardous waste disposal, more or bigger bins, and more consistent service.

Communication:

- The City's website will be undergoing a complete update; the city is in the request for proposal and selection process.
- 67% get information about the City through the City website. Local newspapers still continue to be a source where people get their information at 53%. For the first time ever, 11% identified the electronic sign on Avon Road as the number one way they find information on the City. Council has funded for two more signs at the Fire Stations.
- Social media trailed largely due to the demographics of survey respondents; most respondents were predominantly older.

Problems Facing the City:

- Respondents said traffic congestion is the top challenge associated with the City, followed closely by residential road maintenance and construction, careless driving and speeding, and pace of development and growth. He commented that these issues will probably always top the list of concerns.
- Six (6) percent felt that the City does not welcome diversity; he stated that over the course of the last year a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee has been put together.
- About half, or 47%, of respondents say deer are a problem, which is consistent every time that question was asked since 2009.

Additional Resident Feedback:

He concluded that generally, while residents may have complaints they feel positive about their experience living here.

Next Steps:

- All City directors have reviewed and are sharing with their teams; taking action, and improvements already underway with new waste hauler agreement and changes to recycling program.
- Consider survey results as part of the budgeting process and strategic planning process.

President Tisdell stated that relative to traffic and every time there is new development, the City is a place that people want to come. He explained that people want quiet, and the status quo until it comes time to sell their house and then they want the City booming and active. He commented that it is one of those compromises that has worked out well for property values.

Discussed

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Regular Meeting - Monday, June 17, 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 9:17 p.m.

**Tina Barton, MMC, City Clerk
Rochester Hills, Michigan**