



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

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Legislative File No: 2006-0609

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Jane Leslie, Clerk 2461
DATE: 8/10/06
SUBJECT: Special Assessment District-Lighting for Denison Acres & Rochester Hills Heathers

REQUEST:

Petitions have been filed to create a Special Assessment District for Street Lighting for Denison Acres and Rochester Hills Heathers Subdivisions located in Section 27. The petitions are filed pursuant to Chapter 90, Special Assessments of the Rochester Hills Code of Ordinances.

BACKGROUND:

Denison Acres Subdivision entered into a street lighting agreement with Avon Township in 1984 for the installation of two (2) streetlights located at Harrington and West Auburn Road and at Walbridge and West Auburn Road. The subdivision association has disbanded. Street lighting bills have gone unpaid for the past two (2) years. Residents have expressed their desire to continue the lighting through a Special Assessment District. Rochester Hills Heathers is a new subdivision built since the original lighting was installed and is now being included in the SAD as the subdivision uses Harrington Street at West Auburn Road for entry to the subdivision. The petitions include both subdivisions. 58 of the of the 110 parcels have signatures for 52.73% of the proposed district making the request.

Pursuant to the current lighting agreement, past due bills can and will be considered delinquent and assigned to the tax bills of the property owners of the Denison Acres Subdivision. Letters were sent to all property owners in February of 2006 to advise them of the delinquency and the options for resolution. The amount owing for the current lighting agreement in 2006 is \$1,392.96. There are 96 parcels in the current Denison Acres Lighting Agreement. The amount that will be assigned to the tax bills is \$14.51 per parcel.

If the SAD is approved, the district will include 110 parcels. DTE Energy calculates the bills for streetlights based on the type of light at a monthly rate. An annual amount would be charged to the tax bills of the district, as is the other lighting district in the city (Christian Hills Subdivision). The proposed SAD amount is \$3.91 for each parcel, annually.

Section 90-63 of the Code of Ordinances calls for an engineering report that is not included with this request. There is no "engineering" to be completed as part of this SAD as the lighting is installed; no changes are proposed. Section 90-64 requests City Council to tentatively determine to proceed and to set a Public Hearing for consideration of the Special Assessment District.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Rochester Hills City Council accepts petitions and the report of the City Assessor and resolves to set a Public Hearing for consideration of the public improvement to be held on September 6, 2006 at its next regular meeting.

RESOLUTION

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RETURN TO AGENDA

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
City Council Liaison		