



Rochester Hills

Agenda Report

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1 City Council Regular Meeting 01/24/2007 Discussed

Notes: *President Rosen explained that the Council needed to come to a consensus about resolving the police and local roads funding issues. He questioned whether Council members wanted to pursue the creation of technical review committees and, if so, what would be their charge and membership.*

Council Consensus was that these were problems that needed immediate attention and there was little time to establish the proposed committees. Rather, it was determined that Council should address both issues as a whole.

Mr. Hooper described a presentation he wanted to make to Council at a Work Session that would consist of all of the pertinent information associated with the policing issue and suggested a possible solution that would also take into account local roads.

Ms. Holder spoke in support of Mr. Hooper's presentation and noted that any request for additional millage dollars would likely fail.

Mr. Yalamanchi expressed support for Mr. Hooper's presentation but noted that he was not in support of Mr. Hooper's proposed solution, noting his desire to see the dedicated millage system changed and that the Council pursue a Charter Amendment that would allow combining Police and Fire Department funding into one Public Safety Fund.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Lee Zendel, 1575 Dutton Road, noted that Council should agree to pursue renewal of Police Millage II to address the immediate problem of police funding and encouraged Council to consider Mr. Hooper's presentation, which he described as "excellent." He stressed that both issues, police and local roads, should be approached by the Council as a whole.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

President Rosen expressed his opinion that millage requests should only appear on November ballots to afford the greatest voter turn out and, thus, fairness. He cautioned that pursuing a simple Police Millage II renewal was risky, noting there is no alternative plan if it should fail to pass. He stressed the need for more discussion of the overall problems of police funding. He assured Council that he would schedule Mr. Hooper's presentation and the subsequent discussion for the first Work Session in February. He then noted that Council would not establish separate technical committees for the police and local roads issues.

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Creation of the Police Funding & Millage Technical Review Committee

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Whereas, the Rochester Hills City Council has decided to create Technical Review Committees in lieu of City Council Communication Committees to better address pending issues on a more focused and limited scope approach to ensure that all issues are addressed in an appropriate manner,