



# Rochester Hills Minutes

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## Administration and Information Services Committee

*John L. Dalton, Bob Grace, Katie Hauswirth, Melinda Hill, Barbara Holder, Bev Jasinski,  
Andrew Kenzie, Pam Lee, Gerard Verschueren*

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

8:00 AM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

### CALL TO ORDER

*Chairperson Hill called the Administration and Information Services Committee meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.*

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** Melinda Hill, Barbara Holder, Stephen Kirksey and Gerard Verschueren

**Absent:** John Dalton

*Non-Voting Members Present: Bob Grace, Bev Jasinski, Pam Lee, Katie Hauswirth  
Non-Voting Members Absent: Andrew Kenzie*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*March 2, 2004 Meeting Minutes originally approved at May 4, 2004 Meeting*

### COMMUNICATIONS

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*Committee members discussed General Wage Adjustment Information*

*\* Pam Lee, Human Resources Director, wage adjustments comparison for the following:*

- \* AFSCME 2491*
- \* AFSCME 1917*
- \* IAFF 3472*
- \* Directors*
- \* Non-Union*

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**2004-0434**

Elimination of the Primary Election

**Attachments:** Minutes Excerpt Draft 050404.pdf

*Committee members discussed elimination of primary election process.*

*\* Bev Jasinski, City Clerk, provided the following information:*

*\* Cities throughout the State have been eliminating their primary election due to monetary constraint.*

*\* Turnout in Rochester Hills Primary Elections under 15 percent of voting public.*

- \* *Farmington Hills and Troy have eliminated their primary elections.*
- \* *Section 9.9 Primary Election of the City Charter reads as follows:*
- \* *City primary election shall be held on the Tuesday after the second Monday in September of each odd-numbered year.*
- \* *If there are not more than twice the number of candidates for each office to be filled as there are persons to be elected, the primary election shall not be held, and those persons filing valid petitions shall be declared the nominees.*
- \* *Rochester Hills became a City in 1984.*
- \* *Rochester Hills has had seven (7) primary elections out of nine (9)*
- \* *Rochester Hills had two (2) general elections without a primary.*
- \* *The percentage of registered voters who voted in the primary elections are:*
  - \* *1995 - 18.2 percent*
  - \* *1997 - 10.8 percent*
  - \* *1999 - 17.11 percent*
  - \* *2001 - No primary*
  - \* *2003 - 13.85 percent*
- \* *The victor of primary election traditionally becomes victor in general election.*
- \* *The cost of a primary election is \$30,000 minimum.*
- \* *Ms. Jasinski's recommended the following course of action:*
  - \* *Request City Attorney to draft appropriate language to change charter.*
  - \* *Forward attorney's draft to Governor for approval prior to placement on the ballot.*
  - \* *She noted deadline for ballot wording is August 24, 2004.*

*Discussion commenced amongst Committee Members including the following:*

- \* *Primary Election plays an important function in the Election process.*
- \* *Elimination of Primary would reduce information provided to the public on the candidates.*
- \* *If the ballot question is placed on a regularly scheduled election, there is no cost for putting anything additional on the ballot.*
- \* *The Committee requested Ms. Jasinski obtain feedback from other municipal City Clerks regarding comments from their respective constituents.*

**Discussed**

~~2004-0449~~

Discuss General Wage Adjustment Information

Attachments: Wage Adjustments.pdf

*Discussion commenced regarding the contents of the adopted resolution from the May 4, 2004 meeting.*

*\*Consensus of the Committee was to have the Clerk's Office e-mail final AIS resolutions*