



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

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Legislative File No: 2008-0267

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Greg Hooper, City Council President
DATE: September 10, 2008
SUBJECT: Proposed Deer Management Implementation Plan

City Council, at their meeting of July 21, 2008, discussed the various options of managing the deer population in Rochester Hills. At the conclusion of this discussion, Council requested the Administration draft individual implementation plans for the following six items discussed:

1. Enact a citywide wildlife feeding ban ordinance to eliminate feeding stations for deer. This could deter deer from grazing on neighborhood vegetation on their way to these feeding stations and reduce the supplemental food supply that encourages population increases.
2. Provide an increased educational component on fencing options and repellants for homeowners to help them protect their property from deer damage. This could include packets of information, website information, programs at the Environmental Educational Center (EEC) or at homeowner association meetings, newspaper articles, etc.
3. Make improvements to the city's signage warning motorists of deer crossing areas that could potentially reduce deer-vehicle collisions.
4. Impose a three-year moratorium beginning October 1, 2008, on our bow-hunting ordinance and follow the MDNR guidelines for private property only. This could be used on a trial basis to determine its effectiveness. No hunting would be allowed on city property.
5. Continue to conduct a yearly flyover to count the deer population and evaluate the effectiveness of the programs.
6. Continue to monitor the deer-vehicle collisions in our community by using data from SEMCOG.

The Administration supplied City Council with a Proposed Deer Management Implementation Plan on September 3, 2008. On September 8th, Mayor Barnett provided Council with a proposal that he had been working on with Sheriff Bouchard. At their next Regular Meeting scheduled for Monday, September 15, 2008, Council should be prepared to discuss these options in more detail.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
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