



Rochester Hills Minutes

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Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee

*Bill Chalmers, Jeff Duperon, Jayson Graves, Greg Hooper, Ryan Smith,
Tom Stephens and Scott Struzik*

Council Members: Dale A. Hetrick, Mark Tisdell

Youth Representatives: Noah Peterson and Sailor Mayes

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Duperon called the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Michigan Time.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Bill Chalmers, Jeff Duperon, Jayson Graves, Ryan Smith, Tom Stephens and Scott Struzik

Excused 2 - Dale Hetrick and Mark A. Tisdell

Absent 1 - Greg Hooper

Others Present:

*Noah Peterson, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Representative
Allan Schneck, Public Services Director
Joe Snyder, City's Chief Financial Officer
Tom Talbert, Strategic Innovations Specialist*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2019-0247 Approval of Meeting Minutes - May 29, 2019

Attachments: [052919 Minutes.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

A motion was made by Struzik, seconded by Smith, that this matter be Approved as Presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Duperon, Graves, Smith, Stephens and Struzik

Abstain 1 - Chalmers

Excused 2 - Hetrick and Tisdell

Absent 1 - Hooper

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee meeting held on May 29, 2019 approved as presented.

(Member Hooper arrived at 6:32 p.m.)

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Bill Chalmers, Jeff Duperon, Jayson Graves, Greg Hooper, Ryan Smith, Tom Stephens and Scott Struzik

Excused 2 - Dale Hetrick and Mark A. Tisdell

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2019-0319 Local Street Millage

Attachments: [2019-07-10 PS&I TRC Local Street Millage Renewal Memo \(1\).pdf](#)

Vice Chairperson Duperon introduced Joe Snyder, City Chief Financial Officer, to speak to the Committee about the Local Street Millage.

Mr. Snyder stated the Committee Members had been given a Memorandum (attached to this legislative file).

He discussed the following points:

- The City of Rochester Hills has three (3) separate local street millages - named Local Streets I, II and III with different inception dates but the same 2020 expiration date:

- Local Street I - approved 8/4/2010 for ten (10) years [2011-2020]- replaced an expiring debt service levy and was repurposed for local streets;

- Local Street II - approved 11/6/2012 for seven (7) years [2014-2020] - reduction in both the drain debt and General Fund levies and repurposed for local streets; and

- Local Street III - approved 8/4/14 for five (5) years [2016-2020] - replaced an expiring Green Space levy and repurposed for local streets.

Mr. Snyder reported:

- The local street millage is a large part, approximately 40% or four million of the local streets annual operating budget;

- Half of that amount is for construction and the other half funds snow plowing and preservation activities;

- General Fund and Act 51 funding provide the rest of the funding for Local Streets; and

- Local street millage monies are dedicated and restricted for Local Street

funding.

He stated that the final time all three (3) millages can be levied on the City's Winter Tax billing would be November 2019 and due by February 2020 which will provide funding for Fiscal Year 2020. He commented that in order to fund Local Street maintenance, it would be necessary to renew Local Streets I, II and III combined into a new local street millage. He stated that the design and intent of each of the millages was to have them expire at the same time and to combine them into one (1) unified local street millage. He noted that at the inception of each of the millages, there was no increase to the bottom line of the City Millage rate.

He concluded that the Committee's discussion would be to talk about making a recommendation to City Council for renewal of Local Streets I, II and III into a combined local street millage for 2021 through 2030. He stated that he had also checked with City Attorney Staran to confirm that the term "renewal" is an allowable term for proposed ballot language.

The Committee members discussed the following:

- Condition of local streets;*
- Dedicated funding for maintenance, snow plowing and reconstruction;*
- City residents' opinions of the road conditions, maintenance and snow plowing;*
- No increase in the millage rate;*
- Local street funding as a self-generated millage would have a positive impact on General Fund dependence;*
- Current level funding for road maintenance;*
- Re-milling asphalt, concrete repairs and crack sealing;*
- All City roads are plowed with the exception of private roads; and*
- City's winter maintenance policy is on the City's website.*

***Member Struzik** asked about the impact on the City's roads due to traffic congestion if the City only maintains current level funding for local roads rather than increasing the funding; he also asked about the jurisdictions of Major Roads in the City and how it is determined by Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), Road Commission for Oakland County and the City as to whose responsibility it is for road maintenance.*

***Allan Schneck**, Public Services Director, responded that in spite of the City being 'built out', the road network is growing. He discussed the differences between Major Road and Local Road funding, the maintenance and winter maintenance of each. He stated that the City's Public Service Department rates the roads as to road condition, cracks and ride quality. He described a couple of scenarios of how the hierarchy of the road agencies work together. He stated that the City had its strategic planning meeting with the Road Commission for Oakland County to prepare for the Master Thoroughfare Plan and that the public hearings are part of the Planning Commission meetings.*

***Mr. Snyder** commented that the City has an ongoing five million dollar local street rehabilitation program which is part of the City's capital improvement plan.*

The City's special assessment district is a 40-60 match and there are a couple of projects that potentially may move forward next year. Local road sustainability frees up General Fund monies for other City projects.

A motion was made by Hooper, seconded by Duperon, that the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee recommend to City Council to place on the November 2019 ballot, the renewal of Local Street Millages I, II and III into a combined new ten (10) year local street millage beginning in 2020 through 2029 to provide funding for the City Fiscal Year 2021-2030 Local Street Fund be Approved as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Chalmers, Duperon, Graves, Hooper, Smith, Stephens and Struzik

Excused 2 - Hetrick and Tisdell

Resolved, that the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee recommend to City Council to place the renewal of Local Street Millages I, II and III into a combined new ten (10) year local street millage beginning in 2020 through 2029 to provide funding for the City Fiscal Year 2021-2030 Local Street Fund on the November 2019 ballot.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Vice Chairperson Duperon gave a brief status update about the storm water system maintenance issue. He reported that City Attorney Staran is working on it and has experience in that area.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- To Be Determined

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, it was moved by Hooper and seconded by Duperon to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Jeff Duperon, Vice Chairperson

*Prepared by Christine A. Wissbrun
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