



**City of Rochester Hills  
AGENDA SUMMARY  
FINANCIAL ITEMS**

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**Legislative File No:** 2007-0317; 2007-0504; 2007-0505

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members  
**FROM:** Michael Hartner, Director, Parks & Forestry Department (841.2552)  
**DATE:** August 17, 2007  
**SUBJECT:** Green Space Property Acquisitions

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**REQUEST:**

City Council authorization to accept the Agreements to Purchase for the following properties: East Childress (Parcel Identification No. 15-15-426-023) totaling 1.90 acres, West Childress (Parcel Identification No. 15-15-426-022) totaling 3.412 acres, and Mead (Property Identification No. 15-01-100-009) totaling 35.24 acres.

**REASON FOR PURCHASE:**

The Green Space and Natural Features Millage was approved in 2005. The Green Space Advisory Board (GSAB) was established by the Rochester Hills City Council for the purpose of developing strategies and making recommendation to City Council regarding the expenditure of Open Space Millage funds for permanently preserving natural green spaces, wildlife habitats and scenic views; protecting woodlands, wetlands, rivers and streams, and expanding the Clinton River Greenway and other trail corridors. The GSAB developed criteria for open space acquisition, identified a number of property parcels meeting that criteria, and contacted property owners of these parcels to see if they would be willing to nominate their properties for possible purchase. Four of the nominated properties were recommended by the GSAB for possible acquisition.

In May 2007, City Council authorized the City Administration to create an acquisition team and to begin the acquisition process with the property owners for these four nominated properties.

Agreements of Purchase have been successfully negotiated for the following properties: East Childress (Parcel Identification No. 15-15-426-023) totaling 1.90 acres, West Childress (Parcel Identification No. 15-15-426-022) totaling 3.412 acres, and Mead (Property Identification No. 15-01-100-009) totaling 35.24 acres based on the Summary Appraisal Report by R. S. Thomas and Associates, Inc.

**PROCESS:**

**Vendor Name and Address:**

Carl R. Smitha & Kristina M. Smitha  
403 W. Sam Houston Pkwy. N.  
Houston, Texas 77024

Michael R. Smitha and Vickie L. Smitha  
208 Cloverport Ave.  
Rochester Hills, Michigan 48207

Stoney Brook Meadows, LLC  
 c/o Damian Kassab  
 38880 Garfield  
 Clinton Twp., Michigan 48038

**Reason for Selection:**

This property meets the criteria of the Green Space Advisory Board selection process for open space preservation.

**Method of Purchase:**

Monies have been placed into the Green Space and Natural Features Fund from a millage approved in 2005 to fund the purchase of open space properties. Direct payment for this land purchase will come from this fund.

**BUDGET:**

Monies have been accrued from a millage approved in 2005 for the purchase of open space properties. The dollar amount that City Council will be approving in the Closed Session will be brought forward to them in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Amendment.

| <b>Fund Name</b>                    | <b>Department Account No</b> | <b>Account No. Description</b> | <b>Budget Amount</b> | <b>Cost</b> | <b>Remaining Budget</b> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Green Space & Natural Features Fund | 299.971000                   | Land                           | 1,039,690            |             |                         |
|                                     |                              |                                |                      |             |                         |
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

We are now recommending City Council’s approval of these Agreements to Purchase and the authorization to proceed with the purchase of these three properties, execute the necessary documents, and pay all appropriate costs and fees associated.

**RESOLUTION**

**NEXT AGENDA ITEM**

**RETURN TO AGENDA**

| <b>APPROVALS:</b>   | <b>SIGNATURE</b> | <b>DATE</b> |
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| Department Review   |                  |             |
| Department Director |                  |             |

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| <b>Budget Content:<br/>Finance Director</b>              |  |  |
| <b>Purchasing Process:<br/>Supervisor of Procurement</b> |  |  |
| <b>Mayor</b>   |  |  |
| <b>City Council Liaison</b>                              |  |  |

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