



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

1000 Rochester Hills Dr.
Rochester Hills, MI 48309
248.656.4630
www.rochesterhills.org

Legislative File No: 2020-0313

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Ryan Deel, Council Member
DATE: July 31, 2020
SUBJECT: Appointment of 2020/2021 Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC)

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 local government through active participation and the mutual exchange of ideas and experiences. The RHGYC composition includes thirteen (13) members appointed by City Council following the established application/appointed process, which will consist of (2) representatives from each City Council District and five (5) at-large representatives. In 2007, the Interview Team recommended increasing the number of appointments to 15, which is where it has remained.

This year we are very pleased to mention that we received thirty-four (34) applications that met the minimum qualifications to be considered. Of the thirty-four (34) applications received eleven (11) 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 Councilman Ryan Deel, Youth Council Representative Zoe Pizzuti and Administrative Associate II Christine Wissbrun.

Twenty-three (23) 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 fifteen students to the Youth Council again this year. The terms of office will be for one (1) year coinciding with the school calendar year beginning on September 1, 2020 and expiring on August 31, 2021.

If all fifteen students are appointed, the representation would be as follows:

- CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS
 - District 1 – Four (4) Students
 - 3 returning students
 - 1 new student
 - District 2 – Four (4) Students
 - 3 returning students
 - 1 new student
 - District 3 – Three (3) Students
 - 3 returning students
 - District 4 – Four (4) Students
 - 2 returning students
 - 2 new students

- SCHOOLS
 - Adams – 4 representatives
 - Rochester – 7 representatives
 - Stoney Creek – 1 representative
 - International Academy – 2 representatives
 - HomeSchool Connections – 1 representative

- SCHOOL GRADES 2020/2021
 - Ninth Grade – 3 students
 - Tenth Grade - 4 students
 - Eleventh Grade – 2 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 fifteen students is included in the packet.

Please note, at the August 24th Council Meeting the 2019/2020 RHGYC members will be providing their final report to City Council and the 2020/2021 RHGYC members will be sworn in.

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