



Rochester Hills Minutes Public Safety Committee

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Monday, April 12, 2004

7:30 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

Rescheduled April 5, 2004 Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Duistermars called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jim Duistermars, Linda Raschke, Louis Eble and Gregory Formanczyk

Absent: Gerald Robbins

Committee Member Robbins provided previous notice he would be unable to attend due to his membership on the ZBA Committee which is also meeting tonight, April 12, 2004 and asked to be excused .

Non-Voting Members Present: Robert Smith, Greg Walterhouse, Victoria Gates and Andrew Roscoe

Non-Voting Members Absent: None

Others Present: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None were presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

None were presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2004-0032

False Alarm Program

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; 020204 False Alarm info.pdf; PS Minutes Reg 020204.pdf; 2004-0032 Master Report.pdf; 040204 Smith Capt R.pdf

The Committee discussed the presentation by Deputy Clark at the City Council Work Session on March 31, 2004 with the following comments:

** Deputy Clark gave a nice presentation under the circumstances of the controversy of the NET Program .*

** The False Alarm Program would be "revenue positive" and offset some revenue-sharing issues that began in 2003 relative to the OCSD.*

* *The City Council would like the Public Safety Committee to continue to study the False Alarm Program because it is an innovative way to generate revenue.*

* *The Committee consensus was for Chairperson Duistermars to communicate to Mayor Somerville that the current study is at the planning phase only; not at the hiring phase.*

The Committee recessed from 8:04 PM to 8:06 PM.

A motion was made by Raschke, seconded by Eble, that this matter be Approved.

Resolved, that in response to Capt. Smith's memo dated April 1, 2004, the Public Safety Committee still believes that the False Alarm Program is an important program and will continue to do the planning phase of the Program on behalf of the City because this budgetary item does not fully impact the budget at this time.

Be it further resolved, that if the budget situation is not improved when the Committee has completed its study, the False Alarm Program will be put on hold until such time that the Program can be properly implemented when the budget comes into a more sound position.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Jim Duistermars, Linda Raschke, Louis Eble and Gregory Formanczyk

Absent: Gerald Robbins

2004-0153

Presentation regarding Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET) Program

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; PS Minutes Reg 011204.pdf; 2004-0153 Master Report.pdf

The Committee discussed the controversy at the City Council Work Session of March 31, 2004 regarding Mayor Somerville asking OCS Lt. Quisenberry not to make a presentation regarding the NET Program which included the following comments:

* *It was unfortunate that Lt. Quisenberry was not allowed to make the presentation because the general public needs to understand what is going on in the community.*

* *Mayor Somerville has asked Capt. Smith not to request any new positions for the 2005 Budget due to the financial situation that the City faces.*

* *The Committee is doing its duty by bringing forward valuable information to City Council for consideration.*

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Robbins entered at 8:27 PM.

Present: Jim Duistermars, Linda Raschke, Gerald Robbins, Louis Eble and Gregory Formanczyk

2004-0373

Local Medical Control Board - Resolution of Support

Chief Walterhouse explained a protocol from the Oakland County Medical Control Board (OCMCB) that requires two (2) paramedics on the scene of all Advanced Life Support (ALS) calls with the following comments:

* *Oakland County is one of two counties in the State of Michigan that have this*

requirement, which causes a hardship to Rochester Hills due to having only six (6) paramedics when fully staffed.

* If OCMCB approves the request, it would allow Rochester Hills to continue to run three (3) medical units on days where only five (5) paramedics are on staff. The "odd man out" paramedic would be assigned to "Charlie calls" which are defined as being just above a Basic Life Support (BLS) call.

* The Emergency Medical Dispatch determines the classification of a call by using a series of questions. Calls are coded with the following:

- Alpha = non-emergency call
- Bravo = Basic Life Support call
- Charlie = diabetic or analphalatic shock but not life threatening
- Delta = life threatening in which two (2) paramedics would be assigned

* OCMCB made an arbitrary decision based on population, not patient outcome, that the townships north of Rochester Hills can operate with one paramedic on ALS calls.

* The Fire Chiefs for Rochester Hills and Auburn Hills will be meeting with OCMCB to request the authority to operate with one (1) paramedic on ALS calls based on their discretion relative to staffing and call classifications.

* Auburn Hills will also present a study to OCMCB of the San Francisco Fire Department that noted no adverse impact on patient outcomes with one (1) paramedic versus two (2) paramedics responding to ALS calls.

* The State of Michigan funnels everything through the OCMCB.

* The current budget for the Fire Department does not provide a long term fix to hire more paramedics.

* Chief Walterhouse requested a "Resolution of Support" from the Committee to include with the request that he will take to the OCMCB.

Committee recessed from 8:37 PM to 8:43 PM

A motion was made by Robbins, seconded by Raschke, that this matter be Approved.

Whereas, the State of Michigan requires the Local Medical Control Board approval prior to allowing changes in ambulance staffing and,

Whereas, the Rochester Hills Fire Chief is requesting approval of the Local Medical Control Board to allow the City of Rochester Hills Fire Department to respond to low priority medical calls with a single Paramedic in the ambulance, and

Whereas, two (2) Emergency Medical Technicians will still respond to these calls in addition to the single Paramedic, and

Whereas, this change in ambulance staffing will allow the City to provide more effective service to the residents of the City, and

Whereas, there are currently nine (9) other communities within North Oakland County that are currently allowed to respond with a single Paramedic,

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the City of Rochester Hills Public Safety Committee supports and approves of the actions of the Fire Chief in pursuing this approval.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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Aye: Jim Duistermars, Linda Raschke, Gerald Robbins, Louis Eble and Gregory Formanczyk

Name Change to the Public Safety Building at 1111 Horizon Ct.

The Committee discussed renaming the Public Safety Building to be called the "Fire Department Headquarters". However, Chief Walterhouse explained that the Fire Department performs many other duties, such as, emergency medical, emergency rescue, and various other "public safety" services. The consensus was to keep the name "Public Safety Building".

Bike Path and Street Stop Signs

Ms. Raschke reported that the Advisory Traffic and Safety Board (ATSB) has not met since the Public Safety Committee discussed this topic at their March 15, 2004 meeting. But she will bring it forward at the next ATSB meeting.

2004-0372

OCSD Contract Negotiations - Request to Administration

The Committee discussed requesting an opinion from the City Attorney as to who within the City has the appropriate authority to negotiate the OCSD contract.

The Committee recessed at 8:49 PM to 8:50 PM.

A motion was made by Robbins, seconded by Raschke, that this matter be Approved and Referred to City Council Liaison.

Resolved that the Public Safety Committee requests that the City Attorney provide an opinion of who has currenty authority to negotiate the OCSD Contract and if the City Council has the authority to be a part of the negotiations with the contract to be reviewed by the Public Safety Committee.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Jim Duistermars, Linda Raschke, Gerald Robbins, Louis Eble and Gregory Formanczyk

NEXT MEETING DATE

May 3, 2004 - 7:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Duistermars adjourned the meeting at 8:54 PM.

Minutes prepared by Denise Mertz.

Note:

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