

City of Rochester Hills AGENDA SUMMARY NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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SUBJECT: Youth Representatives

One of City Council's goals in the 2005 Budget is to "Continue Youth Representatives on City Council Committees". As we review the goals and objectives of Council for 2006, it is a good opportunity to review the Youth Program and see how the program can be enhanced or changed to better meet the needs of our Youth Representatives, as well as Council and the citizens of the City.

Vice President Holder, City Staff and myself had met with the Cindy Stewart, Community Affairs Director and Laura Fitzpatrick Assistant to the City Manager, both of the City of Troy to discuss Troy's Youth Council program. In addition to the City of Troy, City Staff has researched other youth programs including Grand Rapids, Michigan, Farmington Hills, Michigan, and Hampton, Virginia.

Ms. Holder and I met with Bev, Susan and Margaret last week to review the materials and discuss possible changes to the current program and how these changes can better meet the vision Council has for involving youth in local government. As a result of our research and meeting, I would like to review the proposed changes to the current program as outlined in the packet.

As always, if you have concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me.

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