



Rochester Hills Minutes

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Financial Services/Community Development & Viability Joint Committee

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Donald Atkinson, Bryan Barnett, David Byrne, John Dalton, Kurt Dawson, Melinda Hill, Julie Jenuwine, Jillian Rataj, Lee Zendel

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & VIABILITY COMMITTEE:

Ed Anzek, Bryan Barnett, Scott Cope, Frank Cosenza, Barbara Holder, Jim Duistermars, Michael Kaszubski, Erin Mozer, Roger Rouse, Katie Talbert, Mark Witte

Thursday, November 18, 2004

5:30 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

DRAFT

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Bryan Barnett called the Joint CDV/Financial Services Committee meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Bryan Barnett, John Dalton, Melinda Hill, Frank Cosenza and Michael Kaszubski

Absent: Jim Duistermars, Barbara Holder, Donald Atkinson and Lee Zendel

CDV Non-Voting Members Present: Ed Anzek, Roger Rouse, Katie Talbert and Mark Witte

CDV Non-Voting Members Absent: Scott Cope, Erin Mozer

FS Non-Voting Members Present: Kurt Dawson, Julie Jenuwine, David Byrne and Jillian Rataj

FS Non-Voting Members Absent:

Committee Member Jim Duistermars, Barb Holder and Lee Zendel provided previous notice they would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2004-1036

Joint Community Development & Viability/Financial Services Meeting -
August 19, 2004

Attachments: 081904 Joint CDVFS Draft Minutes.pdf; 081904 Minutes Resolution.pdf

Joint CDV/Financial Services Committee August 19, 2004, Minutes were approved as presented at the November 18, 2004 Joint Community Development & Viability/Financial Services Committee Meeting.

A motion was made by Dalton, seconded by Hill, that this matter be Approved.

Resolved that the Joint Community Development & Viability/Financial Services

Committee hereby approves the Minutes of the Joint Meeting of August 19, 2004, as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Barnett, Dalton, Hill, Cosenza and Kaszubski

Absent: Duistermars, Holder, Atkinson and Zendel

COMMUNICATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2004-0469

Residential Street Funding Millage Initiative

Attachments: 081804 Agenda Summary.pdf; Local Street Millage Ballot Language.pdf; 071404 Agenda Summary.pdf; RR Public Education Initiative Outline & sample timeline 052704.pdf; 3.2 Mills - 10 yr w/o MRF transfer.pdf; 3.08 Mills - 10 yr w/o MRF transfer.pdf; Residenti

Ed Anzek, Director of Planning, presented voter analysis/research data pertaining to the rejected Residential Street Millage. Analysis developed as a tool the City can utilize as it moves forward with Residential Street Millage.

* Discussed voting patterns throughout the City.

* Residential Street Millage was defeated two (2) to one (1) margin (66 percent to 33 percent).

* Committee member believes probably (1/2) one-half of 66 percent were not well informed enough and voted against Millage.

* Data provided from Clerk's Office identified registered voters, voter turn-out and percentage turn-out.

* Percentage turn-out does not include absentee ballots - only poll voters.

* Total registered voter turn-out was 81 percent.

* Much stronger pattern of rejection in the Southern (1/3) one-third of community.

* Brooklands Subdivision area

* Paid for their roads eight (8) years ago.

* Data identified what neighborhoods were in Southern community.

* Data identified what previous street improvements and reconstructions were done in what neighborhoods.

* Precinct 23, Shawdow Woods was the only precinct in support of the Residential Street Millage.

* Cumberland Hills subdivision is in dire straits of road repair.

* Cumberland Hills did not support Residential Street Millage with a 55 percent margin not supporting.

* *It was noted that Absentee voters were in favor of eliminating the Primary Election which indicates to Mr. Anzek's that Absentee voters study the issues harder and are more informed voters.*

* *Resident expressed interest to become involved with strategic planning/discussion of Millage.*

* *Paul Franklin, President of Cumberland Hills, also committed to helping with strategic planning of Millage.*

* *Mr. Franklin organized electronic mailing list of Homeowner Association Presidents to communicate on City wide issues.*

Chairperson Bryan Barnett expressed his appreciation of staff effort.

Discussion amongst Committee Members included:

* *The Residential Street Millage is a priority.*

* *Continue to talk about the Community need.*

* *Report is clear and easy to read and understand.*

* *School Election is in May*

* *Possibility of placing Residential Street Millage with School Election.*

* *School Election presents a different voter base.*

* *Determine Cost Sharing with the Schools.*

* *Agreed that continued meetings with subdivisions and schools throughout the winter months is vital to successful planning.*

* *Suggested obtain one (1) resident per precinct to help support and help campaign for the Millage.*

* *The 25 miles of gravel roads will see a reduction in sodium chloride and plowing.*

* *Consider residents who maintain private roads when campaigning.*

* *Would like to present to Council a group of people that are committed to the success of Millage for May election.*

Mr. Anzek was informed by City Clerk that the Residential Street Millage can be put on

NEW BUSINESS

2004-0040

DPS Facility

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; Mlnutes, Work Session 20040128 .pdf; 0040 Master Report.pdf

Roger Rousse, DPS Director, distributed information, indicating the cover sheet is the Craine's List of Foundations that are possible opportunities for grants for the DPS Garage. He reviewed three categories of grants as follows:

1. *Department of Commerce Grants*

- *Are for Public Works Projects*
- *Are intended to stimulate economic activity*
- *Are targeted for areas that are depressed economically and/or have suffered some type of reduction in availability of jobs in the area*
- *Will required a lot of background information and demographic information from the community to demonstrate the City's need*

2. *Appropriation Projects*

- *Was successful for Tienken Road Corridor Project*
- *See if the City can get Congressmen and/or Senators to lobby support for this project and see if the City can get them to appropriate the money in some future bill or some other project that is coming down the road.*

3. *Kresge Foundation*

- *Challenge Grants*
- *Matching Grants*
- *Smaller proportion than the other two options*

Mr. Rouse reviewed ways to enhance the Grant Funds and applications:

- *Use of new technologies such as SCATS System for monitoring traffic control and SCADA System for monitoring the City's pump station activities.*
- *Green Roof - Foundation that certifies buildings as environmentally sensitive.*

Mr. Rouse stated that the likelihood of success depends on

- *How the City lobbies*
- *How the City creates the explanation for its need*
- *The description of the building*
- *What technological and/or environmental enhancements it would have for the community*

Mr. Rouse noted that the City could get as much as \$1.5 to \$1.8 million from economic development, \$3 to \$5 million from appropriations and hopefully the balance from the Kresge Foundation.

The Committee discussed the following issues:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS::

** Eligible profits must fulfill a pressing need of the area and must improve the opportunities for success in the establishment or expansion of industrial or commercial plant/facilities.*

** Assist in the creation of additional long-term employee opportunities that benefit the unemployed and under-employed residents in an area of low-income families.*

KRESGE FOUNDATION:

** Is known for making grants for Capital Projects.*

** The foundation believes that Challenge Grants used towards an organizational capital project does more than build it.*

** It presents an opportunity to build industry by helping an organization draw its base and support from the private sector and by encouraging volunteer involvement in the fundraising efforts and beyond.*

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

** The DPS facility does not meet the criteria as outlined.*

** Referencing the Kresge Grant, it was noted that the City will have to tell them how much money the City will solicit.*

** It may be perceived that if the City submits the grant applications, it has a good chance of receiving them.*

** The biggest disadvantage is that the City of Rochester Hills is a rather affluent community.*

** Concern was expressed with perceiving that the funding problem can be resolved with grants and then the City does not receive the grants.*

** Rule of success in obtaining grants is the lobbying effort that occurs after the application has been filed.*

** If the City is not successful first time around, the City may find why it failed and use what it learned to enhance the application for the next opportunity.*

** Security enhancements and regional fueling depot that is being proposed for the new DPS Facility will enhance the opportunities for grants.*

Committee requested the Administration provide the Council with some sort of framework as to estimated costs for the application process.

Committed discussed that the grants, if obtained, would not cover the entire cost and discussions need to occur in 2005 as to alternative funding strategies for the project.

YOUTH COMMENTS

No Comments

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Committee members discussed Snow Plowing on Subdivision Streets 2004-2005.

The following Policy was approved by Mayor Somerville.

** Funding for subdivision street snow plowing has been reduced. This means that the expectations of some residents exceed the City's ability to provide those services.*

** Subdivision streets will be plowed during regular work hours Monday through Friday 7:00 am to 3:30 pm. No subdivision plowing on overtime or holidays.*

ALL EMERGENCY SITUATIONS (POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE, LIFE THREATENING) WILL BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY. Every effort will be made to make the streets accessible for emergency equipment.

- * *The Sheriffs Department may advise of road conditions. Public Services employees will direct snow and ice operations.*
- * *Following a major snow storm (six or more inches of snow in less than 24 hours) subdivision streets may not be plowed for several days.*
- * *The City of Rochester Hills does not plow subdivision streets unless four or more inches of snow have fallen. Blowing winds and drifting snow may affect the ability of drivers to keep streets passable.*
- * *After a major snowstorm, it may take five days to get into all the subdivisions. If we have several heavy snowfalls in rapid succession, it could take more than five days.*
- * *The volume of traffic prioritizes subdivision streets. Higher volume streets receive priority over lower volume streets.*
- * *Salt barrels are available upon request.*
- * *Residents are urged to drive according to road conditions. Winter driving requires slower speeds and more time to get around the City.*

Committee members continued discussion regarding Snow plowing.

- * *The real reduction in service is going to happen in the local routes.*
- * *The City will respond to emergency calls with minimum requirement.*
- * *The City has reduced staff truck drivers from thirteen (13) to six (6).*
- * *Seven employees have been transferred to Sewer and Water and are technically unavailable for snow plowing.*
- * *Employees will plow the 36 miles of major roads first as follows:*
 - * *Employees begin plowing major roads at 5:00 a.m.*
 - * *Approximately four (4) to six (6) employees, depending on severity of the storm.*
 - * *Includes one (1) Foreman.*
 - * *When major roads are completed, local route plowing begins.*
 - * *Employees will plow local roads through the remaining hours of the day.*
 - * *Employees stop plowing local roads at 3:30 p.m.*
 - * *A one (1) mile road requires 300 - 1000 lbs. of salt.*
 - * *Salt costs \$30 per ton.*
 - * *Total cost \$50,000 per 16 hour day (includes Employees/Foreman).*
- * *Melinda Hill inquired about posting policy to Web and Channel 55.*
- * *Mr. Anzek mentioned pre-recorded message to be played during severe weather emergencies.*
 - * *Site the Policy.*
 - * *Site the reasons why.*

Grading and gravel for road shoulders and sub-base.

340 tons of 22X
1040 tons of 5G

Winter maintenance:

140 tons of chloride sand
1530 tons of salt
14,500 lbs crack sealing

* Question and answer list created for residents concerns.

Committee members discussed residents hiring own private contractor to plow private roads.

* Resident inquired how to hire a private snow plow contractor.

* Private contractor must be bonded and insured.

* Private contractor is required to obtain a permit.

* City requires notification of hired contractor.

Discussed on-going winter maintenance issues.

* Replacement of 29,446 square feet of concrete to be reduced one-half.

* Ditching - completed 3000 foot of ditching.

* Street sweeping and catch basin cleaning transferred over to drains and program will continue.

* A large scale reduction in traffic budget which includes, street signs and street striping.

Ms. Julie Jenuwine, Finance Director, asked the Committee for clarification on reduction in winter maintenance budget.

* She explained that the reduction in the 2005 winter maintenance budget was minimal fifteen (15) percent.

* She further clarified winter maintenance budget includes wages, material and rental equipment.

* Ms. Jenuwine is concerned with the terminology "not funded" because technically the money is in the budget.

* Ms. Jenuwine stated fund balance at approximately \$1 million.

* Committee members expressed a need for the City to be conservative with the

NEXT MEETING DATE

To be determined

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Bryan Barnett adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Sue Busam.

Minutes for November 18, 2004, Joint Community Development & Viability/Financial Services Committee were approved as presented at the February 17, 2005, Regular Financial Services Committee Meeting and the February 24, 2005 Regular Community Development & Viability Committee Meeting.