



# Rochester Hills

## Master Report

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**Final Action:**

**Title:** Discussion Regarding Creation of a Proposed Committee to Promote Communication with Local Businesses

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### History of Legislative File

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Council Regular Meeting	08/04/2004	Referred by Resolution	Administration and Information Services Committee			Pass
<p><b>Notes:</b> Ms. Holder suggested that a committee be created that would mitigate disagreements between the City and businesses in the community resulting from City policies and/or ordinances, prior to these matters reaching either litigation or such bodies as the Zoning Board of Appeals or the Sign Board of Appeals.</p> <p>Ms. Hill volunteered to take the issue to the Administration and Information Services Committee, of which she is Chairperson, as she felt it was an issue of communication between the City and the business community.</p> <p>Aye: Dalton, Barnett, Duistermars, Hill, Holder and Raschke            Nay: Robbins</p>							
1	Administration and Information Services Committee	10/05/2004	Discussed				
<p><b>Notes:</b> Committee members discussed the creation of a committee to facilitate communication between the City and area businesses to bring forward and address any difficulties local businesses may be experiencing prior to the need for intervention by such bodies as the Zoning Board of Appeals or the Sign Board of Appeals.</p> <p>The consensus of the Committee was to invite the Director of the Chamber of Commerce to the</p>							

November meeting of the Administration & Information Services Committee to discuss the creation of a committee that would meet on a quarterly basis and consist of three (3) department directors and three (3) Council members. While the Chamber would have no official affiliation with the new committee, their contacts with the local business community would be utilized to facilitate the dissemination of information about the new committee and encourage participation by the business community.

1 Administration and Information Services Committee 01/10/2005 Discussed

**Notes:** Committee members discussed the possible creation of an ad hoc committee that would provide communication between the City and local businesses. The following suggestions were discussed:

- \* Committee members could include City staff, Council members and/or residents.
- \* Committee would meet on a quarterly basis.
- \* Committee could partner with the Chamber of Commerce, which recently created an Economic Development Committee.
- \* Committee will not "resolve" issues but rather will provide a "sounding board" for various issues resulting in "feedback" from local businesses.
- \* Recommendations arising from the committee can be brought to the AIS Committee or City Council for evaluation.
- \* Committee will provide insight on the part of businesses as to the workings of City Hall.

The consensus of the AIS Committee was that **Barb Holder** would contact the Chamber of Commerce and some area businesses to determine their interest and possible involvement in the proposed ad hoc committee, as well as their suggestions for its purpose and functions. She will discuss her findings at the next AIS Committee meeting.

1 Administration and Information Services Committee 02/01/2005 Discussed

**Notes:** **Ms. Holder** explained that the guest speakers scheduled for the meeting were unable to attend and, thus, the discussion would be postponed until the next Committee meeting.

1 Administration and Information Services Committee 03/01/2005 Discussed

**Notes:** **Ms. Linda Davis-Kirksey** and **Mr. William Connellan** of the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce described creating a Chamber committee consisting of a member from each of the three (3) member communities (Rochester, Rochester Hills and Oakland Township), and four (4) Chamber members, as well as Ms. Davis-Kirksey and Mr. Connellan as co-chairs. The main focus of the Committee would be economic development, but they felt that the suggestion of promoting communication between businesses and local government could also be addressed. They suggested that if the Chamber's new Committee also meets this criteria, it would eliminate the possible redundancy of Rochester Hills creating a new committee.

**Ms. Hill** noted that the Administration & Information Services (AIS) Committee's original concept was a committee that would meet quarterly to provide "an open discussion forum for businesses to address issues with our City." She stressed that the idea was for business people to have access to City administrative staff members and Council members on an informal level.

The Chamber representatives suggested that the new committee could offer that as a component of their overall purpose, noting that the Chamber could serve as the "conduit system" for communication with local business people.

Noting that Council members are not as accessible as City administrative staffers, AIS Committee members recommended that the new Chamber committee include a City staff member and an elected official as representatives from each community

**Ms. Davis-Kirksey and Mr. Connellan** thanked AIS Committee members for their feedback and assured Chairperson Holder that they would contact her once the Chamber evaluated their feedback. Ms. Davis-Kirksey asked that, in the interim, the AIS Committee consider who they would like to appoint to the new Chamber committee.

1 Administration and Information Services Committee 11/01/2005 Discussed

**D R A F T Notes:** Committee discussed Barbara Holder's request to create a Proposed Committee to Promote Communication between Local Businesses and Local Communities noting the following:

\* Rochester Chamber has an Economic Development Committee which Ed Anzek, Planning Commission Director, and Daniel Casey, Manager of Economic Development, both attend.

\* Establishing this additional Committee would give local businesses and other local Communities, that currently have no where to go, the opportunity to discuss issues that occur within all the Communities.

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### Text of Legislative File 2004-0667

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Discussion Regarding Creation of a Proposed Committee to Promote Communication with Local Businesses

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**Resolved** that the AIS Committee has examined the creation of a committee to promote communication between the City and the local business community in an effort to mitigate instances of disagreement regarding City ordinances and policies as an intermediary step prior to the pursuit of a lawsuit or a hearing before such bodies as the Zoning Board of Appeals/Sign Board of Appeals and recommends that the creation of a committee is not needed at this time.