

Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, Wednesday, August 06, 1986

REGULAR ROCHESTER HILLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING, held at the Rochester Hills Municipal Offices, 1000 Rochester Hills Drive, Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan 48063.

The Meeting was called to order by Council President George Karas at 7:30 p.m., Michigan Time.

ROLL CALL - Present: President Karas, Councilmen Carvey, Nowicki,
Snell, Trimble, Tull
Absent: Jolly
Quorum Present.

Others Present: Billie M. Ireland, Mayor
John Staran, Legal Counsel
Doris J. Keylon, Assistant to the Mayor
Keith Sawdon, Finance Director

Citizen Comments:

Carol Glass, President of the Rochester Hills Inter-Association Council, 805 Longford, presented to Council petitions containing more than 4,100 signatures of Rochester Hills residents who (a) oppose widening to five lanes Adams, Crooks, Old Perch, John R, Livernois, Avon and other major roads; (b) request the Rochester Hills City Council to adopt a resolution "in opposition to the five lane highway design proposed by the Oakland County Road Commission and in favor of a three lane, four lane, or four lane boulevard design which preserves the wooded, hilly nature of Rochester Hills and protects the residential nature of our community"; (c) request Environmental Impact Statements be included in any road expansion projects and that citizen input is reflected in such projects; and (d) request City Council to send copies of its resolution to local, state, federal and university representatives involved in road expansion projects and to Oakland Technology Park developers.

Mrs. Glass read a letter addressed to Council President Karas, which includes the petition language and addresses additional concerns of the Inter-Association Council with regard to construction and traffic at the Oakland Technology Park in the City of Auburn Hills.

It is recorded, the following citizens addressed Council in support of the Inter-Association petitions:

Mike Hrabonz, 3014 Baypoint, Rochester Hills
Scott Beaton, 655 Bolinger, Rochester Hills
Eileen Dettman, 2950 Heidelberg Drive, Rochester Hills
Ken Hooper, 567 Lesperance, Rochester Hills

Mr. Tull said he concurs that it is important the City become more actively involved in the review of projects proposed to be undertaken within Rochester Hills. Mr. Tull said he believes it would be appropriate for the City Council to pass a resolution requesting the Oakland County Road Commission to attend a City Council meeting and discuss any existing designs for road expansion. Mr. Tull stated it would be beneficial for the City to have input into County plans for roads within our boundaries.

Mr. Karas concurred that he would like to hear a presentation by the County Road Commission regarding plans for work within the City. Mr. Karas said he is unaware of any major road construction within City boundaries by the County other than the minor adjustment at Adams and M-59. Upon learning from Mayor Ireland that the City does not yet have a set of plans for the Adams/M-59 project, Mr. Karas suggested it might be appropriate to ask the County Road Commission to send a

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representative to present those documents to City Council prior to the bidding procedure.

Mr. Snell said most members of the City Council share citizens' concerns about the effects of the road plans and the impact of the Oakland Technology Park on the City of Rochester Hills. Mr. Snell informed the citizens present that none of the Council members favors urbanizing Rochester Hills with five-lane superhighways. Mr. Snell said Council is concerned about the quality of life for the residents and the ability of people to live and work comfortably in this City. Mr. Snell pledged to work toward these goals.

Presentation of the Mayor's Budget for Fiscal Year 1987 (copies of Mayor's 1987 Budget Plan and memorandum dated August 06, 1986 were provided to each Council Member).

As required by City Charter, Mayor Ireland presented the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning January 01, 1987 and ending December 31, 1987. The Mayor specifically addressed the following areas of concern:

Roads - The proposed budget provides \$2.8 million for roads; however, the budget does not take into account the additional funding approved on August 05, 1986 by the voters. Yesterday's approval of the Public Roads Millage will allow the City to spread up to .05 mill for the next ten years commencing in 1986 for public road purposes. It will be necessary to prepare a budget prior to the scheduled Public Hearings in September.

Storm Drainage - The budget proposes spreading approximately .4550 of a mill to result in implementation of the City's July 1968 master storm drain plan.

Police - The proposed budget maintains the current level of 20 Oakland County Sheriff's Department officers contracted to Rochester Hills. The budget also proposes continuing the Police-Sol Liaison Program with three officers.

Tornado Sirens - The proposed budget calls for the installation in 1987 of at least two additional tornado siren warning devices. There are presently five sirens located throughout the City. In ensuing years, the City will work toward installation of additional sirens to attain a total of eleven sirens in accordance with the City's county-approved plan.

Federal Funding - Due to the uncertainty of Federal programs and funding, the 1987 Budget Plan does not contemplate utilization of any Federal monies.

R.A.R.A. - At the time the 1987 Budget Plan was provided, it provides no funding for the Rochester Area Recreation Authority (R.A.R.A.). However, the passage of yesterday's millage for R.A.R.A. will permit the spreading of up to .05 mills. City Council will have to decide how much to spread prior to the scheduled Truth in Taxation hearing in September. The 1987 Budget presented by R.A.R.A. calls for Rochester Hills to provide \$30,604 (an amount equal to at least 1/8 of a mill of the City's millage, as called for in the interlocal agreement).

Mayor Ireland advised Council that, pursuant to Act No. 5 of the Public Acts of 1982 as amended, Rochester Hills must hold a Public Hearing on its General Fund Proposed Increase Operating Millage and the Special Police Fund Proposed Operating Millage. To comply with State interpretation of Act No. 5 of the Public Acts of 1982 as amended, Council must hold a Public Hearing on increasing property taxes on the newly voted Public Roads Millage and the R.A.R.A. Millage. To meet the budget schedule and time constraints of the law, Council must determine at its August 13, 1986 meeting