City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Greg Hooper, Council President

DATE: January 20, 2010

SUBJECT: Police & Road Funding Technical Review Committee Recommendations

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In 2009 there were several City Council deliberations on the #1 "Strongly Recommended" option – "Present to the voters a continuance millage (not a new tax) for the debt bond expiring in September 2010" developed by the Police & Road Funding Technical Review Committee.

Brief History is as follows:

June 29, 2009: Received the final report from the Police & Roads Technical review Committee.

July, 13, 2009: City Council discussed the report in detail, determined to focus on potential ballot language for expiring debt millage renewal.

July 27, 2009: City Council deliberated potential millage language options refined from the July 13, 2009 discussion.

August 10, 2009: City Council determined to defer the discussion to after the 2009 elections after deliberation of millage language options.

After the July 27, 2009 meeting, Mr. Webber and myself offered some additional alternatives to the two most discussed options for ballot language (**I have since updated the language to reflect the current 2010 levy**). These updated alternatives are listed in no particular order or preference:

Options:

A) 4 Years, to maintain the existing contracted level of 60 uniformed officers for Police Protection Services.

A1) Shall the City of Rochester Hills replace the expiring debt millage of 0.3545 mills with a levy of 0.3545 mills for four years in order to maintain the current level of law enforcement services and reduce dependency on the General Fund to fund those services?

A2) Shall the City of Rochester Hills replace the expiring debt millage of 0.3545 mills with a levy of 0.3545 mills for four years in order to maintain the current number of contracted positions and ensure a continued level of law enforcement services?

A3) Shall the City of Rochester Hills replace the expiring debt millage of 0.3545 mills with a levy of 0.3545 mills for four years in order for the Oakland County Sheriff's Office maintain a proactive approach to crime and maintain their current level of service.

A4) Shall the City of Rochester Hills replace the expiring debt millage of 0.3545 mills with a levy of 0.3545 mills for four years in order to not compromise the number of officers and the current level of service provided by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office?

A5) Shall the City of Rochester Hills replace the expiring debt millage of 0.3545 mills with a levy of 0.3545 mills for four years as an initial phase of providing a stable source of funding for law enforcement services and in order not to compromise the level of service the Oakland County Sheriff's Office provides.

E) 10 Years, for the purposes of Local Roads, including but not limited to Road reconstruction and SAD funding for road and related projects.

E1) 10 Years for Local Road Maintenance, Reconstruction and provide for matching funds towards grant applications of Road Related projects.

E2) 10 Years for Local Road Rehabilitation and Reconstruction to provide matching funds to support SAD's, Grants and earmarks.

Please review and be prepared to discuss:

A) Should a proposal be placed on the 2010 August Ballot, and if so what should the language say.

B) Should a proposal be placed on the 2010 November Ballot, and if so what should the language say.

C) Should the discussion be discontinued.

In addition, Mr. Yalamanchi requested that Mr. Sawdon develop alternative scenarios for millage amounts that would not cause an increase in the overall millage rate.

If there is a motion to proceed, please be aware that it will be made to direct the City Attorney to draft the proposed language as directed by City Council for review and adoption at a future City Council meeting.