



**City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS**

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TO: City Council Members
FROM: Barb Holder, Vice President and RHGYC Liaison
DATE: July 12, 2006
SUBJECT: Appointment of 2005/2006 Rochester Hills Government Youth Council

City Council at its Regular Meeting of March 16, 2005 adopted Resolution RES0080-2005 establishing the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC) to promote youth involvement in local government through active participation and the mutual exchange of ideas and experiences. The RHGYC composition includes thirteen (13) members appointed by City Council following the established Application/Appointment Process, which will consist of two (2) representatives from each City Council District and (5) at-large representatives.

This is the second year for the RHGYC. Recruitment was not as extensive as in the past because of the lack of staff in the Clerk's Office. However, the Clerk's Office did receive 14 applications that all met the minimum qualifications to be considered. Of the 14 applications received seven (7) were from current Youth Council Members requesting to be re-appointed to an additional term on the Council.

The established Application/Appointment process included the following:

- Submission of application packet by interested students which included the following:
 - ✓ Application
 - ✓ Essay Questions
 - ✓ Two Letters or Recommendation
- Interview by the Interview Team consisting of City Council Vice President Barb Holder, the City Clerk Jane Leslie, one (1) Communication Committee Citizen Representative, Gary Elliott, and two (2) Youth Representatives, Ryan Leclerc and Abigail Gowman who are currently serving on the Youth Council.

All fourteen (14) students participated in the interview process. The interview team evaluated the candidates on application quality, adult references, interview and representation.

Because of the quality of the applications, essays and references and the interest and desire of the students, it is the recommendation of the Interview Team that Council appoint all fourteen (14) students to the Council. This will allow the seven returning students to mentor the seven new students. The terms of office will be for one (1) year coinciding with the school calendar year beginning on September 1, 2006 and expiring on August 31, 2007.

If all fourteen students were appointed, the representation would be as follows:

- **CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS**

- District 1 – 4 representatives
 - 1 returning student
 - 3 new students
- District 2 – 6 representatives
 - 4 returning students
 - 2 new students
- District 3 – 2 representatives
 - 1 returning student
 - 1 new student
- District 4 – 2 representatives
 - 1 returning student
 - 1 new student

- **SCHOOLS**

- ACE – 1 representative
- Adams – 4 representatives
- Avondale – 1 representative
- International Academy – 1 representative
- Marian – 1 representative
- Rochester – 4 representatives
- Stoney Creek – 2 representatives

- **SCHOOL GRADES 2006-2007**

- Tenth Grade – 3 students
- Eleventh Grade – 6 students
- Twelfth Grade – 5 students

Application materials are available in the Clerk's Office if you are interested in reviewing them. A resolution for your consideration appointing the fourteen students is included in the packet.

Please take note that at the August 16th Council Meeting the 2005/2006 RHGYC Members will be providing their final report to City Council and the 2006/2007 RHGYC members will be sworn in.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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