



Rochester Hills Minutes Public Safety Committee

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Monday, February 7, 2005

7:30 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

DRAFT

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Raschke called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Linda Raschke, Gerald Robbins and Gary Elliott

Absent: Bryan Barnett and Louis Eble

Non-Voting Members Present: Robert Smith, Andy LeBlanc, Andrew Roscoe

Non-Voting Members Absent: Ron Crowell, Adam Alleman

Others Present: None

Committee Members Barnett, Eble and Alleman provided previous notice that they would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None were presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

Vice Chair Raschke distributed the updated Committee Bylaws. She informed the Committee that two (2) Rochester Hills Firefighters had been injured during a call to Crooks Road on Saturday, February 4, 2005. She acknowledged the passing of an Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2005-0010 Election of Chairperson for 2005

Attachments: Resolution.pdf

A motion was made by Robbins, seconded by Elliott, that this matter be Approved.

Resolved that a unanimous ballot be cast and Linda Raschke be elected as Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee for 2005.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Raschke, Robbins and Elliott

Absent: Barnett and Eble

2005-0011 Election of Vice Chairperson for 2005

Attachments: Resolution.pdf

A motion was made by Raschke, seconded by Elliott, that this matter be Approved.

Resolved that a unanimous ballot be cast and Bryan Barnett be elected as Vice Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee for 2005.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Raschke, Robbins and Elliott

Absent: Barnett and Eble

NEW BUSINESS

2005-0110 Monthly Report - Fire Chief

Attachments: 020705 Memo Crowell.pdf

Due to a miscommunication concerning the Public Safety Meeting being held or cancelled, Deputy Chief Crowell was not in attendance. The Committee indicated that they would discuss his report at the March Public Safety Meeting.

Postponed

2004-0028 Discussion of Five-Year Plan and Fire Response Time

Attachments: 011204 Req 5 Yr Plan & CEMS.pdf; 020204 CEMS Response Times & False Alarm Info.pdf; 2004 Bravo Staffing Statistics.pdf

Fire Response Time

Mr. Lee Zendel, 1575 Dutton Road, questioned the 2003 information that was included in this meeting packet as part of Legislative File 2004-0028, particularly the Rochester Hills Fire Department 2003 Bravo (Ambulance) Staffing Statistics for 6/1/03 to 8/31/03 and 10/1/03 to 12/31/03. Mr. Robbins explained that the information was provided in response to a specific request made in 2003 after changes were implemented with the Bravo units.

After a brief discussion, the Committee requested that the Fire Department provide staffing statistics for the last six (6) months of 2004 for the Bravo (Ambulance) Units. The Committee would like the information to make a comparison to 2003.

Five Year Plan

The Committee discussed the Five Year Plan and noted the following points:

** The current Five Year Plan for the Fire Department expired in 2003.*

** The name "Five Year Plan" may not be necessary.*

** A long-range plan may need to be developed for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) Sub Station as well as the Fire Department.*

** The OCSD Sub Station in Rochester Hills maintains statistical data regarding service calls which includes not only the number of calls logged, but the types of calls that need*

to be considered when analyzing the data. The Sub Station currently does not have a long range forecasting tool or strategic plan.

* The six (6) miles of M-59 Freeway that runs through the Rochester Hills places a drain on City police and fire resources.

* Resources will outstrip demand as the City is redeveloped.

* There are many economic benefits to City tax payers regarding contracted police services because a lot of the burden falls on Oakland County.

* The Rochester Hills Fire Department and OCSD Sub Station are limited by the City's Administration as to what information can be provided to the Public Safety Committee.

* The Committee agreed to develop a list of questions for review at the March meeting regarding a survey to other municipal Fire and Police Departments or develop a list of chiefs or department heads to invite to a meeting for an informal discussion. The questions should refer to things such as:

- Finance
- Manpower
- Man hours
- Types of crimes

* The Committee would like the Clerk's Office to send the survey to the following fifteen (15) municipalities:

- Warren
- Shelby Township
- Farmington Hills
- Washington Township
- West Bloomfield
- Madison Heights
- Ferndale
- Utica
- Sterling Heights
- Waterford
- Independence Township
- Brandon Township
- Troy
- Auburn Hills
- Chesterfield Township

* The Committee requested that Mr. Dan Casey, Manager of Economic Development for the City's Planning and Development Department, be invited to a Public Safety Committee Meeting to discuss the possibility of capturing Tax Increment Finance (TIF) funding from the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) zones and Federal SmartZones to help fund police and fire protection for the City.

Discussed

YOUTH COMMENTS

Chair Raschke distributed a newspaper article from the *Eccentric*, dated February 6, 2005, entitled "Sheriff's Department Offers Free Drug-test Kits for Concerned Parents". The free home drug-testing kits are available at all Oakland County Sheriff's substations, including Rochester Hills and Oakland Township. Oakland County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) paid for the kits with drug forfeiture money.

The Committee briefly discussed various illegal drugs available. Mr. Roscoe suggested

that another good way to "get the word out" regarding the free kits would be through school parent-teacher conferences.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Drug Education Awareness and Prevention

Capt. Smith gave an update regarding the exhibit coming to the Detroit Science this summer dealing with the ravages of drugs in our society. The following points were noted:

- * The Rochester Community Coalition has been informed of the exhibit.*
- * It uses interactive software to take drug education awareness and prevention to a new level.*
- * It contains actual wreckage from the towers that were destroyed on September 11, 2001.*
- * A large portion of the heroin and cocaine trade is operated by terrorists as a funding source.*

Traffic Safety Aids

Mr. Roscoe noted a safety issue of "jay walking" on Livernois going across to Rochester High School on school mornings. Capt. Smith agreed that it has been an issue for many years. It is viewed as a violation of school policy. A Deputy does issue tickets from time to time as a deterrent, but can not be there each morning because it is one of the City's overall peak service times. The Committee will explore the possibility of having a discussion with the OCSD Administration regarding the use of Traffic Safety Aids to assist within the City similar to Troy's program. Capt. Smith noted that the OCSD can customize contracted services, but if extra services are added with appropriate approvals from all parties involved, it is very important to consider additional resources for proper managerial oversight.

2004-0032

False Alarm Ordinance Discussion

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; 020204 False Alarm info.pdf; PS Minutes Reg 020204.pdf; 2004-0032 Master Report.pdf; 040204 Smith Capt R.pdf

Mr. Zendel informed the Committee that the City of Troy's budget reflects their False Alarm Program revenues at \$200,000 up from \$170,000 for fines and registration fees.

The Committee held a brief discussion and noted the Committee members are in support of a False Alarm Program. Capt. Smith noted that the Mayor has strongly indicated to him that she is not interested in pursuing a False Alarm Program. Mr. Zendel strongly felt it should be rediscussed.

- * It was suggested that Mr. Zendel make a one-on-one appointment with the Mayor to "re-open" the discussion of a False Alarm Program.*

Discussed

NEXT MEETING DATE

Monday, March 7, 2005 - 7:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Raschke adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by Denise Mertz.

Minutes were approved as presented at the _____, 2005 Regular Public Safety Committee Meeting.