



City of Rochester Hills  
AGENDA SUMMARY  
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2023-0353

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Joe Snyder, Chief Financial Officer, x2534

**DATE:** July 24, 2023

**SUBJECT:** City Council Resolution of Intent relative to funding Police Services: Update & Reaffirmation

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**REQUEST:**

The Rochester Hills City Council is requested to approve an updated and reaffirmed Resolution of Intent relative to funding Police Services.

**BACKGROUND:**

On May 12, 2012 the Rochester Hills City Council approved a Resolution of Intent relative to the funding of Police Services as part of a Special Police ballot proposal which was placed on the August 7, 2012 Primary Election Ballot.

Prior to 2013, the City of Rochester Hills primarily funded Police Services through two (2) voter-approved Special Police millages totaling 1.2083 mills as well as a significant transfer-in subsidy (approximately 1.9 mills) from the General Fund. It was recommended by the Police & Roads Funding Technical Review Committee (now named the Public Safety & Infrastructure Technical Review Committee) that the City:

- a) Renew the expiring two (2) Special Police millages into a combined Special Police I millage at 1.2083 mill; and
- b) Propose a new Special Police II millage authorized up to 2.5000 mill, which would eliminate the need for General Fund subsidy and provide some flexibility for future growth.

To ensure to voters that the City Council did not intend to increase the overall millage rate with this ballot proposal, they approved a Resolution of Intent which clearly stated, on public record, that if the 2012 Special Police millage proposal passes, the City Council intends to offset any additional Special Police millage by correspondingly reducing the City's general operating millage levy so that no net tax increase to City taxpayers would result from the approval of the Special Police millage.

The Special Police millage passed in the August 2012 Primary Election and the City has been operating under the approved Resolution of Intent guidelines. Both of these millages were approved for 10-years and will expire after FY 2024.

As these two (2) Special Police millages are nearing their respective expiration, the Public Safety & Infrastructure Technical Review Committee met and recommended to the Rochester Hills City Council on July 10, 2023 to renew Special Police millage I & II into one (1) new combined Special Police millage starting in FY 2025 for and additional ten (10) years through 2034. The Rochester Hills City Council approved the ballot language to be added to the November 7, 2023 General City Election ballot.

In discussions with the Public Safety & Infrastructure Technical Review Committee, City Council, as well as with the City Attorney, it was determined that the 2012 Resolution of Intent relative to funding Police Services should be updated and reaffirmed with current language. The overall intent of this revised Resolution of Intent is identical to the 2012 Resolution, simply the millage totals and dates have been updated.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Rochester Hills City Council is recommended to approve an updated and reaffirmed Resolution of Intent relative to funding Police Services.

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APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
City Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney     Yes     N/A