



**City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
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TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: James Rosen, Council President
DATE: June 1, 2007
SUBJECT: Police II Millage Renewal

There are two elections available for the Police II Millage renewal: the September 11th primary election, and the November 6th general election. There has been some discussion but no consensus upon which election to put the renewal. Some Members of Council prefer the September 11th election, some prefer November 6th, and at least one has suggested putting the renewal on both elections.

There are some timing and procedural issues that concern me. We will not know for sure whether we will have a City-wide Primary election until probably Monday, June 25, which is two days before the last regular Council meeting to approve the ballot language.

There is a further complication if we place the ballot on the September primary and it fails to pass. The deadline for placing and certifying ballot language for the November election will have already passed. One "solution" would appear to be to place the ballot language on both elections, and remove the proposal in November if it passes in September. While appealing, withdrawing ballot language is not covered under State election law. A second problem with doing both is that it looks like we don't know what we're doing. It also looks like we are counting on failure in September.

I believe the simple answer is to place the Police II mileage renewal on the November election and be done with it. We can schedule the vote for early August and use the intervening time to raise awareness with talk about how we all support the mileage renewal, etc. We can also use the time to get started with a Police mileage / staffing / funding technical committee.

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