



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

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Legislative File No: 2005-0155

TO: City Council Members
FROM: Susan Galeczka, City Council Liaison
DATE: March 10, 2005
SUBJECT: Establish Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC)

City Council at its Rescheduled Work Session held Wednesday, March 9, 2005 reviewed the current Youth Representative Program and proposed changes. Based on the discussion it is recommended that Council approve enhancing the youth program through the creation of the *Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC)* outlined as follows:

Vision: To promote youth involvement in local government through active participation and the mutual exchange of ideas and experiences for the ultimate benefit of all Rochester Hills Citizens.

Goals

- Involve Youth in local government by providing a greater understanding through active participation
- Gain Youth perspective and input by giving them a voice to shape the City's future
- Prepare Youth to be better Citizens through leadership roles
- Encourage Youth to give back to their community

Objectives

- Provide an opportunity for Youth to have a formal role in the City's decision making process through the creation of the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC) consisting of thirteen Rochester Hills students
 - Two members from each Council District
 - Five At-large Member
- Continue to serve as a conduit between local government and youth through Youth representation on the City Council Communication Committees
- Present a list of projects on an annual basis which are related to the City's Goals and Objectives from which the RHGYC selects three to champion
- Charge the City Council Vice President with the responsibility of serving as a liaison between City Council and the RHGYC
- Provide Administrative support through the City's Clerk's Office

- Establish an application/appointment process consisting of a five member Interview Team consisting of one the City Council Vice-President, one (1) Administrative Staff Member, one (1) Communication Committee Citizen Representative and two (2) Youth Representatives, currently serving, who will evaluate candidates on application quality, adult references, interview and representation and make recommendations to City Council
- Appoint applicants to one-year terms with the option of applying for re-appointment through the standard application process
- Establish an operating budget

A proposed resolution implementing the changes to the program is included for your consideration. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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