



# Rochester Hills MINUTES

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**File Name:** City Council - Electronic Devices during City Council Meetings

**Final Action:**

**Title:** City Council Policy for Use of Electronic Communication Devices During City Council Meetings

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1	Administration and Information Services Committee	04/05/2005	Discussed				
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**Notes:** **Council Internet Usage and Reimbursement**

*Ms. Hill asked Council members to remember to access "GoToMYPC".*

*\* It was noted that Council members logs show very little usage of this provided service.*

*\* City has invested monies from Council side and receive reimbursement for something that is not being fully utilized.*

*\* It was also noted that Council members are requesting the Clerk's Office to provide last minute paper copies.*

*\* Suggested that Council Members set up additional training with MIS.*

*Ms. Hill stated that City Council is under public scrutiny and Council members need to decide to make a commitment to utilize "GoToMyPC" or eliminate budgeting for this service.*

1 Administration and Information Services Committee 05/17/2005 Discussed

**Notes:** Ms. Hill pointed out that the Clerk's office did a telephone survey to four (4) other municipalities regarding Internet access for council members and shared her concern with liabilities issues. After the Committee briefly discussed various issues, Mr. Dalton suggested that he and Ms. Hill draft a policy for review. The Committee consensus was to discuss this matter at the June AIS meeting.

1 Administration and Information Services Committee 06/07/2005 Discussed

**Notes:** The Committee discussed the pros and cons of Council members use of the Internet during Council meetings which included the following:

\* The written memos of opinion provided by the City Attorney.

\* The use of the Internet for researching information versus receiving emails from residents/constituents during a meeting.

\* Internet usage may fall in the same category as cell phones or pagers during a Council meeting.

\* The Administrative Policy from the Management & Information Systems (MIS) Department for City employees.

The Committee consensus was to draft a new Council policy that includes the use of the Internet with the use of electronic communication devices during a Council meeting and request the entire Council review it at a future Council work session.

1 Administration and Information Services Committee 08/02/2005 Discussed

**Notes:** Chairperson Holder distributed copies of a draft policy provided by Ms. Hill regarding the Use of Electronic Communication Devices During City Council Meetings [electronically attached to file #2005-0346] for review. Ms. Hill reiterated the issues discussed at the June AIS meeting. The draft policy outlined the following as it pertains to Council members' use of electronic devices during Council meetings:

\* Prohibited use of cell phones and pagers

\* Access and Use of Email, Internet and Other Electronic Communication Systems/Devices

\* Conduct for Use of Electronic Communication Devices

The consensus was to discuss this matter further at the September AIS meeting.

1 Administration and Information Services Committee 09/27/2005 Postponed

**Notes:**

1 Administration and Information Services Committee 10/04/2005 Approved and Referred City Council Regular Meeting Pass

**Notes:** Ms. Hill briefly recapped the purpose of the draft policy regarding Use of Electronic Communication Devices During City Council Meetings. The consensus of the Committee was to recommend that it be moved forward to City Council for further discussion.

Aye: Hill, Dalton and Verschueren  
Absent: Holder and Kirksey

2 City Council Regular Meeting      11/02/2005 Discussed  
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