



Rochester Hills

Minutes - Draft

City Council Special Meeting

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Michael Webber and Ravi Yalamanchi*

Vision Statement: The Community of Choice for Families and Business

*Mission Statement: "Our mission is to sustain the City of Rochester Hills as the premier
community of choice to live, work and raise a family by enhancing our vibrant residential
character complemented by an attractive business community."*

Thursday, October 30, 2008

6:00 PM

Meadow Brook Hall, Oakland University

JOINT WITH THE CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

CALL TO ORDER

*President Hooper called the Joint Meeting of the City Councils of Auburn Hills and
Rochester Hills to order at 6:25 p.m. Michigan Time.*

ROLL CALL OF THE AUBURN HILLS CITY COUNCIL

Present 5 - Maureen Hammond, Robert Kittle, Henry Knight, Kevin McDaniel, Otis
Newkirk
Absent 2 - James McDonald and Mari Edwards

ROLL CALL OF THE ROCHESTER HILLS CITY COUNCIL

Present 5 - Greg Hooper, J. Martin Brennan, James Rosen, Michael Webber and Vern
Pixley
Absent 2 - Erik Ambrozaitis and Ravi Yalamanchi

Others Present:

*Peter E. Auger, Auburn Hills City Manager
Stephanie Carroll, Auburn Hills Coordinator of Community Relations & Legislative
Affairs
Bryan K. Barnett, Rochester Hills Mayor
Scott Cope, Rochester Hills Building Director
Paul Davis, Rochester Hills City Engineer
Kurt Dawson, Rochester Hills City Assessor/Treasurer
Leanne Scott, Rochester Hills City Council Coordinator*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

By Rochester Hills Council President Greg Hooper

President Hooper opened the meeting by welcoming the City of Auburn Hills. He expressed the importance of the two communities meeting regularly to share ideas and to explore opportunities in which to be more efficient.

(Mr. Yalamanchi entered at 6:30 p.m.)

Present 6 - Greg Hooper, J. Martin Brennan, James Rosen, Ravi Yalamanchi, Michael Webber and Vern Pixley

Absent 1 - Erik Ambrozaitis

DISCUSSION OF ITEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST

President Hooper, referring to the Joint Meeting of the two Councils held in August of 2007, commented that he was pleased to have this opportunity to continue towards the mutual goal of building good communication and working relationships between the two cities.

The two Councils, City Manager Auger, and Mayor Barnett discussed the following items:

Single Trash Hauler

President Hooper and Rochester Hills Mayor Barnett shared that the City of Rochester Hills is proposing a single trash hauler for single family and duplex residential homes within the City, noting that businesses and condominiums will be excluded. Currently the City is looking at a five (5) year contract with Allied Waste. The hauler will bill the residents directly; this is not a millage based proposal. Along with that proposal, Rochester Hills will be the first community in Michigan to implement the Recycle Bank. The Recycle Bank consists of weighing contents put out for recycling from each route, dividing the total, then converting that total into points that are distributed in the form of coupons to everyone on that route. Those coupons will be redeemable at local merchants. President Hooper stated that the contract, as well as the Ordinance for first reading, will be on the November 10th Council Agenda for a vote.

(Mr. Yalamanchi exited at 7:05 p.m.)

Equipment Purchases

The two Councils discussed the possibility of sharing certain pieces of equipment, such as a street sweeper, and concurred that this is a difficult thing to do.

City Manager Auger recalled a situation when the City of Auburn Hills' Vector was out of commission and they needed assistance, and pointed out that City of Rochester Hills came out to help.

All members present concurred that the two Fire Departments have always had a good working relationship.

President Hooper noted that the two Cities recently collaborated on Fire Equipment purchases, and in doing so experienced a significant savings. It was agreed that this is the best way to proceed whenever possible.

Traffic Issues

Council Member Knight proposed looking into the possibility of a tri-party agreement with Troy and West Bloomfield Township to widen Adams Road at the common border.

Council Member Rosen stated that traffic patterns have changed and pointed out that Dequindre and Avon Roads were two corridors that came up as priorities for widening during Rochester Hills' Master Thoroughfare Update.

City Manager Peter Auger stated that the University / I-75 Interchange, as well as the M-59 and I-75 Interchange projects required a regional approach, as well as a partnership in support between the two cities. He stated that the University / I-75 project needed to be first priority, then they could move on to the M-59 / I-75 project. He requested Rochester Hills' assistance in getting this project started and underway.

Discussion ensued regarding the difference in the speed limit on Tienken Road between the two communities. Mayor Barnett commented that three (3) different speed studies revealed that 40 mph is a safe speed. City Manager Auger explained that when traffic studies are performed, the movement of traffic is what is important, not how fast or slow the traffic is going.

(Ms. Hammond exited at 7:30 p.m.)

Local Economic Issues

The two Councils discussed the following items and the impact of each on their respective communities:

- Decline in property values
- Issues facing Chrysler and General Motors
- Policing issues/concerns

Members from both communities expressed the importance of good relations between the two communities and being good stewards of taxpayers' dollars. While understanding that the Auburn Hills / Rochester Hills Sister City Committee will continue to meet, it was the consensus of the group that a meeting of this nature should take place on an annual basis.

Discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The Joint Meeting of the City Councils of Auburn Hills and Rochester Hills was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

*GREG HOOPER, President
Rochester Hills City Council*

*JANE LESLIE, Clerk
City of Rochester Hills*

*LEANNE SCOTT
City Council Coordinator*

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