



Rochester Hills Minutes

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Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee

*Jason Carlock, Jayson Graves, Greg Hooper, Walter Johnson, Jenny McCardell,
Tom Stephens and Scott Struzik*

Council Members: Dale A. Hetrick, Mark A. Tisdell

Youth Representatives: Lea Schulz and Natalie Vaglia

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Johnson called the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Michigan Time.

ROLL CALL

Present 8 - Dale Hetrick, Greg Hooper, Walter Johnson, Jenny McCardell, Scott Struzik, Tom Stephens, Jayson Graves and Mark A. Tisdell

Absent 1 - Jason Carlock

Others Present:

*Sean Canto, Fire Chief
Bill Cooke, Assistant Fire Chief
Todd Gary, Deputy Fire Chief
Joe Snyder, Chief Financial Officer*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2017-0292 Fire Department Update on Improvements and Staffing Levels

Attachments: [Supp Status Quo - Proposed - Difference.pdf](#)
[Fire Operational 2014-2017.pdf](#)
[Supp Fire Overtime Hours Trend.pdf](#)

Chairperson Johnson introduced Chief Sean Canto, Deputy Chief Todd Gary and Assistant Chief Bill Cooke from the City's Fire Department to discuss fire station improvements and staffing levels.

Chief Canto shared his memory of the Committee's discussion in 2014 about the City's Fire Department and:

- Fire millage
- Hired Nine (9) new fire fighter paramedics
- Promotional Ceremony for lieutenants
- Conversion of Paid-On-Call to part time
- Staffing levels
- Advanced Life Support staffing coverage
- Renovations to Fire Stations 1, 2, 3 and 5
- Revision of apparatus maintenance
- Five (5) new ambulances purchased in a collaborative effort with another municipality

Discussion ensued by the Committee Members and Chief Canto as to the fire equipment purchased, the technical equipment upgrades and the proactive aggressive training approach for community risk reduction.

The Committee and Chief Canto reviewed the Fire Department Operational Update Report 2014 to present (attached to this legislative file) and discussed the trends, statistics and the types of calls for service.

Chief Canto stated that the Fire Department was performing transfer services (for revenue) but because those service requests were increasing but negatively impacting the staffing numbers available for emergency services, this service is being handled solely by private ambulance services. He noted that the addition of lift units in the City's ambulances have resulted in the reduction of employee back injuries and workers' compensation costs.

The Committee then discussed the following:

- Response times and estimated number of service calls
- Revisited the number of additional personnel that would be needed to provide staffing coverage during vacation, annual leave and injured employees unable to work
- Negative impact on overtime budget
- Staffing and contract (IFF and MAFF) requirements
- Revenue from lift assists (in facilities)
- Increased assisted living facilities could result in increased revenues
- Safety and Prevention Educational Workshops
- National Fall Prevention Day
- Restrictions as to the number of hours worked
- Full time and part time employment
- Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support
- Impact of the Headlee Amendment on the City Budget
- Length of union contracts
- Required number of staff coverage at Stations 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
- Cycle of employees eligible for retirement
- Increase in applicant inquiries
- Employment structure platoon models used by other cities
- Depreciation and replacement of fire vehicles

The Committee Members discussed the importance of planning for the future by reviewing the fire budget in three (3) to five (5) year increments to maintain the current millage.

Joe Snyder, City Chief Financial Officer, commented that the City's Seven-Year Financial Forecast was presented to City Council on June 19, 2017 which gave City Council the City's outlook through 2024 to assist with the City's budget planning.

The Committee reviewed the proposal, accepted its findings and unanimously endorsed it to City Council.

2015-0259 Discussion for Funding Storm Water System Maintenance

Attachments: [Supp Executive Summary.pdf](#)
[PSI Presentation - Rochester Hills - May 24 2017.pdf](#)
[RH - Cost Table.pdf](#)
[SUPP SAG 2 Presentation - Rochester Hills.pdf](#)
[SUPP SAG 1 Presentation - Rochester Hills.pdf](#)
[SUPP 2015-1013 SAW Grant Update.pdf](#)
[Stormwater FAQ.pdf](#)
[S.E. Michigan Stormwater Discussion.pdf](#)
[Senate Bill No. 256.pdf](#)
[Ann Arbor Case Study.pdf](#)
[City of Ann Arbor Stormwater Utility Ordinance.pdf](#)
[City of Berkley Storm Water Utility.pdf](#)
[Funding Mechanisms.pdf](#)
[Jackson Case Study.pdf](#)
[St. Clair Shores Stormwater Utility Ordinance.pdf](#)

Chairperson Johnson stated that the Committee Members had received the draft summary prepared by OHM Advisors 'OHM' for review and discussion.

Discussion ensued by the Committee Members regarding:

- Stormwater utility and structure
- Rochester Community Schools
- Residential and commercial usage
- Assessment of maintenance of detention pond(s)
- Utilization of mitigation management tools - rain barrels and gardens, new paving materials
- Impervious surfaces
- Success in Berkley and Ann Arbor
- Sustainable utility district by ballot
- Millage vs. utility
- User fee
- Pending legislative bill in committee

Chairperson Johnson stated that while the Committee waits for the outcome of the pending legislative bill, the summer months would be a good time to

research what other cities are doing about storm water.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- To Be Determined.

ADJOURNMENT

*There being no further business before the Public Safety and Infrastructure
Technical Review Committee, Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:07.*

Walter Johnson, Chairperson

*Prepared by Christine A. Wissbrun
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