



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

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**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members  
**FROM:** Greg Hooper, City Council President  
**DATE:** June 22, 2008  
**SUBJECT:** Charter Non-Structural Technical Review Committee (CONSTRUCT) Overview

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Shortly after the November 2007 election I suggested we conduct a team building session with ourselves, Mayor Barnett and the Department Heads of the City. We conducted those sessions this winter by formulating our Goals and Objectives and review/prioritization of past Council requests of various topics. The Number 1 ranked topic in terms of timeframe and priority was the creation of a charter committee to review non-tax items. The following is the timeframe for that committee:

- 2/25/2008 Charter Non-Structural Technical Review Committee was created
- 2/25/2008 Council Members were appointed to the Committee (Hooper, Rosen and Yalamanchi)
- 3/10/2008 Nominations for Citizen Reps was Set Over to the Regular Council Meeting on March 17, 2008
- 3/17/2008 There were 8 nominations for 4 citizen representative vacancies, so the appointment was moved to the Regular Council Meeting on March 31, 2008.
- 3/31/2008 Appointed the 4 Citizen Representatives (Melinda Hill, Darlene Janulis, Bev Jasinski and Eric Sturgis)
- 4/9/2008 First Meeting of Committee
- 4/23/2008 Second Meeting of Committee
- 4/23/2008 Updated Spreadsheet was distributed
- 5/12/2008 Updated Spreadsheet with Pros and Cons
- 5/14/2008 Third Meeting of Committee
- 5/21/2008 Fourth Meeting of Committee
- 6/4/2008 Fifth Meeting of Committee
- 6/4/2008 Updated Spreadsheet was distributed
- 6/11/2008 Sixth Meeting of Committee

I appreciate the committee members and City Staffs attendance and participation in this process. We had 37 specific items suggested for review from 4 of the members and City Staff. The committee reviewed each suggested item and offered Pro's and Con's to each one along with commentary. Debate and discussion occurred on each item with the list of potentials narrowed to 4.

It is well noted that the committee as a whole is not making a recommendation on these 4 remaining items.

Healthy debate occurred with strong opinions voiced both Pro and Con.

Given the time constraint for review and approval of ballot language by Oakland County and the State of Michigan, I made the decision to move the 4 remaining items forward to Council for deliberation and action (if any). The summarized versions are:

- 1) Eliminate the City Primary Elections.
- 2) Change the Fiscal Year to begin on July 1.
- 3) Add additional qualifications to both candidates and elected officials of the City.
- 4) Move Accounting from under the City Clerk to under the Mayor.

Deliberation for each of these items will be:

A) Should this item be considered and move forward.

or

B) Should this item be placed on the November 2008 ballot.

or

C) Should this item be discussed further for possible action in the future beyond November 2008.

Proposed ballot language has been prepared to aid the discussion.