



Rochester Hills Minutes City Council Work Session

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Linda Raschke, James Rosen, Ravi Yalamanchi*

Wednesday, August 23, 2006

7:30 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

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CALL TO ORDER

President Rosen called the Rochester Hills City Council Budget Work Session Meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. Michigan Time.

ROLL CALL

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

Others Present:

*Ed Anzek, Director of Planning/Development
Bryan Barnett, Mayor
Jim Bradford, Deputy Fire Chief
Scott Cope, Director of Building/Ordinance Enforcement
Ron Crowell, Fire Chief
Kurt Dawson, Director of Assessing/Treasurer
Vince Foisy, Supervisor of Communication Systems
Bob Grace, Director of MIS
Mike Hartner, Director of Parks & Forestry
Julie Jenuwine, Director of Finance
Pam Lee, Director of Human Resources
Jane Leslie, City Clerk
Roger Rousse, Director of DPS/Engineering
Bob Smith, Supervisor of Ordinance Services*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PROPOSED 2007 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

2006-0615 Discussion - General Fund - 2007 Budget (100's)

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; Final Recap all changes.pdf; 092006 Agenda Summary - Public Hearing.pdf; Public Hearing Notice.pdf; 0615 Resolution.pdf

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Planning Commission (400)

- Update and recommend approval of a Zoning Ordinance that reflects the Master Land Use Plan that is scheduled for consideration and approval in 2006.
- Prepare the Capital Improvements Projects List.
- Provide guidance and recommendations that might improve proposed developments and mitigate any potential adverse affects.
- Provide guidance during the five-year update to the Master Thoroughfare Plan.

Planning & Development Department (401)

- Complete the Zoning Ordinance Update to be respective of the Master Land Use Plan that was adopted in 2006.
- Initiate an Economic Development Strategy as a component of the Master Land Use Planning effort underway.
- Continue to meet bi-weekly with other departments to evaluate the development permit approval process in order to identify and implement means and techniques to be more expeditious and efficient (Development Improvement Process Committee).
- Identify specific areas where departmental procedures could be improved to provide better service to the public and expedite administrative and approval reviews.
- Continue to evaluate and rewrite various codes that are cumbersome to administer, interpret, enforce, and apply while maintaining City standards.
- Develop strategy/policy papers to affect desired results regarding development, preservation, enhancement and redevelopment and submit results to the City Administration, City Council, and/or appropriate Boards, Commissions and/or Council Committees for their consideration and adoption.
- Evaluate and implement, if appropriate, a Business Council to provide insight and opinion as to improving the approval process, location assistance, retention, attraction and general working relationships between the City and the business community.
- Increase of 3.6% due to Zoning Ordinance update, new insurance allocation and consultant fees (pass through).

Mr. Ed Anzek, Director of Planning/Development, drew Council's attention to the many bodies his department supports, such as Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Historic Districts Commission and LDFA. He further noted that they had eliminated a Clerk position and changed the Planner III position to a Planner I with the intent that the individual who eventually fills that position will rise through the ranks.

Mr. Yalamanchi encouraged the creation of a Business Council, but cautioned the Administration about the use of skill-based premiums such as those proposed for the Planning Department support staff.

Mr. Anzek indicated the increased workload of his support staff and their many duties above and beyond their specific positions.

Ms. Pam Lee, Director of Human Resources, assured Council members that any future requests for premium pay will be evaluated closely. She explained that Mr. Anzek's original request was to upgrade those support positions, however, Human Resources determined that upgrades were not warranted. She noted that in order to compensate additional skill levels the concept of premiums was pursued.

Mr. Duistermars noted his support for fair treatment of City employees and the need to retain good workers.

Zoning Board of Appeals (410)

- Advise Administration, City Council, and Planning Commission on zoning ordinance issues.
- Hear and act upon appeals as required by Zoning Ordinance #200 and the sign ordinance.
- Conduct the appropriate Public Hearing as prescribed by the ordinance after due notice is published and mailed to adjacent property owners as prescribed by the ordinance.

Historic District Commission (804)

- Encourage the preservation of significant historic buildings and sites by providing guidance and direction to property owners proposing restoration and/or upkeep of their properties.
- Conduct educational programs such as the annual Earl Borden awards programs that further the citizens' respect and pride for the community's heritage.
- Maintain the Historic Districts Study Committee to conduct reviews and recommendations regarding any structure and/or land parcel's potential for designation.

Discussed

2006-0621

Discussion - Component Unit Funds - 2007 Budget - EDC, LDFA, BRA, SmartZone, OPC, RARA

Attachments: 0621 Resolution.pdf

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Brownfield Redevelopment Fund (843)

- Review proposed Brownfield plans to determine eligibility for capture of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for proposed eligible activities.
- Encourage the redevelopment of environmentally contaminated sites within the City.
- Utilize TIF financing to put distressed or challenged properties on par with greenfield properties.
- Review proposed remediation plans associated with TIF capture and repayment.

SmartZone Fund (851)

- Fund the development of incubators and business accelerators to assist entrepreneurs, researchers and small companies in commercializing research.
- Provide infrastructure, including advanced fiber optics, that supports the development of the State-designated Rochester Hills SmartZone and its certified technology park.

Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Fund (893)

- Hold an Annual Board of Directors Meeting
- Continue partnering with Oakland County's Economic Development Program to provide the optimum development and financing services for our businesses.
- Hold meetings when necessary to review new applications for local EDC financing.

Discussed**2006-0615**

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PARKS & FORESTRY**Parks Department (756)**

- Maintain educational and entertaining environmental and historical programming at the Environmental Education Center and the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm.
- Continue development of Clinton River Trail through grants and innovative funding sources.
- Work with the Green Space Advisory Board to acquire property interests funded by the Green Space Preservation Millage.
- Continue the planning, design and construction for improvements based on the following projects listed in the CIP:
 - * Borden Park / Maintenance Building Floor - Construction
 - * Borden Park / Maintenance Building Improvements - Construction
 - * Borden Park / Central Irrigation Control - Construction
 - * Museum / Chimney Repairs - Construction

- Increase of 6% due to personnel costs based on recent bargaining unit 2491 contract increases and facility charge.

Forestry (774)

- Identify and remove City-owned hazardous trees, including Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) killed ash trees.
- Plant street trees in newly occupied subdivisions and through the Cooperative Tree Planting Program.
- Earn the 2007 "Tree City USA" designation
- Increase of 8% due to new insurance allocation, increased contractual ash tree removal from City properties and wage increases from recent bargaining unit 2491 contract.

Mr. Mike Hartner, Director of Parks & Forestry, noted that coping with the destruction of trees caused by the Emerald Ash Borer has been the single biggest activity of the Forestry Division for the past three years. He estimated that his department was approximately halfway through the dead tree removal process.

Mr. Yalamanchi expressed concern regarding the Festival of the Hills, noting the other departments such as DPS, Fire and Police, that are involved in the event. He stated that if the City were unable in the future to secure donations to cover the entire cost of the Festival, he would not support the use of General Fund dollars to pay for the event.

Mayor Barnett assured the Council that he was confident there would be no need for the use of tax dollars to support the Festival of the Hills. He stated that many of the 2006 sponsors have already indicated they will sponsor the event again in 2007.

Mr. Yalamanchi questioned whether the deputy level positions of both Parks and Forestry could be combined.

Mr. Hartner explained that the two positions require expertise in two separate disciplines and both employees are "working managers" performing "in the field."

Mr. Yalamanchi requested that the Parks Revenues be identified more clearly in the budget.

Ms. Julie Jenuwine, Director of Finance, explained that the Parks Revenues are identified in the General Fund Revenues; however, it is necessary to add up three lines to reach the appropriate amount.

Resident Lee Zendel, 1575 Dutton Road, questioned the amount of money spent for individuals to visit the Museum and the Environmental Education Center.

Mr. Hartner noted that, "The value of those facilities is more than pure numbers," noting the value of nature and historical appreciation, and the use of those facilities by other organizations.

Mr. Ambrozaitis questioned why the City Parks system does not handle the functions of the Rochester Avon Recreation Authority (RARA).

Mr. Hartner noted that the division of responsibilities and the ability of RARA to utilize school resources as well as Parks offerings is more cost effective and has held down costs for 25 years.

Ms. Raschke noted that she would like the Parks Department to be supported by a Parks Millage to free up dollars in the General Fund.

Resident Melinda Hill, 1481 Mill Race, stated that the budget used to note the expenses for each Park separately, which was very helpful, especially in spurring ideas to enhance revenue. She stressed the benefits of the City's Parks as a very important component of Rochester Hills' quality of life. She further encouraged Council to pursue matching grant dollars for the paving of the Clinton River Trail.

Discussed

2006-0616

Discussion of the Special Revenue Funds - 2007 Budget

Attachments: Budget Workshop Presentation Schedule.pdf; 0616 Resolution.pdf

PARKS & FORESTRY

Tree Fund (232)

- Plant as many trees as are eligible through the Cooperative Tree Planting Program.
- Develop a comprehensive expenditure policy for this fund.

- Reduction of 39% due to wage reclassification and reduction in Ash tree and stump removal.

Green Space & Natural Features Fund (299)

- The mission of the Green Space & Natural Features Fund is to permanently preserve natural green spaces, wildlife habitats and scenic views; protect woodlands, wetlands, rivers and streams; and expand the Clinton River Greenway and other trail corridors by funding the purchase of land and interests in land, and enable the City to seek matching grant funds.

- The Green Space & Natural Features Millage was approved by the voters of Rochester Hills on September 13, 2005 to levy up to 0.3000 mills (limited to 0.2972 mills due to Headlee Rollback) for ten years through fiscal year 2015 in order to permanently preserve green spaces and natural features within the City of Rochester Hills.

- A Green Space Advisory Board made up of Rochester Hills residents has been established to advise the City on the use of the dedicated funds for the duration of the ten-year levy.

- Increase of 7% due to the additional amount going to fund balance.

Discussed

2006-0620

Discussion - Internal Service Funds - 2007 Budget

Attachments: 0620 Resolution.pdf

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS (MIS)

Management Information Systems (MIS) Fund (636)

- Customize existing software to improve GIS access to non-technical users at City Hall and off site locations.

- Work toward improving GIS static and interactive mapping on our website in order to better serve residents and customers.

- Monitor and modify training and documentation for users of City software applications.

- Develop tools and guidelines to aid in data integrity while implementing an asset management system.

- Work with departments to implement enhancements to the City's financial system.

- Work with Legistar and staff to resolve any applications or interface issues as a result of upgrading our legislative tracking system.

- Work with the Building Department to implement a pilot program for the use of laptops in the field.

- Attend classes and training seminars to fully utilize and effectively manage our new computer infrastructure and databases.

- Work with all City departments to define requirements for a City-wide document management system.

- Maintain and upgrade the network security systems such as firewalls, antivirus,

antispam, spyware detection as necessary to mitigate increasing security threats.

- Continue the planning, design and acquisition of improvements based on the following projects listed in the CIP:

** IS-06B - Asset Management Software & Hardware Implementation (DPS) \$200,000
- (IS-06B) Asset Management System - Still under administrative review pending further analysis.*

** IS-07A - City-wide Records Management - Preliminary Design (Clerks) \$31,000*

** Financial system enhancements \$23,000*

** Legistar upgrade \$20,000*

- Reduction of 27% due mostly to a reduction in capital requests.

Mr. Hooper questioned the ramifications of postponing any of the CIP projects.

Mr. Bob Grace, Director of MIS, noted that, although these projects would be implemented by the MIS department, they are spearheaded by the other departments that request or require them.

Mr. Roger Rouse, Director of DPS/Engineering, addressed Mr. Hooper's question with regard to the Asset Management project, noting that it is a multi-year project with some funds already budgeted in 2006, as well as 2007. He explained that the immediate impact would be to the complaint system currently in place, which the current vendor is soon retiring and, thus needs replacement. He further noted that there are some financial incentives to employing this type of program that would be forfeited without an asset management program in place. He also stressed the cost effectiveness of a \$200,000 program that manages the millions of dollars worth of City assets.

President Rosen noted that one of the key selling points of the asset management program is the system accumulates "real world" data to track and estimate how long roads, pipes and sewers will last.

Mr. Ambrozaitis questioned whether Mr. Grace felt his department was well equipped and funded.

Mr. Grace noted that the greatest need in his department was training to continue to support the recent system upgrades such as the computer network.

Mr. Yalamanchi questioned whether the MIS department had ever considered the use of off site servers.

Mr. Grace noted that the option had been explored many years ago but was dismissed due to security concerns.

Mr. Yalamanchi questioned how Mr. Grace could cut 10% from his proposed department budget.

Mr. Grace noted that, as an internal services provider, a great deal of his budget is dictated by the needs of the other City departments.

Resident Melinda Hill, 1481 Mill Race, indicated that the asset management project had previously been ranked rather low in the CIP and also noted the increase in estimated cost from previous years. She also questioned whether there would be future costs associated with this program following its implementation.

Mr. Grace explained that there are often future costs associated with computer equipment and software due to necessary upgrades, etc. He stated that when he brings projects forward he includes a "five-year look ahead" at those potential costs.

Discussed

2006-0615

Discussion - General Fund - 2007 Budget (100's)

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GENERAL FUND

Transfers-Out (990)

- Provide funding to different funds in order to continue ongoing programs.
- Fund debt service obligations and infrastructure projects.
- Evaluate the level of funding from the General Fund to support funds such as: Special Police, Roads, Capital Improvement, Fleet, Facilities and LDFA Funds. The evaluations will review several funding options and seek implementation for future budget periods.

- Increase of 16% due to additional transfer to the Local Street Fund and Police Fund.

- Transfers-Out Summary:

Major Road Fund = \$353,900
 Local Street Fund = \$3,429,300
 Special Police Fund = \$2,827,740
 Drain Maintenance Fund = \$811,620
 Municipal Building Debt Fund = \$667,580
 Capital Improvement Fund = \$654,750
 Facilities Fund = \$504,930

General Fund Total Transfers-Out = \$9,549,820

Ms. Julie Jenuwine, Director of Finance, explained that in previous years ineligible property tax revenue was transferred from the General Fund to the LDFA. Due to needs in the General Fund and a lack of need in the LDFA, those funds will no longer be transferred.

Discussed

(Recess 9:03 p.m. - 9:17 p.m.)

2006-0616

Discussion - Special Revenue Funds - 2007 Budget

Attachments: Budget Workshop Presentation Schedule.pdf; 0616 Resolution.pdf

SPECIAL POLICE FUND

Special Police Fund / Revenue (207)

- Ensure a stable revenue stream to protect against short- or long-term fluctuations

that have the potential of adversely affecting the delivery of essential public safety and protection services.

- Increase of 3% due to the following:

- * Approximately \$4.3 million from two police millages
- * Alarm registration revenue reduced to \$0
- * False Alarms budgeted at \$40,000
- * Court Fines reduced 11%
- * Transfer-in proposed to increase to \$2.8 million
- * Use of Fund Balance amounts to \$257,100
- * New Fund Balance at end of 2007 will be close to \$0 (after 2006 4th quarter budget amendment)

Special Police Fund / Expenditures (207)

- Enhance the Bike Program allowing for greater patrol flexibility in areas that are not accessible to routine vehicle patrol such as City parks, pathways.
- Improve wired and wireless communication efficiency by implementing new technology.
- Identify and implement operational and cost effective opportunities to improve service.
- Create and promote additional Community Safety initiatives and programs focusing on our entire community including businesses, residential and recreational facilities.
- Develop and implement greater public awareness of disaster preparedness at the family level.
- Facilitate the use of the Michigan State Police to increase speed enforcement along M-59.
- Enhanced general communication between the Rochester School Executive staff and substation personnel to develop training and procedures in order to improve police response to serious incidents in school buildings.
- Remain involved and commit personnel in the recently established Balkans Organized Crime Task Force to the greatest extent possible.
- Implement a comprehensive False Alarm Ordinance Program aimed at educating and addressing homeowners and businesses on the problems associated with repeat instances of false alarms; to ultimately reduce the number of false alarms which require police response.
- Increase of 3% due to policing contract increase with OCSD and increased budgeted overtime hours.

Captain Robert Smith, Oakland County Sheriff's Department, explained that police service calls have increase 5.4%, which results in a reduction in the revenue from traffic tickets, as officers spend less time patrolling. He further noted that issues beyond the control of the Sheriff's Department, such as recent high profile crimes and the recent crash of a power transformer, can impact the budget unexpectedly.

Ms. Raschke noted that the Avondale School District recently contacted the City seeking reinstatement of the Police School Liaison Program.

Captain Smith noted that he does not have an officer to spare for that program and

participation would likely require the hiring of an additional deputy. He indicated that the City would have to make the decision in this matter.

President Rosen suggested the matter be discussed at the upcoming joint meeting of the Community Development & Viability Committee, the Financial Services Committee and the Public Safety Committee.

Resident Lee Zendel, 1575 Dutton Road, noted the City of Troy expends approximately 50% of its budget on police protection as opposed to 20% by Rochester Hills. He stressed the need to reevaluate that spending especially with the new developments coming into the City, particularly Wal-Mart.

Ms. Holder questioned the need for two full-time support staff employees at the Sheriff's Department Substation.

Captain Smith, while noting that the two support employees are City workers and, thus, their status is at the discretion of the City, listed the many vital duties and services they provide.

Ms. Holder stressed that the funding for the police services must come from the residents, noting that one of her suggestions that resulted from a previous Communication Committee joint meeting was a City Charter amendment to create a dedicated millage for police funding.

Discussed

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SPECIAL POLICE FUND

Crossing Guards (315)

- Provide safety of the pedestrian students of Rochester and Avondale schools.

Discussed

2006-0616

Discussion - Special Revenue Funds - 2007 Budget

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FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND

Fire Department / Revenue (206)

- Ensure a stable revenue stream to protect against short- or long-term fluctuations that have the potential of adversely affecting the delivery of essential public safety and protection services.

- Increase of 2% due to tax revenue \$6.4 million (proposed reduction in millage by 0.1000) and EMS Service \$800,000.

Fire Department / Administration (206)

- Provide training resources and opportunities for Fire Department employees to enhance career development within the Fire Service.

- Exercise emergency disaster plan through "mock" scenarios.
- Train City staff in Emergency Management.
- Overall reduction of 4.9% due to the following:
 - * Wages increase due to addition of part-time clerk and upgrade of administrative secretary position.
 - * Interfund GF Administration charge increased due to increased capital expenditures.
 - * New Interfund - DPS charge of \$110,000 for the maintenance of fire hydrants.
 - * Transfer-Out proposed to decrease \$563,240 (-29%).

Fire Chief Ron Crowell explained that the support staff workload is such that his department is requesting part-time support assistance. He noted that he does not set the pay scale for these types of employees, but rather submits his requests to Human Resources, which, in turn, makes those determinations.

Full-Time Firefighters (339)

- Continue to train Firefighter/Paramedics in Technical Rescue and RIT (Rapid Intervention Training).
- Improve service and response times by placing Firefighter/Paramedics in two out-stations.
- Reduction of 45% mostly due to change in allocation of firefighter positions to EMS department.

Paid-On-Call Firefighters (340)

- Revise incident response policies in order to enhance emergency response.
- Develop an Incentive Program to retain Paid-On-Call personnel.
- Assist Paid-On-Call Officers in developing their individual station training sessions.
- Develop cross-manning programs for Fire Stations 1, 4 and 5.
- Provide opportunities for Paid-On-Call officer development.
- Inform team members of public relations events so their services can be showcased.
- Increase of 15% due to increased personnel for incentive program plus 1,000 additional hours (39,000 to 40,000 hours) and the reclassification of former "Special Operations" department budget.

Fire Chief Crowell and Ms. Jenuwine clarified that while there were 87 Paid-On-Call (POC) firefighter budgeted positions, there were only 67 POCs currently employed by the City.

Fire Chief Crowell also noted that it can take 18 months to two years to fully train a POC firefighter, thus it is very costly to replace them when they leave.

- Offer Fire Safety Education to all senior citizens.
- Perform selected plan reviews and inspections of new construction in accordance with revised Building Department / Fire Department policies.
- Increase of 5% due to combination of personnel, equipment, fleet charges and community promotion increases.

Training (342)

- Conduct live burn training utilizing our Training Tower and acquired buildings.
- Participate in a Regional Fire Academy in cooperation with Auburn Hills, Oakland Township, the City of Rochester, Orion, Oxford and Addison Fire Departments.
- Train personnel in specialized areas such as Confined Space, Trench Rescue, and Rapid Intervention Training.
- Increase of 3% due to personnel costs.

Ms. Holder questioned whether money from the Capital Fund could be used for training purposes.

Ms. Jenuwine explained that those funds are typically taken from the Operating Fund, however, the purchase of training equipment would be paid for from the Capital Fund. She stressed that the purpose of keeping the two funds separate is the ease of tracking the operational funds, otherwise there would be "peaks and valleys" in terms of large equipment purchases. Ms. Jenuwine noted that the funds all come from the same Fire Millage dollars, which are then transferred to the various funds based on budgeting needs.

Dispatch (343)

- Participate with Public Education Programs to educate families in 9-1-1 services.
- Continue updating the C.A.D. System and other databases with the most accurate data.
- Continue to enhance the City's communication operations by utilizing the most current technology available.
- Support the continuous professional development and empowerment of staff.
- Increase of 2% due to personnel costs.

Fire Chief Crowell explained that there is a need for a larger vehicle to tow the educational "smoke house" which was purchased by the City using private donations.

Emergency Medical Response (344)

- Add additional Advanced Life Support (ALS) unit.
- Upgrade minimum manning from four (4) to six (6) Firefighter/Paramedics to allow for three ALS units available 24-hours per day.
- Continue medical training.
- Maintain relationships with neighboring communities for shared EMS service.

- Continue to evaluate new trends and equipment.
- Increase of 118% mostly due to change in allocation of firefighter positions from Firefighter Department.

Mr. Yalamanchi requested more information regarding the pros and cons associated with the City operating its own dispatch service as opposed to contracting this service from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, as well as the use of a private company for emergency medical response services.

Resident Lee Zendel, 1575 Dutton Road, expressed his opposition to privatizing any portion of the City's emergency services, stressing that private contractors had been utilized in the past and were not as efficient or responsive as the current service.

Ms. Raschke agreed with Mr. Zendel, noting that she would oppose any return to the use of private ambulance services.

Resident Melinda Hill, 1481 Mill Race, reminded Council that there had been a request during the previous year's budget discussion regarding an examination of the cost effectiveness of the current dispatch system.

Mayor Barnett noted that any review of the dispatch system should be done by an external consultant.

President Rosen agreed that it would be relatively inexpensive to hire a consultant to examine the dispatch service and provide an evaluation.

Discussed

2006-0618

Discussion - Capital Funds - 2007 Budget

Attachments: 0618 Resolution.pdf

FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND

Fire Capital Fund (402) - \$1,054,880

- Provide an opportunity for the Fire Department to move forward with projects as opportunities arise to maximize benefits to the City and our residents.
- Continue to follow the Fire Vehicle Replacement Schedule.
- Continue the planning, design, construction and acquisition for improvements based on the following projects listed in the CIP:
 - * IS-04D - Self Contained Breathing Apparatus
 - * IS-08 - Fire Department Staff Vehicles (3)
 - * IS-08 - Fire Department Public Education Van (1)
 - * FA-13E - Fire Stations / Vehicle Emission Extraction System - Construction
 - * FA-13F - Fire Station #1 / Kitchen Remodel - Construction
 - * FA-13H - Fire Station #3 / Roof Repairs - Construction
 - * FA-13I - Fire Station #5 / Parking Lot Repairs - Construction
 - * Fire Station #1 / Condenser Replacement - Construction
 - * Heart Monitor
 - * Nozzles
 - * Stair Chair (5)
 - * PPV Fans
 - * Three (3) fire staff vehicles, one (1) public education van

Mr. Yalamanchi requested that the \$45,000 cost to remodel the kitchen in Station 1 be reconsidered and possibly reduced. He also questioned the cost of the self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) purchase.

Fire Chief Crowell explained that the current SCBAs are due to be replaced in 2007. He further noted that other area departments would be using the same brand of SCBAs, thus allowing for the sharing of equipment. Fire Chief Crowell stressed the importance of this equipment in allowing firefighters to breath while in burning buildings.

Discussed

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FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND

Wireless Communications (326)

- *Improve wired and wireless communication efficiency by implementing new technology.*
- *Identify and implement operational and cost effective opportunities to improve service.*
- *Increase of 6% mostly due to purchase of replacement radios.*

Mr. Vince Foisy, Supervisor of Communication Services, discussed the advantages and disadvantages of Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) services in terms of their use in emergencies.

Mr. Duistermars stressed that VOIP is "still an infant type of technology."

Discussed

2006-0620

Discussion - Internal Service Funds - 2007 Budget

Attachments: 0620 Resolution.pdf

FACILITIES FUND

Facilities Fund (631)

FLEET FUND

Fleet Fund (661)

It was determined that the discussion of the above items pertaining to the Facilities and Fleet Funds be postponed until the next Budget Work Session scheduled for August 24, 2006.

Postponed

2006-0617

Discussion - Debt Service Funds - 2007 Budget

Attachments: 0617 Resolution.pdf

DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

Local Street / 2001 Series (313)

Local Street (SAD) / 2001 Series (314)

Local Street / 2002 Series (325)

Drain Debt Fund (331)

Local Street (SAD) / 1994 Series (337)

Local Street (SAD) / 1995 (338)

OPC Building Debt (368)

Municipal Building Debt (370)

Refunding Bond / 1998 Series (391)

Refunding Bond / 2002 Series (392)

It was determined that the discussion of the above items pertaining to the Debt Service Funds be postponed until the next Budget Work Session scheduled for August 24, 2006.

Postponed

2006-0619

Discussion - Water & Sewer Funds - 2007 Budget

Attachments: 0619 Resolution.pdf

DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

Water & Sewer / Debt Service (595)

It was determined that the discussion of the above items pertaining to the Debt Service Funds be postponed until the next Budget Work Session scheduled for August 24, 2006.

Postponed

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Yalamanchi, noting that he had been contacted by residents expressing concern about the length of the Pathways Millage request, questioned whether the language could be changed to reflect a ten-year time span.

President Rosen noted that it may not be feasible to make that change considering the ballot language deadline and the Council meeting schedule, however, he stated he would discuss the matter with the City Clerk and report back to Council as soon as possible.

Ms. Raschke announced an upcoming blood drive to be held in City Hall.

Mayor Barnett distributed information provided by City Attorney John Staran and the City's Bond Counsel, Terry Donnelly, regarding the Drain Millage.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- *Special Meeting - Thursday, August 24, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.*
- *Special Budget Work Session - Thursday, August 24, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.*
- *Special Meeting - Wednesday, August 30, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.*

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Council, President Rosen adjourned the meeting at 11:17 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*