

Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, Wednesday, August 20, 1986

SPECIAL ROCHESTER HILLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING, held at the Rochester Hills Municipal Offices, 1000 Rochester Hills Drive, Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan 48063.

The Meeting was called to order by Council President George Karas at 7:30 p.m., Michigan Time.

ROLL CALL - Present: President Karas, Councilmen Carvey, Jolly, Nowicki, Trimble, Tull
Absent: Snell
Quorum Present.

Others Present: Billie M. Ireland, Mayor
Lawrence R. Ternan, City Attorney

It is recorded, the Special Meeting was noticed in accordance with the provisions of Act 266 of the Public Acts of 1976, the Open Meetings Act.

Approval of Minutes: Special Record of the Closed Session held July 23, 1986; and minutes of the Special Meetings held July 25 and July 26, 1986.

In response to a request of Mr. Tull, President Karas said hereinafter copies of the Special Records of Closed Sessions will be mailed in confidential envelopes to Council members prior to the meetings at which the Special Records are presented for approval, in order that Council may have a better opportunity to review the Records.

MOTION by Jolly, seconded by Carvey, Resolved, that the Special Record of the Closed Session held July 23, 1986 be approved as printed.

Ayes: Carvey, Jolly, Karas, Nowicki, Trimble, Tull
Nays: None
Absent: Snell

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Tull, seconded by Nowicki, Resolved, that the minutes of the Special City Council Meetings held July 25 and July 26, 1986 be approved as printed.

Ayes: Carvey, Jolly, Karas, Nowicki, Trimble, Tull
Nays: None
Absent: Snell

MOTION CARRIED

Citizen Comments:

It is recorded, the following citizens addressed Council in support of petitions presented to Council by Carol Glass, President of the Rochester Hills Inter-Association Council, at the Regular City Council Meeting held August 06, 1986. Specifically, the citizens requested Council to oppose any plans for widening to five lanes any roads within the City of Rochester Hills. Concerns were also expressed with regard to planning and zoning procedures.

Jan McCall, 2926 Hillendale
Mary Lou Williams, 2945 Hillendale
George Dixon, 1697 Riverside Drive
Lauren Shepherd, 624 Sorbonne Drive

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Jackie Compton, 746 McGill
Eileen Dettman, 2950 Heidelberg Drive

Councilman Nowicki reported on the Oakland County Road Commission 1987 budget hearing:

A question was raised at the Road Commission hearing about the Commission's \$5 million bond issue for road improvements. The Commission responded that that money was not part of the budget.

Mrs. Lauren Shepherd and Mrs. Eileen Dettman of Rochester Hills asked the Commission whether there was funding in the budget for roads in or around Oakland Technology Park. John Grubba of the Road Commission responded there was no funding, either engineering or other funds, committed to that program.

Mr. Grubba reported, in response to questions from Mrs. Shepherd, that meetings had been held with Mayor Ireland, City Engineer Neall Schroeder, County Commissioners Nelson and Gosling to discuss strategic planning. Although some of our roads are not presently able to handle traffic, no definite plans have been made to resolve the problem.

Mr. Nowicki further reported a conversation he had on August 19, 1986 with Elaine Johnson, a representative of the company which prepared the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Mr. Nowicki expressed concerns about the EIS recommendation of five-lane roads in Rochester Hills. Mr. Nowicki informed Ms. Johnson that Rochester Hills does not want five-lane roads. Mr. Nowicki referred to a SEMCOG document which controverts the EIS recommendation.

Mr. Nowicki read a statement from Mr. Brent Bair, Director of Planning and Development, Oakland County Road Commission:

Please be advised that the existing road facilities are totally inadequate for the proposed development and are presently inadequate for current use. Road improvements on the County system shown in the Impact Statement are not included in any Oakland County Road Commission plans. The Road Commission has no funds for these improvements; in fact, no funds from any source have been identified to begin work on any County road improvements. The result will be intolerable congestion, increased accidents, degradation of the quality of life in this area.

Mr. Nowicki stated he checked with the various departments of the Oakland County Road Commission and was unable to find evidence that any monies have been spent for engineering, design, or consideration of a five-lane road plan.

In the ensuing discussion, Council members expressed to the audience that the City Council does not look favorably on the concept of five-lane roads in Rochester Hills. President Karas said he would like this matter placed on the agenda for discussion at greater length at a future Council meeting; and Mr. Tull agreed that would be desirable and that it would be beneficial to ask representatives of the Road Commission to participate in the discussion. Mr. Trimble stated a concern that making a commitment now, without benefit of clear alternatives, may be premature. Mr. Trimble noted that 260-foot, four-lane boulevards would cut a broad swath through the community. Mr. Carvey said he had concerns similar to those expressed by Mr. Trimble.

MOTION by Tull, seconded by Nowicki, Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council opposes the concept of five-lane road improvements or five-lane road development in Rochester Hills; that the Rochester Hills City Council would encourage road planning agencies to design

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three-lane roads or four-lane boulevards, in the event traffic conditions necessitate the widening of roads within the City; that the Rochester Hills City Council encourages significant road improvements within Auburn Hills to handle traffic for the Oakland Technology Park, particularly improvements to Squirrel Road; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Oakland County Road Commission and to any appropriate planning agencies.

Ayes: Carvey, Jolly, Nowicki, Trimble, Tull, Karas
Nays: None
Absent: Snell

MOTION CARRIED

Acceptance and recording of Easement: 995 Old Perch Road, Heart of the Hills Swim Club (copies of July 22, 1986 memorandum from Neall Schroeder; and easement and conveyance from the Heart of the Hills Swim Club were provided to each Council member).

MOTION by Tull, seconded by Jolly, Resolved, that the non-exclusive easement for the construction, operation, maintenance, repair and/or placement of a watermain, a sanitary sewer, a storm sewer and a pedestrian pathway for property known as Tax Parcel 15-16-351-016, hereinafter identified as the Heart of the Hills Swim Club, be and is hereby accepted; and that the City Clerk is directed to record said easement and conveyance with the Oakland County Register of Deeds.

Ayes: Carvey, Jolly, Karas, Nowicki, Trimble, Tull
Nays: None
Absent: Snell

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Request to Connect to Troy Water System: 3308 West South Boulevard and 3300 West South Boulevard (copies of July 22, 1986 memorandum from Robert Snell; and July 16, 1986 letter from Helen Yeyna were provided to each Council member).

Mr. William Yeyna was present to answer questions from Council.

In response to Mr. Yeyna's question, President Karas said Rochester Hills will at some future date extend a water line to his property. Mr. Yeyna questioned the purpose of extending such a water line. Mr. Karas said the City is obligated to provide a water line to receive bonding and in order to ensure a developed water system to provide a looped water system and to comply with certain rules and regulations covering taps and dual water supplies.

In response to a question from Council, Mr. Carman stated that Mr. Yeyna will have to pay fees to both Rochester Hills and Troy in order to tap into the Troy system; however, upon Rochester Hills water becoming available to his property, Mr. Yeyna will not be obliged to pay another fee to Rochester Hills.

MOTION by Tull, seconded by Trimble, Resolved, that the City Council grants permission to tap into the Troy Water System for the residence of William and Helen Yeyna, located at 3308 West South Boulevard, Rochester Hills, Michigan.

Ayes: Carvey, Jolly, Karas, Nowicki, Trimble, Tull
Nays: None
Absent: Snell

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Tull, seconded by Carvey, Resolved, that City Council grants permission to tap into the Troy Water System for the residence of Mark and Barbara Ott, located at 3300 West South Boulevard, Rochester Hills, Michigan.