



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."

Monday, May 10, 2010

6:00 PM

Fieldstone Golf Club, 1984 Taylor Rd., Auburn Hills

JOINT WITH THE CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McDonald called the Joint Meeting of the City Councils of Auburn Hills and Rochester Hills to order at 6:10 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF THE AUBURN HILLS CITY COUNCIL

Present 7 - Anne Doyle, Maureen Hammond, Robert Kittle, Henry Knight, Kevin McDaniel, James McDonald and Otis Newkirk

Absent 0 - None

ROLL CALL OF THE ROCHESTER HILLS CITY COUNCIL

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

Absent 1 - Michael Webber

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
Leanne Scott, Rochester Hills City Council Coordinator*

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

By Auburn Hills Mayor McDonald

Mayor McDonald welcomed everyone and introductions were made. He indicated that the agenda for the evening related to the discussions that have taken place at the Sister City Committee Meetings to date. He stated that he looks forward to the two Cities working together and keeping the lines of communication open.

DISCUSSION OF ITEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST

Single Trash Hauler

Mayor Barnett discussed the benefits of the City of Rochester Hills' single trash hauler program, which became effective March 31, 2009. He stated that the City's contract for this service is with Allied Waste and that it was negotiated for single family residents only; it does not include apartments, condominiums or businesses. He stated that an additional benefit of going with Allied Waste was the Recycle Bank program; currently Recycle Bank is only working with Allied. He explained that the Recycle Bank program is a recycling program wherein residents earn coupons for points earned from recycling. These coupons can then be redeemed at local merchants, such as restaurants, grocery stores, etc. He mentioned that residents have suggested that the size of the bins be changed; the large one should be used for the recycling and the smaller one for trash.

It was agreed that this discussion would continue at the next Sister Cities Committee meeting and that a copy of Rochester Hills' Request for Proposal (RFP) be forwarded to Auburn Hills.

Ties with Oakland University

Ms. Doyle explained that this item was placed on the agenda so that they could have a frank discussion about the lack of recognition Auburn Hills receives from Oakland University in spite of the fact that the University is located within Auburn Hills and Rochester Hills. Discussion ensued as to how Auburn Hills can enhance their existing relationship with Oakland University and how both communities can capitalize on the University's growth.

Economic/Tax Revenue/Budget Issues

Mr. Rosen explained that this item was placed on the agenda as a result of discussions that took place during recent Sister City Committee Meetings. He referred to the Bob Daddow presentation "The Perfect Storm" and mentioned that it led to discussions relative to consolidating services. Discussion ensued relative to continued collaboration on purchases where applicable, as well as the Police and Fire services provided for each City.

Water Storage/Rates

The possibility of sharing a water reservoir was discussed. President Hooper explained that Rochester Hills is considering water reservoirs in order to eliminate the peak consumption times and thereby reducing the amount the City is charged by Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD).

Mr. Kittle identified that Auburn Hills has experienced some water pressure issues. It was determined that Rochester Hills would forward the feasibility study information to Auburn Hills for their review and consideration.

Pontiac Sewerage Treatment Plant

Mr. Kittle stated that the Pontiac Sewerage Treatment Plant was under utilized and questioned if both cities would consider sending water for treatment and processing to Pontiac rather than Detroit.

Other Possible Synergies

Mr. Knight questioned if the two cities could work together to enhance snow plowing and beautification to the entrance to the Forrester Square subdivision located at Old Adams and Auburn Roads.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Auger gave the group an update on the Squirrel Road Construction.

ADJOURNMENT

The Joint Meeting of the City Councils of Auburn Hills and Rochester Hills was adjourned at 8:14 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.