



Rochester Hills Minutes City Council Regular Meeting

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*Erik Ambrozaitis, Bryan K. Barnett, Jim Duistermars, Barbara Holder,
Linda Raschke, James Rosen, Ravi Yalamanchi*

Wednesday, January 18, 2006

7:30 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

DRAFT

CALL TO ORDER

President Rosen called the Regular Rochester Hills City Council Meeting to order at 7:41 p.m. Michigan Time.

ROLL CALL

Present: Erik Ambrozaitis, Bryan Barnett, Jim Duistermars, Barbara Holder, Linda Raschke, James Rosen and Ravi Yalamanchi

Others Present:

*Ed Anzek, Director of Planning/Development
Scott Cope, Director of Building/Ordinance Enforcement
Ron Crowell, Fire Chief
Derek Delacourt, Deputy Director of Planning
Vince Foisy, Supervisor of Communication Systems
Bob Grace, Director of MIS
Julie Jenuwine, Director of Finance
Jane Leslie, City Clerk
Bob Smith, Captain - Oakland County Sheriff's Department
John Staran, City Attorney*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the Agenda of the Regular Rochester Hills City Council Meeting of January 18, 2006 as presented.

A motion was made by Barnett, seconded by Raschke, to Approve the Agenda as Presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Ambrozaitis, Barnett, Duistermars, Holder, Raschke, Rosen and Yalamanchi

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Deanna Hilbert, 3234 Quail Ridge Circle, noting that she had recently attended her first meeting as a member of the Leisure Activities Committee, questioned the necessity for three City Council members to serve on these committees.

Mr. Lee Zendel, 1575 Dutton Road, provided a brief explanation of government fund accounting explaining that the City has approximately \$76 million dollars of "spendable money" rather than the \$154 million residents have incorrectly been lead to believe is available.

Mr. Will Molnar, County Commissioner for District 13, congratulated the new Council members on their successful campaigns and Mr. Rosen for his election as Council President. He also announced he recently moved from the City of Troy to Rochester Hills and praised the community, noting he "fell in love with it while campaigning."

LEGISLATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

President Rosen read a letter from Mayor Somerville's son updating Council on the Mayor's recent health issues and indicating that she would be returning to City Hall in the near future.

President Rosen assured his fellow Council members that he had recently spoken to the Mayor.

Ms. Holder expressed her disappointment with those individuals spreading rumors about the Mayor, noting that her recent absence is "quite legal." She then indicated that waste haulers operating within the City are now charging "start-up fees" to residents whenever they switch their service, thus making it less affordable to change carriers in search of a better price.

Mr. Duistermars, in response to Ms. Hilbert's query, explained that the makeup of boards, commissions and committees are dictated by many factors, and in some cases by state law. He noted that in the case of the City Council communication committees the Council established the committees with the intent that the inclusion of three Council members on each would provide greater understanding and input on the part of Council members and save valuable time at Council meetings.

Mr. Ambrozaitis asked City Attorney John Staran to investigate the matter of a local retail business selling pornographic materials. He then requested that DPS Director Rousse attend a homeowners meeting in his subdivision to discuss installation of a traffic sign.

Mr. Roger Rousse, Director of DPS/Engineering, agreed to attend.

Mr. Barnett indicated that he too had spoken to Mayor Somerville and he assured residents that she would be returning to City Hall on Tuesday, January 24th.

ATTORNEY MATTERS

City Attorney John Staran agreed to investigate the pornographic materials matter, noting that the City has always taken a strict stand in such matters and recently updated those specific regulations. With regard to the issue of the Mayor's recent absence, he explained that the Charter makes provisions for the mayor's absence or disability. He noted that these provisions would only come into effect if the Mayor were unable to perform the duties of her office, which despite being geographically absent and having suffered some ill health, she has maintained contact with her office and has carried out her duties.

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.

August 23, 2005

Attachments: Min CC 082305 Budget.pdf; 0053 Resolution.pdf

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Resolved that the Minutes of a Special Rochester Hills City Council Budget Work Session Meeting held on August 23, 2005 be approved as presented.

Enactment No: RES0018-2006

2005-0875

Acceptance of a Watermain Easement granted by Barclay Square, LLC, for Parcel No. 15-26-351-002

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; CC map.pdf; Revised Watermain Easement 12-13-05.pdf; 0875 Resolution.pdf

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council, on behalf of the City of Rochester Hills, hereby accepts a watermain easement granted by Barclay Square, LLC, 380 North Old Woodward Avenue, #175, Birmingham, Michigan 48009, for the construction, operation, maintenance, repair and/or replacement of a watermain over, on, under, through and across land more particularly described as Parcel No. 15-26-351-002.

Further Resolved that the City Clerk is directed to record the easement with the Oakland County Register of Deeds.

Enactment No: RES0019-2006

2005-0901

Request for purchase authorization - MIS: Oracle Yearly Software Support 2006 in the amount not-to-exceed \$77,564.75; Oracle USA, Redwood City, CA

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; 0901 Resolution.pdf

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves a purchase order to Oracle USA, Redwood City, California, for Oracle yearly software support 2006 in the amount of \$77,564.75.

Enactment No: RES0020-2006

2006-0028

Request for Purchase Authorization - MIS: ESRI Annual Software Support for 2006 in the amount not-to-exceed \$27,416.44; Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc., Redlands, CA

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; 0028 Resolution.pdf

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves a purchase order to ESRI, Inc., Redlands, California for Annual Software Support - Various GIS Software in the amount not-to-exceed of \$27,416.44

Enactment No: RES0021-2006

2006-0031

Request for Purchase Authorization - DPS/Engineering, Facilities Division: Blanket Purchase Order for Plumbing/Heating/Air Conditioning Maintenance Services, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$44,000.00; Engineered Comfort Systems, Inc., Dearborn Heights, MI

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; RFP-RH-05-034_Tab.pdf; 0031 Resolution.pdf

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a Blanket Purchase Order to Engineered Comfort Systems, Inc., of Dearborn Heights, Michigan, as the lowest, responsive, responsible proposer, for the purchase of Plumbing/Heating/Air Conditioning Maintenance Services, in the amount not-to-exceed \$44,000.00 through December 31, 2007.

Further Resolved that the Mayor is authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

Enactment No: RES0022-2006

2006-0002

Request for Purchase Authorization - DPS/Engineering Facilities: Blanket Purchase Order for On-Call Electrical Contractor Services, in the amount of \$40,000.00 for a Blanket Purchase Order; Design & Quality Electric, Rochester, MI

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; RFP-RH-05-033_Tab.pdf; 0002 Resolution.pdf

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a Blanket Purchase Order to Design & Quality Electric, of Rochester, Michigan, as the lowest, responsive, responsible proposer for the purchase of On-Call Electrical Contractor Services, in the amount not-to-exceed \$40,000.00 through December 31, 2007.

Further Resolved that the Mayor is authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

Enactment No: RES0023-2006

2006-0049

Request for Purchase Authorization - CLERK: Postage by Phone blanket purchase order not-to-exceed \$50,000.00; Pitney Bowes, Inc., Louisville, KY

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; 0049 Resolution.pdf

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a Blanket Purchase Order to Pitney Bowes, Inc., of Louisville, Kentucky, as sole source for the purchase of Postage by Phone for metered outgoing City mail, in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 through December 31, 2006.

Enactment No: RES0024-2006

2006-0033

Confirmation of Mayor's Appointment of Owen Winnie to the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) to fill the unexpired term of David Hackett through March 31, 2007

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; Winnie questionnaire.pdf; D. Hackett Obituary.pdf; 0033 Resolution.pdf

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby confirms the Mayor's appointment of Owen Winnie to fill the vacancy of David Hackett on the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) for a term to expire on March 31, 2007.

Enactment No: RES0025-2006

Passed The Consent Agenda

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

Aye: Ambrozaitis, Barnett, Duistermars, Holder, Raschke, Rosen and Yalamanchi

The following Consent Agenda Item was discussed and adopted by separate Motion:

2006-0012

Request for Purchase Authorization - MIS: Various equipment, supplies and software or services purchases project for 2006 in the amount not-to-exceed \$98,310.00

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; 0012 Resolution.pdf

Mr. Yalamanchi questioned whether the City's administrative policy requires replacement of all computer hardware every five years.

Mr. Bob Grace, Director of MIS, explained that the policy had been extended from three years to five years on PCs, however, MIS evaluates the equipment based on the needs of the users and often extends the life of PCs by transferring older units to employees with lesser processing power needs. He further noted that updates can be dictated by other factors such as a loss of support for a particular unit or component.

Mr. Duistermars explained that, because EDS is only one of many vendors that may be considered for equipment purchases, it was not necessary for him to recuse himself from considering this matter.

A motion was made by Yalamanchi, seconded by Barnett, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution.

Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a Blanket Purchase Order to utilize various vendors of state and other cooperative contracts and other supply sources for the purchase of various equipment, supplies and software or services, in the amount not-to-exceed \$98,310.00 through December 31, 2006.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Ambrozaitis, Barnett, Duistermars, Holder, Raschke, Rosen and Yalamanchi

Enactment No: RES0026-2006

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2006-0040

First Quarter Budget Amendments - Fiscal Year 2006

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; 011806 1st Q Budget Amendments.pdf; Detail amendment schedule.pdf; 011206 Financial Services Minutes.pdf; 0040 Resolution.pdf

President Rosen Opened the Public Hearing at 8:08 p.m.

There being no public comment, President Rosen Closed the Public Hearing at 8:09 p.m.

Ms. Julie Jenuwine, Director of Finance, indicated that the majority of the adjustments were "housekeeping" items, however, all had received explanations in the right most column of the spreadsheet provided in Council's meeting packet and had been discussed in detail at the most recent Financial Services Committee.

A motion was made by Barnett, seconded by Raschke, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution.

Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 2 of 1968, Public Act 621 of 1978, 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 proposed 2006 1st Quarter Budget Amendment was available for public viewing starting January 10, 2006; and

Whereas, at its January 10, 2006 meeting City Council held a Public Hearing on the proposed 1st Quarter Budget Amendments.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the following 2006 fund totals as amended:

101 - General Fund	\$24,684,380
202 - Major Road Fund	\$9,730,640
203 - Local Road Fund	\$2,341,960 **
206 - Fire Fund	\$7,522,950 **
207 - Special Police Fund	\$7,909,180
214 - Pathway Maintenance Fund	\$442,060 **
243 - Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Fund	\$13,080 **
244 - Drain Maintenance Fund	\$4,763,170 **
510 - Sewer Operating Fund	\$18,159,860
530 - Water Operating Fund	\$30,207,100
593 - W&S Improvement Fund	\$11,366,120
594 - W&S Replacement Fund	\$12,087,740
631 - Facilities Fund	\$5,071,090
636 - MIS Fund	\$3,128,100
643 - Local Site Remediation Fund	\$12,360
661 - Fleet Fund	\$2,584,550
848 - L.D.F.A. Fund	\$2,634,530
TBD - SmartZone Fund	\$96,510

** Note: There is no change in fund total.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Ambrozaitis, Barnett, Duistermars, Holder, Raschke, Rosen and Yalamanchi

Enactment No: RES0027-2006

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

2006-0044 Acceptance for First Reading - City File No. 05-016 (Sheffield of Rochester Hills) - An Amendment to Chapter 138 of the Code of Ordinances to rezone approximately 9.6 acres, located west of Rochester Road and south of Avon, known as Parcel

No.15-22-226-016, from SP, Special Purpose, to PUD, Planned Unit Development, Lombardo of Rochester Hills, LLC, applicant.

Attachments: Agenda Summary Second Reading pdf; Map aerial.pdf; Ordinance.pdf; 011806 Agenda Summary.pdf; Staff Report.pdf; First Reading Resolution.pdf; 0044 Second Reading Resolution.pdf

Mr. Derek Delacourt, Deputy Director of Planning, explained that the Planning Commission had recommended approval of the PUD overlay, the final PUD agreement and the final site plan.

Mr. Greg Windingland, representing Lombardo Companies, was present to address questions.

A motion was made by Barnett, seconded by Duistermars, that this matter be Accepted for First Reading by Resolution.

Resolved that an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 138 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan to rezone 9.6± acres, known as Parcel No. 15-22-226-016 from SP, Special Purpose to PUD, Planned Unit Development District, is hereby accepted for First Reading.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Ambrozaitis, Barnett, Duistermars, Holder, Raschke, Rosen and Yalamanchi

2005-0851

Discussion - Final Planned Unit Development Agreement and Site Plan Exhibits - City File No. 05-016 - Sheffield of Rochester Hills, a proposed 58-unit PUD on approximately 9.6 acres, located west of Rochester Road and south of Avon, known as Parcel No. 15-22-226-016, Lombardo of Rochester Hills, LLC, applicant.

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; Map aerial.pdf; 021606 Sheffield Revised PUD Plan .pdf; 011506 Agenda Summary.pdf; Staff Report.pdf; 010906 PUD Plan.pdf; 0851 Resolution - PUD Agreement Approval .pdf

Mr. Derek Delacourt, Deputy Director of Planning; and **Mr. Greg Windingland**, representing Lombardo Companies, made the following comments regarding the final Planned Unit Development (PUD) agreement:

- Emergency easement access will be added to the final site plan.
- Construction will begin as soon as possible, weather permitting.
- The price point for the condominiums will be in the \$240,000 to \$260,000 range.
- Empty-nesters and senior citizens primarily from within the community are the anticipated buyers.
- The minimum deck will be provided.

Mr. Barnett praised Lombardo Companies noting their good working relationship with the City and the need for ranch-style condominiums in the community.

City Attorney John Staran indicated that he would be reviewing the final agreement in greater detail, specifically noting that a termination clause would need to be added. Although he acknowledged that the City's PUD ordinance provides that a project must be completed within three years or the site's zoning reverts back to its pre-agreement status, it is still prudent to include that language in the PUD agreement itself.

Mr. Windingland noted that the same issue had been discussed at the Planning Commission and Lombardo Companies would be agreeable to that stipulation.

Discussed

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

2005-0823

Appointment of one (1) City Council Member to Avondale Youth Assistance for a one-year term to expire December 6, 2006

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; 010406 Agenda Summary.pdf; 0823 Nomination Form - AYA.pdf

President Rosen indicated that, according to information provided by the Clerk's Department, it is not necessary to appoint a City Council member to serve as the City's representative to the Avondale Youth Assistance committee. He further noted that, based on Mr. Yalamanchi's suggestion, he spoke to former Council member John Dalton and he has agreed to serve on this committee.

Mr. Yalamanchi nominated John Dalton.

Mr. John Dalton was appointed to serve a one-year term as Rochester Hill's representative to Avondale Youth Assistance.

Appointed

NEW BUSINESS

2005-0852

Request for Final Site Condominium Plan Approval - City File No. 04-007 - Bloomer Park Site Condominiums, a proposed four (4) unit development on approximately 1.82 acres, located on the north side of Bloomer Road, east of John R, and south of Bloomer Park, Zoned R-4, One-Family Residential, known as Parcel No. 15-13-151-019, P.E.G. Construction, Applicant

Attachments: Agenda Summary FP.pdf; Map aerial.pdf; Report Staff.pdf; Site Plans.pdf; 0052 Resolution.pdf

Mr. Ed Anzek, Director of Planning/Development, indicated that the final site condominium plan for this development had received a recommendation for approval from the Planning Commission and preliminary approval from City Council. He further noted that all conditions had been met and the applicant had worked with the City to establish a conservation easement that will preserve additional trees. He praised the applicant for being "very cooperative."

Mr. Al Bayer of the engineering firm Nowak & Fraus, 46777 Woodward Avenue, Pontiac, was present representing P.E.G. Construction.

A motion was made by Holder, seconded by Duistermars, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution.

Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the Final Site Condominium Plan for Bloomer Park Estates Site Condominiums, City File No. 04-007, a four-unit development on Bloomer Road, east of John R, zoned R-4, One Family Residential, and known as Parcel No. 15-13-151-019, based on plans dated received by the Department of Planning and Development on August 18, 2005 with the following four (4) findings and subject to the following six (6) conditions.

Findings:

1. All applicable requirements of the One-Family Residential Detached Condominiums Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance can be met.
2. Adequate public utilities are currently available to properly service the proposed development.
3. The Final Plan represents a reasonable and acceptable plan for developing the property.
4. The final plan is in conformance with the preliminary plan approved by City Council on September 15, 2004.

Conditions:

1. The applicant submit a Performance Bond for proposed trees and landscaping of \$23,450.00, as adjusted if necessary by the City, prior to issuance of a Land Improvement Permit.
2. Tree protective fencing be installed, inspected and approved by the City's Landscape Architect prior to the issuance of the Land Improvement Permit for this development.
3. Remove reference to the easement from the Storm Maintenance Agreement and exhibits.
4. Storm maintenance agreement to be provided by the applicant in recordable form and approved by the City prior to City Council consideration of the Final Plan.
5. All required easement agreements and exhibits in recordable form be provided by the applicant and approved by the City prior to City Council consideration of the Final Plan.
6. A warranty deed for the 30-foot right-of-way for Bloomer Road, along with the legal description and exhibit, be provided by the applicant and approved by the City prior to City Council consideration of the Final Plan.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Ambrozaitis, Barnett, Duistermars, Holder, Raschke, Rosen and Yalamanchi

Enactment No: RES0028-2006

2006-0054

Request to set Special Budget Work Sessions - February and March

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; Budget Schedule.pdf; 0054 Resolution.pdf

President Rosen notified Council that final budget work sessions would be held in August and asked that the members review their schedules and inform him of any potential conflicts that may require adjusting the budget schedule.

Ms. Holder requested holding budget meetings in the auditorium in order to utilize the superior recording equipment.

Mr. Ambrozaitis requested that the budget meetings be televised as well.

Council consensus was that budget meetings would be held in the auditorium and televised.

A motion was made by Yalamanchi, seconded by Raschke, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution.

Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby sets a Special Work Session on Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at 7:30 PM Michigan Time and a Special Work Session on Wednesday, March 8, 2006 at 7:30 PM, Michigan Time, for the purpose of discussing City Council Goals and Objectives.

Further Resolved that the City Clerk shall provide proper notice of the Special Work Sessions pursuant to 15.265, Section 5(3) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Public Act No. 267 of 1976 as amended.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Ambrozaitis, Barnett, Duistermars, Holder, Raschke, Rosen and Yalamanchi

Enactment No: RES0029-2006

2006-0050

Direct the Council President and Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee to meet with members of the City Administration and Public Safety Staff to discuss the emergency dispatch issue

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; 011306 Memo Rosen.pdf; Referral Notice1-10-2006.pdf

Ms. Holder read a letter from resident **Don Wharff**, 603 Wilwood Road, expressing his support for Mayor Somerville and noting that, as she has excellent communication with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department (OCSD), this issue should be placed on hold until her return.

Ms. Holder noted that she was unhappy with how the matter of the City's emergency dispatch operations was brought forward to Council. She indicated that Mr. Barnett, as a member of the Public Safety Committee, broached this matter under "Any Other Business" during the Committee's most recent meeting, with the Committee passing a resolution on a four-to-one vote to recommend that Council hire an outside consultant to evaluate the City's emergency dispatch operations. She explained that she had done her own informal poll of neighboring communities who contract with the OCSD for their dispatch services, which indicated certain deficiencies in the services rendered. Ms. Holder stressed that she has no bias against the OCSD, but rather is concerned with providing the best dispatch services to the community. She noted that the Rochester Hills Fire Department has dedicated millage dollars and generates revenue to offset the funding of dispatch services. She also stated that her informal survey determined that many communities would use Rochester Hills' dispatch services if they could afford them.

Ms. Raschke noted that this issue was being pushed forward too quickly and, as an administrative item, should be addressed by the Mayor upon her return to City Hall. She indicated that the complaints regarding this matter are primarily coming from contract workers and suggested that, prior to spending tax dollars on a consultant, all concerned department directors, the Mayor and Council should discuss this issue in greater detail.

Mr. Barnett clarified that the issue before Council was simply to hire a consultant to evaluate the dispatch procedures currently employed by the City and make any recommendations. He asked "how can you say we can't put a price on public safety but we can't afford to spend money to see if we're doing it the right way?" Mr. Barnett further noted that this issue was not new to Council as it had been discussed during the previous Council's budget meetings in August.

Mr. Duistermars provided a brief explanation as to why emergency calls placed from cell phones are routed to the OCSD dispatch center. He indicated that he supports an

independent "observer" to assist in resolving this dispute and the City in providing the best service to the community.

Mr. Yalamanchi noted it is unfortunate to see a division between two City departments, the Fire Department and police services. He indicated that he did not think a consultant was necessary, but that the departments need to show Council how their services and procedures benefit the community. He questioned the hesitation to consider the betterment of services. Mr. Yalamanchi suggested that President Rosen work together with Fire Chief Ron Crowell and Captain Bob Smith of the OCSD to obtain more information on this matter to be brought back before the Council.

President Rosen, stressing Council's commitment to "take care of our residents," noted that there are many questions that need to be answered and that advice would be welcome from both internal and external sources. He suggested that the process start with some understanding among the administration, the Fire Department and the OCSD. He proposed that he meet with the interested parties and from that point possibly move forward with preparing an RFP for the assistance of an outside consultant.

Fire Chief Ron Crowell and **Captain Bob Smith** of the OCSD assured Council and the community that the dispatch matter under review has not and will not compromise the safety of the citizens of Rochester Hills. Both men indicated that they did not oppose examination of the dispatch process.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Lee Zendel, 1575 Dutton Road, suggested that, if hired, a consultant should examine not only the City's dispatch operations, but also those of the OCSD. He also questioned which department would fund this study.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Council members praised Chief Crowell and Captain Smith, noting that their professionalism was not in question.

Ms. Raschke stressed the vital importance of the City and the County's emergency dispatch services.

Ms. Holder noted that cost savings should not be a major consideration when evaluating dispatch services, but rather efficiency and effectiveness are most important in terms of public safety.

Mr. Ambrozaitis stressed that the matter should not be addressed until the Mayor has returned to work.

Mr. Duistermars noted that any examination of the issue must accomplish the following:

- 1) Resolve the current conflict.
- 2) Insure that all three disciplines--fire, police, medical--are handled adequately.
- 3) Insure that, if the City assumes all dispatch duties, the resulting increased call volumes can be managed.

Mr. Yalamanchi proposed a resolution that President Rosen, Ms. Raschke (as chair of the Public Safety Committee), Chief Crowell, and Captain Smith meet with the Mayor to examine this matter and possibly engage the assistance of an outside consultant.

Ms. Holder stated that she would be unable to support a motion that includes the hiring of a consultant. She then requested that she see the proposed resolution in writing prior to taking a vote.

Mr. Rosen called a brief recess while the proposed resolution was prepared in writing.

(Recess 9:54 p.m. - 10:11 p.m.)

Mr. Rosen read the final version of the resolution.

Mr. Yalamanchi and *Mr. Duistermars*, as the maker and the seconder of the motion, agreed to its content.

Ms. Holder indicated that she did not feel that Council should be involved in this matter.

A motion was made by Yalamanchi, seconded by Duistermars, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution.

Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby directs the City Council President and Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee to meet with the Mayor, the Fire Department, the Sheriff's Department and staff to discuss a resolution to the dispatch issue and recommend a course of action to City Council.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Ambrozaitis, Barnett, Duistermars, Raschke, Rosen and Yalamanchi

Nay: Holder

Enactment No: RES0032-2006

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Information Services (AIS) Committee:

Ms. Holder, Chairperson of the AIS Committee, noted that the committee had met for the first time and she had been appointed as Chairperson with **Mr. Duistermars** having been appointed as Vice Chair. She further indicated that meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month with the time as yet to be determined. She stated that all other matters discussed at the Committee had been addressed during this Council meeting.

Financial Services (FS) Committee:

Ms. Holder, Chairperson of the FS Committee, noted that the committee had met for the first time and she had been appointed as Chairperson with the Vice Chair yet to be determined. She indicated that a resolution recommending the designated use of the proceeds from the Meadowfield property will be brought forward to a future Council meeting. She further noted that the budget amendments discussed earlier in this meeting had been reviewed at the most recent FS Committee meeting.

Public Safety (PS) Committee:

Ms. Raschke, Chairperson of the PS Committee, noted that the committee had met for the first time and she had been appointed as Chairperson with **Mr. Duistermars** having been appointed Vice Chair. She stated that the next meeting would be held on February 6th.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Yalamanchi questioned whether the City Council Communication Committee rules could be changed to allow citizen representatives to serve as chairpersons and/or vice chairpersons as a means of encouraging more citizen participation.

City Attorney John Staran explained that the Communication Committees were created by Council and, therefore, any of the bylaws such as what Mr. Yalamanchi is suggesting, can be changed by a majority vote of City Council.

Mr. Yalamanchi asked that the matter be examined further.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Regular Meeting - Wednesday, February 1, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Council, President Rosen adjourned the meeting at 10:19 p.m.

*JAMES ROSEN, President
Rochester Hills City Council*

*JANE LESLIE, Clerk
City of Rochester Hills*

*MARGARET A. MANZ
Administrative Secretary
City Clerk's Office*

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