



# Rochester Hills

## Minutes - Draft

### City Council Regular Meeting

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*Susan M. Bowyer Ph.D., Kevin S. Brown, Dale A. Hetrick, Stephanie Morita,  
Mark A. Tisdell and Thomas W. Wiggins*

*Vision Statement: The Community of Choice for Families and Business*

*Mission Statement: "Our mission is to sustain the City of Rochester Hills as the premier  
community of choice to live, work and raise a family by enhancing our vibrant residential  
character complemented by an attractive business community."*

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Monday, December 14, 2015

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

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## CALL TO ORDER

*President Tisdell called the Regular Rochester Hills City Council Meeting to order at  
7:02 p.m. Michigan Time.*

## ROLL CALL

**Present** 6 - Susan M. Bowyer, Kevin S. Brown, Dale Hetrick, Stephanie Morita, Mark A.  
Tisdell and Thomas W. Wiggins

## Others Present:

*Bryan Barnett, Mayor  
Tina Barton, City Clerk  
Lance DeVoe, Park Ranger II  
Patrick Endres, Museum Staff Assistant  
Pamela Gordon, Director of Human Resources  
Bob Grace, Director of MIS  
Mike Hartner, Director of Parks and Forestry  
Brianna Morris, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Representative  
Sara Roediger, Manager of Planning  
Keith Sawdon, Director of Finance  
Allan Schneck, Director of DPS/Engineering  
Joe Snyder, Senior Financial Analyst  
John Staran, City Attorney  
Bob White, Supervisor of Building Services  
Kelly Winters, Deputy Director of Building*

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Morita, seconded by Hetrick, that the Agenda be Approved as Amended to add Legislative File 2015-0546 Administration's Recognition of Mike Hartner to Recognitions, and to move Legislative File 2015-0542 Interview of candidates for City Council - District 2 vacancy, and appointment of new City Council - District 2 Representative to fill the unexpired term of Adam Kochenderfer; for a term to expire November 19, 2017, to follow Legislative File 2015-0519 Adoption of Revised 2016 City Council Meeting Schedule. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 6 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

## COUNCIL AND YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Representative (RHGYC):

*Brianna Morris, RHGYC Representative, reported that the Youth Council is busy raising money for the upcoming 5K Run/Walk to be held June 11, 2016.*

## RECOGNITIONS

2015-0546 Administration's Recognition of Mike Hartner

*Mayor Barnett introduced a video highlighting Mike Hartner, Director of Parks and Forestry, and his time as the first Parks Employee for Avon Township and then the City of Rochester Hills, and noted that Mr. Hartner will be retiring at the end of the month.*

*He read two proclamations, one from United States Representative Michael Bishop and one from the City, honoring Mike Hartner's years of service to the City.*

*Mr. Hartner expressed his appreciation for the recognition, noting that the late Mayor Earl Borden hired him in May of 1981. He commented that he will always keep Rochester Hills' parks in his heart.*

*Mayor Barnett noted that during the Staff Appreciation Lunch held today, the entire staff gave Mr. Hartner a standing ovation.*

**Presented.**

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

2015-0501 FY 2015 4th Quarter Budget Amendments

**Attachments:** [121415 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[2015 - 4th Qtr BA - Overview.pdf](#)  
[2015 - 4th Qtr BA - Account Detail \(Adjustments\).pdf](#)  
[2015 - 4th Qtr BA - Account Detail \(Amendments\).pdf](#)  
[2015 - 4th Qtr BA - Account Detail \(RARA Amendments\).pdf](#)  
[2015 - Final Budget Analysis.pdf](#)  
[Public Hearing Notice.pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

**Joe Snyder**, Senior Financial Analyst, presented the proposed 4th Quarter 2015 Budget Amendments. He explained that these are the largest of the four quarterly amendments presented each year, and more closely align the final budget with actual projected revenue and expenses. He noted the following:

- Revenues are proposed to decrease by \$5.1 million.
- Expenses are proposed to decrease by \$22 million.
- A new decrease in Fund Balance is proposed at \$16.9 million.

**Revenues:**

- Revenues will decrease by \$1 million for Local Streets. Not as much work was completed on the SAW Grant.
- Water and Sewer Revenues were down somewhat due to the wet and cool summer.

**Expenses:**

- A good portion of the \$22 million decrease in expenses is on the Operating side of the budget, due in part to the delay in timing to bring the nine new firefighters on board.
- Water and Sewer Expenses were down due to less consumption charges.

**Capital Projects:**

- Capital Project Expenses will decrease by \$15.4 million. It is anticipated that \$10.8 million will be carried over into next year.
- The main projects to be carried over are related to Fire Stations #1, #2, #3 and #5, which were awarded and are in process.
- The carryover for Fire Apparatus is \$2.9 million.
- The SAW Grant's stormwater phase is in process. Some street restoration will be carried over to next year.

He noted that the 1st Quarter 2016 Budget Amendments to be presented in February will be incorporating a request to carry over \$10.8 million in Capital Projects.

**President Tisdell Opened the Public Hearing at 7:18 p.m. Seeing No Public Comment, President Tisdell Closed the Public Hearing at 7:19 p.m.**

**Council Discussion:**

**Mr. Hetrick** questioned what prompted the increase in revenues in Fire Capital.

**Mr. Snyder** responded that the approval of the Fire Millage in November of 2014 allowed more money to flow into the Fire Fund. He stated that this increase to Fire Capital will not be seen in future years, as it was in part due to the delay in September/October in bringing the nine new firefighters on board.

*After the vote, Mr. Snyder gave a presentation with final budget highlights for 2015. He noted that Revenues are four percent higher, and Citywide expenditures are five percent lower. He stated that while the biggest decrease is in Capital outlay, much of the decrease will be carried over. He pointed out that while 2015 proposes to draw down Fund Balance by \$15.6 million, \$23.6 million in Capital Projects were accomplished. No Fund Balance was used to pay Operating Expenses.*

*He noted that General Fund saw a two percent increase in revenues, and a three percent decrease in expenses. A transfer of \$9.1 million went mostly to Local Streets, with \$2.3 million for the Fire Station Renovation Projects. He commented that when the funding source was previously identified for the Fire Station Renovation Projects, it was estimated that a positive budget variance of \$1.5 million would occur at the end. He noted that the actual projection at year's end is for a \$2.3 million positive budget variance. He commented that this puts the City two-thirds of the way to the needed \$3 million in funding in the first year.*

*He reviewed Major Roads, noting that revenues were 17 percent higher than anticipated, due in part to one-time revenues and Public Acts to help local communities with road funding. He mentioned that expenditures were higher, as Hamlin Road and Tienken Road projects were carried over from 2014 to 2015. He pointed out that \$6 million was taken from Fund Balance to do \$8.3 million in construction, which is a significant amount to undertake in one year.*

*For Local Streets, he noted that Council was given two options and selected Option 2, which undertook \$6 million in construction projects.*

*He reviewed Fire Department Revenues and Expenditure variances resulting from the successful passage of the Fire Millage, and noted the carryover of \$1.6 million to the Fire Capital Fund to support the future purchase of Fire Apparatus.*

*He noted an increase in Police Revenues, with a corresponding slight decrease in expenditures.*

*He commented that Green Space Revenues were slightly higher, with corresponding expenditures increasing by approximately \$2 million. Funds were transferred to the Green Space Perpetual Care Trust.*

*He reviewed Water and Sewer Revenues and Expenditures, noting that variances are due to reduced consumption. He pointed out that \$5.7 million in projects were completed by Water and Sewer Capital.*

*He reviewed the Facilities Fund, noting that revenues increased in part due to Calf Barn Renovation Revenues. Operating Costs were approximately a half-million dollars lower; and \$4.9 million in Capital Projects will be carried over, mostly encompassing the Fire Station Renovations.*

**A motion was made by Wiggins, seconded by Brown, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 6 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0344-2015

**Whereas**, in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 2 of 1968, the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, and the Charter for the City of Rochester Hills, Chapter III Section 3.7, the City Council may amend the budget during the fiscal year, either on its own initiative or upon recommendation of the Mayor; and

**Whereas**, the Public Hearing for the proposed FY 2015 4th Quarter Budget Amendments was noticed on November 25, 2015; and

**Whereas**, the proposed FY 2015 4th Quarter Budget Adjustments and Amendments were available for public viewing beginning on December 4, 2015; and

**Whereas**, at its December 14, 2015 meeting City Council held a Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2015 4th Quarter Budget Adjustments and Amendments.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the following FY 2015 fund totals as amended:

Fund	Current Budget	Net Change	Proposed Budget
Fund 101 - General Fund	\$27,446,300	(\$1,231,240)	26,215,060
Fund 202 - Major Road Fund	8,170,100	(1,464,300)	6,705,800
Fund 203 - Local Street Fund	12,467,680	(732,660)	11,735,020
Fund 206 - Fire Fund	7,454,340	127,030	7,581,370
Fund 207 - Special Police Fund	9,186,000	(5,920)	9,180,080
Fund 213 - RARA Millage Fund	580,550		580,550
Fund 214 - Pathway Millage Fund	554,340	73,000	627,340
Fund 232 - Tree Fund	56,240	(40,000)	16,240
Fund 244 - Water Resources Fund	555,460	98,280	653,740
Fund 265 - OPC Millage Fund	980,640		980,640
Fund 299 - Green Space Millage Fund	32,820	1,061,510	1,094,330
Fund 313 - Street Improvement Bond - 2001 Series Fund	284,280	20	284,300
Fund 314 - SAD Street Improvement Bond - 2001 Series Fund	286,230	50	286,280
Fund 331 - Drain Debt Fund	312,590		312,590
Fund 369 - Older Persons Building Bond Refunding Fund	759,010		759,010
Fund 393 - Municipal Building Refunding Bond - 2010 Series	719,080		719,080
Fund 394 - Local Street Refunding - 2011 Series Fund	461,220		461,220
Fund 402 - Fire Capital Fund	842,460	(667,780)	174,680
Fund 403 - Pathway Construction Fund	759,900	(478,180)	281,720
Fund 420 - Capital Improvement Fund	146,520	(24,130)	122,390
Fund 510 - Sewer Operations	14,814,960	(739,490)	14,075,470
Fund 530 - Water Operations	17,970,310	(1,350,310)	16,620,000
Fund 593 - Water & Sewer Capital Fund	5,312,760	(492,430)	4,820,330
Fund 595 - Water & Sewer Debt Fund	1,184,820	(398,030)	786,790
Fund 631 - Facilities Fund	5,930,640	(590,270)	5,340,370
Fund 636 - MIS Fund	3,703,290	(770,340)	2,932,950
Fund 661 - Fleet Fund	3,670,700	(54,360)	3,616,340
Fund 677 - Insurance Fund	409,000		409,000
Fund 736 - Retiree Health Care Trust	187,550	904,910	1,092,460
Fund 752 - Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust			
Fund 843 - Brownfield Redevelopment Fund			
Fund 848 - LDFA Fund	437,580	(34,300)	403,280
Fund 851 - SmartZone Fund	100,000		100,000
Fund 870 - Museum Foundation Trust Fund	10,000	(9,000)	1,000
Fund 893 - EDC Fund	720		720
Grand Total	\$125,788,090	(\$6,817,940)	\$118,970,150

## PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

2007-0190

Request for Approval of a Preliminary Site Condominium Plan - The Commons South, a twelve-unit, single-family site condominium development on 3.98 acres, located on the north side of Shortridge, east of Livernois, Zoned R-4, One Family Residential, Vaqar Siddiqui, Applicant

**Attachments:** [121415 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Staff Report 081415.pdf](#)  
[Map Aerial.pdf](#)  
[Review Comments.pdf](#)  
[EIS Revised 091115.pdf](#)  
[Hickory Ridge Email 111815.pdf](#)  
[Site Plans.pdf](#)  
[Landscape Plan.pdf](#)  
[Minutes PC 081815.pdf](#)  
[PHN 081815.pdf](#)  
[Minutes PC 011006.pdf](#)  
[Minutes PC 031808.pdf](#)  
[Site Plans 0815.pdf](#)  
[040708 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Staff Report 031808.pdf](#)  
[Plans 2008.pdf](#)  
[Assessing Dept Memo.pdf](#)  
[041107 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Plans 041107.pdf](#)  
[Staff Report 010506.pdf](#)  
[EIS dated 092414.pdf](#)  
[Memo Delacourt 031207.pdf](#)  
[Minutes PC 011006.pdf](#)  
[041107 Resolution.pdf](#)  
[040708 Resolution.pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

**Sara Roediger**, Manager of Planning, introduced **Robert Lindh, P.E.**, engineer for the proposed Commons South project. She explained that 12 units are proposed for the four-acre site, and stated that new owners are proposing essentially the same plan that was submitted in 2008 with the updates necessary to meet new stormwater requirements. She noted that the Planning Commission unanimously recommended preliminary approval at a Public Hearing in August, with conditions specified identifying some trees and cooperation with neighboring properties. She commented that the applicant has met with Staff and the residents, and shifted the plan by 16 feet to preserve existing vegetation, and shifted utilities and the storm sewer to the west to better preserve the eastern boundary. She noted that neighbors to the north have agreed to the revised plan, and Staff feels that the Applicant has addressed the conditions for approval.

**Mr. Lindh** commented that this is a win-win, with the revision from the approved plan in 2008 resulting in the same number of lots, and smaller lot sizes on one side to comply with all ordinances and save a stand of trees.

**Mr. Hetrick** noted a requirement for additional landscape on the detention pond and questioned whether this had been met.

**Ms. Roediger** responded that the revised plans for approval this evening have additional landscape to meet that condition.

A motion was made by Hetrick, seconded by Brown, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye** 6 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0345-2015

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the Preliminary Site Condominium Plan for the Commons South, a 12-unit, single-family site condominium development on approximately four acres located on the north side of Shortridge, east of Livernois, Zoned R-4, One Family Residential, Parcel Nos. 15-34-301-015, -016 and -017, based on plans dated received by the Planning and Development Department on December 1, 2015, Vaqar Siddiqui, Applicant, with the following findings and conditions:

Findings

1. Upon compliance with the following conditions, the proposed condominium plan meets all applicable requirements of the zoning ordinance and one-family residential detached condominium.
2. Adequate utilities are available to properly serve the proposed development.
3. The preliminary plan represents a reasonable street layout.
4. The Environmental Impact Statement indicates that the development will have no substantially harmful effects on the environment.
5. Remaining items to be addressed on the plans may be incorporated on the Preliminary Site Condominium Plan without altering the layout of the development.

Conditions

1. Inspection and approval of tree protection and silt fencing by the city prior to issuance of a Land Improvement Permit.
2. Submit a landscape bond in the amount of \$7,100, plus inspection fees for landscaping and replacement trees as shown on the landscape plans, prior to issuance of a Land Improvement Permit.
3. Payment of \$2,400 into the tree fund for street trees prior to issuance of a Land Improvement Permit.
4. Submit an irrigation plan and cost estimate, prior to issuance of a Land Improvement Permit.
5. Approval of all required permits and approvals from outside agencies, prior to obtaining a Land Improvement Permit.
6. Compliance with all applicable comments from the staff memos (Planning, Engineering, Fire and Parks and Forestry), prior to final approval by staff.
7. Obtain a soil erosion permit from the Oakland County Water Resources Commission, prior to obtaining a Land Improvement Permit.
8. Approval of the proposed Master Deed and Bylaws by city staff and City Attorney.

## PUBLIC COMMENT for Items not on the Agenda

*State Senator Marty Knollenberg presented a legislative update, noting that the State Budget was completed by mid-June this year. He noted that the General Fund has not increased since 2007, and encompasses more Federal Dollars, but far less funding that the State can control. He commented that he supported the road proposal; and he noted that while not perfect, doing nothing was not an option. He explained that the City will receive approximately \$3.1 million for road funding when fully implemented in 2021. He expressed his appreciation for City Staff bringing Cemetery funding to his attention, noting that Perpetual Care Funds will now be able to invest to allow a greater return.*

## CONSENT AGENDA

All matters under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion, without discussion. If any Council Member or Citizen requests discussion of an item, it will be removed from Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

**2015-0428** Approval of Minutes - City Council Special Meeting - October 5, 2015

**Attachments:** [CC Special Mtg Min 100515.pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

**This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: RES0346-2015

**Resolved**, that the Minutes of a Rochester Hills City Council Special Meeting held on October 5, 2015 be approved as presented.

**2015-0429** Approval of Minutes - City Council Regular Meeting - October 12, 2015

**Attachments:** [CC Min 101215.pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

**This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: RES0347-2015

**Resolved**, that the Minutes of a Rochester Hills City Council Regular Meeting held on October 12, 2015 be approved as presented.

**2015-0474** Approval of Minutes - City Council Regular Meeting - October 26, 2015

**Attachments:** [CC Min 102615.pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

**This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: RES0348-2015

**Resolved**, that the Minutes of a Rochester Hills City Council Regular Meeting held on October 26, 2015 be approved as presented.



2015-0502 Approval of Minutes - City Council Special Meeting - November 9, 2015

**Attachments:** [CC Special Mtg Min 110915.pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

**This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: RES0349-2015

**Resolved**, that the Minutes of a Rochester Hills City Council Special Meeting held on November 9, 2015 be approved as presented.

2015-0505 Approval of Minutes - City Council Regular Meeting - November 9, 2015

**Attachments:** [CC Min 110915.pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

**This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: RES0350-2015

**Resolved**, that the Minutes of a Rochester Hills City Council Regular Meeting held on November 9, 2015 be approved as presented.

2015-0520 Request for Purchase Authorization - MIS: Project budget for purchase of equipment, supplies and software in the amount not-to-exceed \$61,900.00 through December 31, 2016; State Contracts, National Cooperative Contracts and Other Supply Sources

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[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

**This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: RES0351-2015

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council authorizes a project budget for the purchase of equipment, supplies and software utilizing State Contracts, National Cooperative Contracts and Other Supply Sources in the amount not-to-exceed \$61,900.00 through December 31, 2016.

2015-0522 Request for Purchase Authorization - BLDG: Inter-Local Agreement/Blanket Purchase Order for 2016 Oakland County Household Hazardous Waste (No-Haz) Program in the amount not-to-exceed \$36,000.00; Oakland County Waste Resource Management Division, Waterford, MI

**Attachments:** [121415 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[No Haz Interlocal Agreement.pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

**This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: RES0352-2015

**Whereas**, the northern cities, villages, and townships in Oakland County are committed to protection of the natural environment and preventing toxic materials from entering our waterways and landfill resources; and

**Whereas**, the improper handling and disposal of toxic and poisonous household chemicals also poses a health risk to our citizens; and

**Whereas**, recognizing there is a need to provide regular and easily accessible household hazardous waste collection services to North Oakland County residents; and

**Whereas**, collection events for household hazardous waste have become widely accepted as the best way to provide citizens with a safe method of disposal of these toxic and poisonous household chemicals, and for the communities to realize the economies of scale, and

**Whereas**, Oakland County, through its Waste Resource Management Division, has joined these northern Oakland County communities in creating the North Oakland Household Hazardous Waste Consortium (NO HAZ), and

**Whereas**, the NO HAZ Consortium has developed a household hazardous waste collection program, and

**Whereas**, a NO HAZ Interlocal Agreement has been drafted to address necessary legal, liability, and responsibility issues for both the County and the participating communities, and identifies Oakland County's role in administering and managing the NO HAZ program, and

**Whereas**, the NO HAZ Interlocal Agreement establishes a NO HAZ advisory board to assist and advise Oakland County in the development of the NO HAZ program.

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved**, that our community, the City of Rochester Hills, hereby approves the attached NO HAZ Interlocal Agreement and authorizes its signature, and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that we hereby appoint Jack Sage as our official representative to the NO HAZ Advisory Board, to work with the Oakland County Waste Resource Management Division as needed to plan the NO HAZ program for 2016.

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes the Blanket Purchase Order to Oakland County Waste Resource Management Division in the amount not-to-exceed \$36,000.00 for the 2016 Oakland County Household Hazardous Waste (NO HAZ) Program.

## Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Morita, seconded by Wiggins, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye** 6 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

## LEGISLATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

*President Tisdell expressed his appreciation to the Fiscal Team for their efforts, and thanked Mr. Hartner for his service to the City.*

*Vice President Morita requested State Representative Knollenberg comment on proposed Big Box legislation.*

**Representative Knollenberg** responded that while the legislation has been discussed in caucus, it has not yet been finalized.

**Vice President Morita** requested that he keep the City apprised of actions on any proposed legislation, noting that larger stores may impose deed restrictions as they leave a location.

**Representative Knollenberg** commented that much work must be done on the existing bills, and stated that they are not likely to pass in their current form. He requested the City's assistance in suggesting items that need to be addressed.

**Vice President Morita** responded that she would contact Representative Knollenberg's office.

**Dr. Bowyer** thanked Mr. Hartner, noting that he has left a great legacy. She expressed her condolences for the passing of Former Council Member Jim Rosen, noting that she got to know him in 2011 when working on the Parks Charter Amendment.

**Mr. Brown** expressed his thanks to Representative Knollenberg for his update. He thanked Mr. Hartner, and commented that he has seen many changes over the 35 years of his employment.

**Mr. Hetrick** thanked Representative Knollenberg. He expressed his appreciation to Keith Sawdon, Director of Finance, and Joe Snyder, Senior Financial Analyst, for their presentation. He commented that he remembered meetings with Mr. Hartner and his comment that the City Parks and Green Spaces were his babies.

**Mr. Wiggins** thanked Mr. Hartner for his energy and enthusiasm.

**Mayor Barnett** stated that the City has benefitted from Mr. Hartner's stewardship of the City Parks. He stated that one of the reasons that the City has been named one of the Best 10 Places in America is because of its great parks. He noted the following events:

- The City hosted a Holiday Family Fun Night for employees' families.
- The Employee Appreciation Luncheon was this afternoon.
- The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm has their annual Train Exhibit through January 2, 2016
- The Museum is hosting an Olde Fashioned Christmas on December 19, 2015.
- The Environmental Education Center will host a Starry Starry Night on December 28, 2015.

Mayor Barnett wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season. He noted that City offices will be closed on December 24, 25, and 31, 2015, and on January 1, 2016.

## ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

## NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

2015-0411 Nomination/Appointment of one (1) Citizen Representative to the Building Authority for a six-year term to expire December 31, 2021

**Attachments:** [121415 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Appointment Form.pdf](#)  
[Deel CQ.pdf](#)  
[Paurazas CQ.pdf](#)  
[120715 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Nomination Form.pdf](#)  
[Butler CQ.pdf](#)  
[Fons CQ.pdf](#)  
[Olson CQ.pdf](#)  
[Stephens CQ.pdf](#)  
[Notice of Vacancy.pdf](#)  
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**President Tisdell** noted that Ryan Deel and Stanley Paurazas were nominated at the December 7, 2015 meeting for the vacant position on the Building Authority. He instructed Council Members to vote for one of the nominees.

*Council Members unanimously voted for Ryan Deel.*

**President Tisdell** announced that **Ryan Deel** was Appointed to the Building Authority.

**A motion was made by Hetrick, seconded by Morita, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution to Appoint Ryan Deel to the Building Authority for a six-year term to expire December 31, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 6 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0353-2015

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council appoints Ryan Deel to the Building Authority to serve a six-year term to expire December 31, 2021.

2015-0545 Acceptance of Resignation of Thomas Neveau from the Green Space Advisory Board

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[Neveau Resignation.pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Morita, seconded by Bowyer, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 6 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0354-2015

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby accepts the resignation of Thomas Neveau as a member of the Green Space Advisory Board effective December 7, 2015.

## NEW BUSINESS

2015-0486 Request for Adoption of the Rochester Hills Natural Features Stewardship Program Long Term Management Plan

**Attachments:** [121415 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Pt. 1 Long Term Management Plan.pdf](#)  
[Pt. 2 Appendix A-Long Term Management Plan.pdf](#)  
[Pt. 3 Appendix B Sec. 1 Long Term Management Plan.pdf](#)  
[Pt. 3 Appendix B Sec. 2 Long Term Management Plan.pdf](#)  
[Pt. 3 Appendix B Sec. 3 Long Term Management Plan.pdf](#)  
[GSAB Resolution 120315.pdf](#)  
[GSAB Draft Minutes 111015.pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

**Gerry Carvey**, Chairperson of the Green Space Advisory Board (GSAB), stated that he first began working with Mike Hartner on a bond issue for purchasing park property many years ago, and commented that he will be greatly missed. He noted that **Steve Niswander**, Niswander Environmental, is the consultant hired to work through the Stewardship Program. **Jeff Bridges**, Niswander Environmental, was also in attendance.

**Mr. Niswander** stated that he has worked with the City for many years, and from 2000 to 2004 was the environmental consultant tasked with performing wetland and woodland reviews. He noted that one of the jobs his firm did for the City as a new company in 2004 was to complete the Natural Features Inventory for Rochester Hills. He commented that this is the next step in preserving the pieces that the City has acquired and managing them to ensure they remain in their high quality state in perpetuity.

He noted that the Stewardship Program Long Term Management Plan is a tool to allow for the prioritization of management activities and helps determine which techniques need to be adapted or modified. He stated that while funding typically ebbs and flows, it should be guaranteed every year as inaction can set a site back four to five years.

**Mr. Hetrick** questioned whether the proposed Management Plan will be the action plan that utilizes Green Space Perpetual Care Fund dollars.

**Mr. Niswander** responded that the task put before them was to look at all open space properties, evaluate their condition, then come back to the GSAB with a tool to evaluate and prioritize actions. He stated that the Plan gives the GSAB the tool to evaluate open space areas, and provide a non-biased and more scientific approach for projects to be implemented with the budget available.

**A motion was made by Hetrick, seconded by Bowyer, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 6 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0355-2015

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby adopts the Rochester Hills Natural Features Stewardship Program Long Term Management Plan as an evolving public policy direction going forward.

- 2015-0521** Request for Purchase Authorization - MIS: Blanket Purchase Order for 2016, 2017, and 2018 GIS software maintenance fees in the amount not-to-exceed \$152,500.00; Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI), Redlands, CA

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[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

**Bob Grace**, Director of MIS, stated that software maintenance fees provide services to other City departments. He noted that GIS software relates to a specific location on earth and is used by nearly every department in the City. He mentioned that the system is also used by Avondale and Rochester Community School Districts and the City of Rochester. He pointed out that the City is at a tipping point to move to secure an Enterprise License rather than individual licenses.

**A motion was made by Morita, seconded by Wiggins, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 6 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0356-2015

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council authorizes a Blanket Purchase Order to Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI), Redlands, California in the amount not-to-exceed \$152,500.00 for 2016, 2017, and 2018 GIS software maintenance fees.

- 2014-0029** Request for Purchase Authorization - BLDG: Increase to Blanket Purchase Order for Fire Suppression Plan Review, Fire Alarm Plan Review and Inspection Services in the amount of \$25,000.00 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$160,000.00 through December 31, 2015; Fire Safety Consultants, Inc., Elgin, IL; Fire Savvy Consultants and Services L.L.C., Commerce, MI

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[092815 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[062915 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[021014 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Proposals Tabulation.pdf](#)  
[021014 Resolution.pdf](#)  
[062915 Resolution.pdf](#)  
[092815 Resolution.pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

**Kelly Winters**, Deputy Director of Building, noted that due to commercial industry construction successes and several large projects far beyond what was anticipated, the request is to increase the existing contract for Fire Suppression and Fire Alarm Plan Review. He mentioned that the City's electrical inspector left in July, and his replacement has not yet obtained his NICET Certification.

**Vice President Morita** questioned whether the increase is a pass-through cost borne by the developers.

**Mr. Winters** responded that funds are being reallocated within the Building Department, and the costs are passed through to the contractors.

**A motion was made by Morita, seconded by Hetrick, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 6 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0357-2015

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes the increase in the amount of \$25,000.00 to the Blanket Purchase Order to Fire Safety Consultants, Inc., Elgin, Illinois as primary vendor, and Fire Savvy Consultants and Services L.L.C., Commerce, Michigan as secondary vendor, for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$160,000.00 through December 31, 2015.

**2015-0530** Request for Purchase Authorization - BUI: Contract/Blanket Purchase Order for fire suppression and fire alarm plan review and inspection services in the amount not-to-exceed \$200,000.00 through December 31, 2017; Fire Safety Consultants, Inc. Elgin, IL, Fire Savvy Consultants and Services, LLC, Commerce, MI

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[Proposal Spreadsheet.pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

*Kelly Winters, Deputy Director of Building, explained that the existing contract for Fire Suppression and Fire Alarm Plan Review expires on December 31, 2015; and tonight's request is for a new contract for 2016 and 2017. He pointed out that an increase is requested after reviewing the success rate of projects proceeding through the Planning Commission. He mentioned that the services are pass-through costs.*

**A motion was made by Wiggins, seconded by Brown, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 6 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0358-2015

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council authorizes a Contract/Blanket Purchase Order to Fire Safety Consultants, Inc., Elgin, Illinois, as primary vendor and Fire Savvy Consultants and Services, L.L.C., Commerce, Michigan as secondary vendor for fire suppression and fire alarm plan review and inspection services in the amount not-to-exceed \$200,000.00 through December 31, 2017 .

**2015-0498** Request for Purchase Authorization - DPS/ENG: Request for Approval of Contract/Blanket Purchase Order for Catch Basin Cleaning Services in the amount not-to-exceed \$112,000.00 through December 31, 2017; United Resource, LLC., Farmington Hills, MI

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[Proposals Tabulation.pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

*Allan Schneck, Director of DPS/Engineering, stated that the Purchasing Division solicited and retained United Resource in 2012, and the Administration*

is requesting that Council allow the exercising of a two-year option on the services. He noted that they have done an excellent job for the City.

**Mr. Tisdell** pointed out that United Resource's proposal was the lowest of all qualified contractors.

**A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Bowyer, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 6 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0359-2015

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council authorizes the Contract/Blanket Purchase Order for Catch Basin Cleaning Services to United Resource, LLC., Farmington Hills, Michigan in the amount not-to-exceed \$112,000.00 through December 31, 2017.

- 2015-0512** Request for Purchase Authorization - DPS/ENG: Shared Blanket Purchase Order for underground utility repairs and related services in the amount not-to-exceed \$200,000.00 through December 31, 2017; Pamar Enterprises, Inc., New Haven, MI; Superior Excavating, Inc., Auburn Hills, MI

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[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

**Allan Schneck**, Director of DPS/Engineering, stated that while there are no projects identified for these contractors, their services are rendered on an as-needed basis.

**Mr. Hetrick** questioned why the services are retained for two years.

**Mr. Schneck** responded that the City has used these two firms in the past and they have been timely in their response in emergency situations or to projects that the City does not have the resources to take care of.

**A motion was made by Hetrick, seconded by Wiggins, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 6 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0360-2015

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a Shared Blanket Purchase Order for underground utility repairs and related services to Pamar Enterprises, Inc., New Haven, Michigan and Superior Excavating, Inc., Auburn Hills, Michigan in the amount not-to-exceed \$200,000.00 through December 31, 2017.

- 2015-0532** Request for Acceptance of the City of Detroit Water Service Contract Amendment No. 1 and authorization for the North Oakland County Water Authority (NOCWA) to execute the agreement

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[Amendment 1 Water Service Contract.pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

**Allan Schneck**, Director of DPS/Engineering, noted that the North Oakland County Water Authority (NOCWA) encompasses Pontiac, Auburn Hills, Oakland Township



and the City of Rochester Hills; and he stated that each community brings certain attributes to the table. He noted that Pontiac brings 12 million gallons of water storage, and Rochester Hills brings volume as it is a big purchaser. He reported that by entering into the first NOCWA contract, the communities saved \$3.8 million. He explained that NOCWA approached the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) regarding a reduction in peak hour, and DWSD accepted the reasoning, rationale and analytics, resulting in the proposed Amendment No. 1 to the contract.

**Mayor Barnett** noted that Rochester Hills has already realized over a half million dollars in savings since July 1, 2015.

**A motion was made by Wiggins, seconded by Bowyer, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 6 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0361-2015

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council accepts the City of Detroit Water Service Contract Amendment No. 1 and further authorizes the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City as a member of the North Oakland County Water Authority.

**2012-0077** Request for Purchase Authorization - DPS/ENG: Authorization of Payment for Cost Participation Agreement for right-of-way acquisition related to the reconstruction and widening of Tienken Road from Livernois Road to Sheldon Road in the amount of \$3,832.31; Road Commission for Oakland County

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[RCOC Invoice 112015.pdf](#)  
[060115 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[RCOC E-mail re ROW Invoice 060115.pdf](#)  
[RCOC Invoice dated 043015.pdf](#)  
[020915 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[RCOC Invoice 012015.pdf](#)  
[031912 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Ref LF#2009-0203.pdf](#)  
[RCOC Cost Participation Agreement.pdf](#)  
[MDOT Agreement with RCOC.pdf](#)  
[031912 Resolution.pdf](#)  
[020915 Resolution.pdf](#)  
[060115 Resolution.pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

**Allan Schneck**, Director of DPS/Engineering, noted that while the Tienken Road Project is complete, there are still property acquisitions to be negotiated. He explained that he provided the backup documents that were requested by Vice President Morita for a previous invoice to explain this additional invoice for \$3,832.31.

**Vice President Morita** thanked Mr. Schneck for including the backup materials.

**Mr. Wiggins** questioned whether there will be more anticipated costs.

*Mr. Schneck* responded that there is one outstanding property that is still being negotiated.

**A motion was made by Morita, seconded by Brown, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 6 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0362-2015

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council approves the payment for additional right-of-way acquisitions related to the reconstruction and widening of Tienken Road from Livernois Road to Sheldon Road to Road Commission for Oakland County in the amount of \$3,832.31.

**2015-0531** Request for Purchase Authorization - FISCAL: Blanket Purchase Order for 2016 City Attorney Services in the amount not-to-exceed \$250,000.00; Hafeli Staran & Christ, P.C., Sylvan Lake, MI

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[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

*Keith Sawdon, Director of Finance, explained that each year the Administration reviews the Blanket Purchase Order for City Attorney Services. He pointed out that while the firm did raise its hourly rate by \$5.00, at the current trend a budget of \$250,000 will be more than enough to cover the adjustment.*

*Vice President Morita stated that this community is extremely lucky to have John Staran as the City Attorney. She noted that he is uniquely qualified, has been the City Attorney for a long time, and is exceptional with his hourly rate. She commented that he has been very reasonable and fair with the City.*

**A motion was made by Morita, seconded by Hetrick, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 6 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0363-2015

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a Blanket Purchase Order for City Attorney Services to Hafeli Staran & Christ, P.C., Sylvan Lake, Michigan in the amount not-to-exceed \$250,000.00 through December 31, 2016.

**2015-0536** Request for Approval of the Agreement between the City of Rochester Hills and AFSCME Local 1917.28

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[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

*Pamela Gordon, Director of Human Resources, stated that the Administration opened contract negotiations with both AFSCME bargaining units in October. She explained that a tentative agreement was reached with Local 1917.28, which was ratified by their membership on November 19, 2015. She commented that the contract does feature modest economic gains as well as operational improvements for the City. She requested Council in addition to approving the contract, consider allowing the Administration to go back and propose adding the same \$500.00 signing bonus to Local 1917.28 which was offered and accepted by Local 2491.*

**Mr. Brown** noted that part of the lump sum bonus was made to offset some of the changes to retirement funding.

**Ms. Gordon** confirmed that there were concessions in the contract regarding some benefit matters.

**Ms. Morita** noted that as she reviewed the contract, she noted that with the 1.5 percent wage increase, there is a one percent increase in the contribution to the Retirement Health Savings Account.

**A motion was made by Wiggins, seconded by Morita, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 6 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0364-2015

**Whereas**, negotiations between the City of Rochester Hills and AFSCME Local 1917.28 have resulted in a tentative three-year agreement, for the period from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018.

**Whereas**, AFSCME Local 1917.28 was the first bargaining unit to settle their 2016 contract with the City of Rochester Hills; and

**Whereas**, The City and AFSCME Local 2491 have agreed to a lump sum payment of \$500.00 as part of their 2016 contract settlement; and

**Whereas**, The City believes that it is appropriate to provide equity between the two groups regarding the lump sum in this contract;

**Resolved**, that City Council approves the agreement between the City of Rochester Hills and AFSCME Local 1917.28, and authorizes the Human Resources Director to offer a \$500 lump sum to AFSCME Local 1917.28 under the same terms as provided in the AFSCME Local 2491 Tentative Agreement.

**Further Resolved**, that this offer is subject to agreement by Local 1917.28.

**2015-0537** Request for Approval of the Agreement between the City of Rochester Hills and AFSCME Local 2491

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[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

**Pamela Gordon**, Director of Human Resources, noted that the contract for AFSCME Local 2491 mirrors the contract for Local 1917.28 with the exception of the inclusion of a \$500.00 lump sum signing bonus, which she noted that Council authorized her to discuss with Local 1917.28.

**A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Wiggins, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 6 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0365-2015

**Whereas**, negotiations between the City of Rochester Hills and AFSCME Local 2491 have resulted in a tentative three-year agreement, for the period from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council approves the agreement between the City of Rochester Hills and AFSCME Local 2491 as presented.

**2015-0519** Adoption of the Revised 2016 City Council Meeting Schedule

**Attachments:** [121415 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Revised 2016 City Council Meeting Dates.pdf](#)  
[120715 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[2016 City Council Meeting Dates.pdf](#)  
[120715 Resolution.pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

**President Tisdell** noted that a correction was needed to the 2016 City Council Meeting Calendar adopted at the December 7, 2015 to reflect an August 8, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting rather than an August 1, 2016 meeting.

**A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Morita, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 6 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0366-2015

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council establishes the Year 2016 Regular Meeting Schedule for City Council on Monday evenings as follows:

**Regular Meetings**

January 11, 25  
February 8, 22  
March 14  
April 11  
May 2, 16  
June 6, 20  
July 18  
August 8, 29  
September 12, 26  
October 10, 24  
November 14  
December 5, 12

**Further Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m., Michigan Time, and will be held at the City of Rochester Hills Municipal Offices, 1000 Rochester Hills Drive, Rochester Hills, Michigan.

**Further Resolved**, that the City Clerk shall provide proper notice of the 2016 meeting Schedule pursuant to 15.265, Section 5 (3) of the Michigan Open meetings Act, Public Act No. 267 of 1976 as amended.

**(Recess 8:45 p.m. to 8:51 p.m.)**

## NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

**2015-0542** Interview of candidates for City Council - District 2 vacancy, and appointment of new City Council - District 2 Representative to fill the unexpired term of Adam Kochenderfer; for a term to expire November 19, 2017

**Attachments:** [121415 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Blackstone, Thomas.pdf](#)  
[Catallo, Jennifer Kinser.pdf](#)  
[Kubicina, James.pdf](#)  
[City Council Vacancy Notice.pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

**President Tisdell** explained the format for interviewing the prospective District 2 Council Member candidates, stating that each candidate will be given the opportunity to make a two-minute opening statement. Current Council Members will be given the opportunity to question each candidate relative to their respective opening statements, resumes, Candidate Questionnaire and written responses to the City Council Candidate Questionnaire. Each current Council Member will be allowed to ask a follow-up per each of the above referenced presentation categories.

He directed the Council Candidates to give their opening statements in Alphabetical Order.

**Tom Blackstone** gave his opening statement, noting that he is a 20-year resident of Rochester Hills, has a Bachelor of Science in Political Science, was with the Detroit Police Department for 25 years, and was an insurance investigator for 17 years. He highlighted his community involvement, stating he had been a homeowner's association president when in Detroit, is active with the Rochester Area Neighborhood House Food Pantry, tutors an immigrant, and is active at the Older Persons' Commission. He stated that he has been on the Advisory Traffic and Safety Board for ten years and the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee (PSITRC) for three years, where he is the current Chair. He commented that the PSITRC is currently working to evaluate the City's stormwater drain system. He noted his concerns on roads, on examining the current levels of Police services, and he stated that the Master Land Use Plan calls for more senior housing. He commented that he lives in the Rochester/Orion Road area and one project he would focus on is improving the site of the former National Twist Drill water tower, which he stated is unattractive.

**Jennifer Kinser Catallo** gave her opening statement, noting that she is a single mother, a small business owner, and is on the Oakland University faculty. She stated that she has a strong passion for the community, and a focus on teaching future and current Kindergarten-through-eighth grade educators. She noted that she would bring a unique perspective to Council. She commented that she has been an event coordinator for the Palace, Pine Knob and Meadowbrook, working with controlling budgets, and has made difficult and unpopular decisions. She noted that she is very involved in volunteer work in the community.

**James Kubicina** gave his opening statement, stating that he is a 27-year resident of Rochester Hills and has been the Chair of the Deer Management Advisory

Committee for the past six years, and also represented the City on the Rochester Avon Recreation Authority Board. He noted that while he was on the RARA Board, the Board chose a new director and added new facilities. He gave credit to the City's present and past leaders and employees. He commented that he has worked for Delphi since leaving high school and has been a Senior Engineer, Manufacturing Supervisor, Methods Engineer, and Engineering Manager, involved in cost-saving projects. He stated that he has interpersonal skills to help deal with residents' issues.

**Public Comment:**

**Lee Zendel**, 1575 Dutton Road, stated that he does not agree that an individual should be considered for Council if they have never made an appearance before Council or bothered to look at a Council agenda. He commented that a successful candidate should have had involvement with City Government through boards or commissions, and should be involved in Rochester Hills.

**Council Discussion:**

Each Council Member directed questions to the Candidates, and each Candidate was given the opportunity to answer each question.

**Mr. Wiggins** requested examples of how the Candidate worked in a team environment toward a resolution.

The Candidates answered in the following order: Ms. Kincer Catallo, Mr. Kubicina and Mr. Blackstone.

**Mr. Hetrick** questioned how the Candidates will handle competing priorities when considering City Council issues, such as moving forward on an issue from a resident's perspective in a way that will not put the City at risk.

The Candidates answered in the following order: Mr. Kubicina, Mr. Blackstone and Ms. Kincer Catallo.

**Mr. Brown** questioned whether the Candidates are willing to run for re-election in two years.

The Candidates answered in the following order: Ms. Kincer Catallo, Mr. Blackstone and Mr. Kubicina.

**Dr. Bowyer** requested the Candidates comment on one thing they like most about Rochester Hills.

The Candidates answered in the following order: Mr. Kubicina, Ms. Kincer Catallo and Mr. Blackstone.

**Vice President Morita** questioned how many hours per month the Candidates have to contribute toward their work on City Council, and which specific committees or organizations they wish to be a part of as Council representatives.

The Candidates answered in the following order: Mr. Blackstone, Mr. Kubicina and Ms Kincer Catallo.

**President Tisdell** questioned each Candidate on specific aspects of their experience.

The Candidates answered in the following order: Ms. Kincer Catallo, Mr. Blackstone and Mr. Kubicina.

**Mr. Wiggins** questioned what the Candidates feel their biggest challenge will be on Council, and how they will go about learning from the challenge.

The Candidates answered in the following order: Mr. Kubicina, Ms. Kincer Catallo and Mr. Blackstone.

**Dr. Bowyer** questioned how many Council meetings each Candidate has either attended or watched from beginning to end.

The Candidates answered in the following order: Mr. Blackstone, Mr. Kubicina and Ms. Kincer Catallo.

**Mr. Brown** noted that before he was elected to Council, he cannot recall a single public comment on oil and gas. Once he was sworn in to Council, the topic of oil and gas came to the forefront. He questioned how the Candidates would make a decision on a topic that arises that they did not anticipate would become important.

The Candidates answered in the following order: Ms. Kincer Catallo, Mr. Blackstone and Mr. Kubicina.

**Mr. Hetrick** asked the Candidates to identify a professional, personal, or government-related experience that provides a foundation for the Candidate's success as a Council Member.

The Candidates answered in the following order: Mr. Kubicina, Ms. Kincer Catallo and Mr. Blackstone.

Once the Council Members completed their questions, **Mr. Tisdell** thanked each Candidate and offered them an opportunity to summarize their comments.

**President Tisdell Opened the Floor for Nominations.**

Mr. Wiggins nominated James Kubicina.  
Mr. Hetrick nominated Tom Blackstone.  
Mr. Brown nominated Jennifer Kincer Catallo.

**President Tisdell Closed the Floor for Nominations.**

**President Tisdell** requested Council Members vote for one of the nominees, and they received the following votes:

Vote #1:

Tom Blackstone: Hetrick and Morita

Jennifer Kincer Catallo: Brown

James Kubicina: Bowyer, Tisdel and Wiggins

As Ms. Kincer Catallo received the least number of votes, her name was removed from consideration, and Council was instructed to vote again for one of the remaining two nominees. They received the following votes:

## Vote #2:

Tom Blackstone: Hetrick and Morita

James Kubicina: Bowyer, Brown, Tisdel and Wiggins

**President Tisdel** announced that **James Kubicina** would be Appointed to fill the District 2 City Council Vacancy.

**City Clerk Tina Barton** administered the Oath of Office to James Kubicina.

**A motion was made by Hetrick, seconded by Morita, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 6 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Morita, Tisdel and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0367-2015

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby appoints James Kubicina as City Council - District 2 Representative to fill the unexpired term of Adam Kochenderfer; for a term to expire November 19, 2017.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

Regular Meeting - Monday, January 11, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before Council, President Tisdel adjourned the meeting at 10:16 p.m.

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MARK A. TISDEL, President  
Rochester Hills City Council



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*TINA BARTON, MMC, Clerk  
City of Rochester Hills*

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*MARY JO PACHLA  
Administrative Secretary  
City Clerk's Office*

*Approved as presented at the (insert date, or dates) Regular City Council Meeting.*