



Rochester Hills Minutes City Council Regular Meeting

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*Erik Ambrozaitis, Jim Duistermars, Barbara Holder, Greg Hooper,
Linda Raschke, James Rosen, Ravi Yalamanchi*

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

7:30 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

President Rosen called the Regular Rochester Hills City Council Meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. Michigan Time.

ROLL CALL

Present: Erik Ambrozaitis, Jim Duistermars, Barbara Holder, Greg Hooper, Linda Raschke, James Rosen and Ravi Yalamanchi

Others Present

*Bryan Barnett, Mayor
Ron Crowell, Fire Chief
Jane Leslie, City Clerk
Roger Rouse, Director of DPS/Engineering
John Staran, City Attorney*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

To add Legislative File 2007-0226 for Adoption of a Resolution adding Youth Council Representatives to 3 committees and to remove Legislative File 2006-0958.

A motion was made by Raschke, seconded by Yalamanchi, to Approve Agenda as Amended.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Ambrozaitis, Duistermars, Holder, Hooper, Raschke, Rosen and Yalamanchi

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Sue Ann Douglas, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Oakland County Commissioner for District 12, stated the County Board packets are now on the Internet. She advised there were three new House Bills that affect Solid Waste Planning. She provided written information on each of the new House Bills. She asked Council to read each one and send her any concerns they may have with them, and she would in turn take their comments to Lansing.

Mr. Jay Fedewa, 2172 Warrington, Executive Director of the Family Rights Coalition, reported this group was successful in stopping the vaccination of sixth graders for the Human Papilloma Virus. He informed Council they are an advocate for equal parental responsibility in the case of divorce or unmarried situations. He stated the Family Rights

Coalition advocates for both men and women. He encouraged Council and the public to go to their website which is www.frcmi.org or, you can email them at info@frcmi.org.

Mr. Lee Zendel, 1575 Dutton, explained the Council Member Pension Plan for the City of Rochester Hills consists of an amount equal to 12% of their pay set aside in a 401A Account. He stated of the \$49 million the City receives, the \$1100.00 the Council members earn for their Pension, equates to about 22 thousandths of one percent. He commented there were other important items the Council should be addressing. He stated regarding the issue of turning the City's dispatch over to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, that Oakland County may not be the lowest bid. He noted that a more important problem in the City is the need for road reconstruction and repair, which could cost in excess of \$55 million and could reach \$100 million.

Ms. Deanna Hilbert, 3234 Quail Ridge, reiterated her question regarding Grand Sakwa and the \$2.5 million that she understood would come from credits applied to the construction of the ring road as well as waivers of fees, etc.

President Rosen advised Ms. Hilbert that he would get her the information that she was requesting.

LEGISLATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

Ms. Raschke discussed an article from the Oakland Press regarding the Michigan State Police conducting speed studies on gravel roads once the roads are dry. She stated there are 770 miles of gravel roads in Oakland County and she was pleased to see the speed studies taking place.

Mr. Ambrozaitis responded to Mr. Zendel's comments regarding the Council Pension Plan. He stated he would never accept the Pension from the City of Rochester Hills and he would like the other Council members to follow his example. He noted the City needs to have the dispatch issue addressed as the money for the study has already been budgeted.

Mr. Duistermars stated he was not in favor of changing the City's current dispatch service, as he is more concerned with the level of service the residents of Rochester Hills receive than monetary savings. He commented the salary he receives is donated to a charity and if he accepts the City Pension, that would be donated to a charity as well.

Mr. Hooper clarified there is a total of \$25,000.00 for an RFP for a dispatch study. He stated the City staff would be responsible for soliciting proposals. He commented he donated his salary to charity and would consider donating any Pension to charity that he would receive.

Mr. Yalamanchi stated he is a participant in the Michigan Municipal League Technology and Rights of Life Committee. He advised this group is handling the new Cable Franchise Legislation. He informed Council that the timeframe for the review and approval of the legislation is very short. He requested Mr. Staran to share with the Council his information on the progression of the legislation.

Mr. Staran, City Attorney, stated the City just received the Proposed Video Local Service Franchise Agreement from AT & T. He agreed with Mr. Yalamanchi as to the quick turnaround time required for these documents. He stated the City has 15 (fifteen) days to analyze the document for completeness, and then 30 (thirty) days after that to decide whether to approve it or not.

Sarah Bachleda, Rochester Hills Youth Council Representative, stated the Youth Council is collecting school supplies for a school in Pontiac that is in need of crayons, markers, backpacks, etc. She advised that the Youth Council has placed a bin in the

lobby of City Hall for anyone wishing to donate school supplies. She commented the bin would be available for donations throughout the month of April. She stated the Youth Council would be registering students who are 18 (eighteen) years of age to vote in the local high schools.

Mayor Barnett advised the mock Council the City's Youth portrayed at the MML Conference consisted of 150 participants. He acknowledged the Rochester Competitive Cheer Team for winning the State Championship for the 11th time in 14 (fourteen) years. He also acknowledged the Rochester College Men's Soccer Team, for being the UCA and National Invitation Tournament Champions. He commented on the large turnout at Community Central Bank for the unveiling of a new mural of the City of Rochester Hills at the turn of the century. He noted it was a wonderful piece of art and he encouraged everyone to take a look at it as a tribute to our community.

ATTORNEY MATTERS

Mr. John Staran, City Attorney, had nothing to report.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion, without discussion. If any Council Member or Citizen requests discussion of an item, it will be removed from Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

- 2007-0168** Approval of Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - December 13, 2006
Attachments: CC Min 121306.pdf; Resolution.pdf
Adopted by Resolution
Enactment No: RES0100-2007
- 2007-0184** Approval of Minutes - City Council Work Session Meeting - January 3, 2007
Attachments: CC Min 010307.pdf; Resolution.pdf
Adopted by Resolution
Enactment No: RES0101-2007
- 2007-0186** Approval of Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - January 10, 2007
Attachments: CC Min 011007.pdf; Resolution.pdf
Adopted by Resolution
Enactment No: RES0102-2007
- 2007-0193** Adoption of the Oakland County Hazard Mitigation Plan
Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; Oakland County Letter.pdf; Resolution.pdf
Adopted by Resolution
Enactment No: RES0103-2007
- 2007-0226** Adoption of Resolution adding Youth Council Representatives to the Cemetery Technical Review Committee, Museum Board - Advisory Group and Green Space Advisory Board
Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; Resolution.pdf

Adopted by Resolution

Enactment No: RES0104-2007

Passed The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Duistermars, seconded by Yalamanchi, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Ambrozaitis, Duistermars, Holder, Hooper, Raschke, Rosen and Yalamanchi

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

2007-0166 Nomination/Appointment of one (1) Citizen Representative to the Zoning/Sign Board of Appeals for a three-year term ending March 31, 2010

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; Agenda Summary 032807.pdf; Nomination Form.pdf; Jones CQ.pdf; McCarthy CQ.pdf; Mitevska CQ.pdf; Monaghan CQ.pdf; Ponzetti III CQ.pdf; Robbins CQ.pdf; Shane CQ.pdf; Wagg CQ.pdf; West CQ.pdf; Resolution.pdf

President Rosen Opened the Floor for Nominations:

Ms. Raschke nominated Mr. Bryan Monaghan.

Mr. Hooper nominated Mr. Bryan Monaghan.

Mr. Yalamanchi nominated Mr. Keith Jones

Ms. Holder nominated Mr. Gerald Robbins.

Mr. Ambrozaitis nominated Mr. Keith Jones.

President Rosen Closed the Floor for Nominations and noted that, as there were more nominees than open positions on the Zoning/Sign Board of Appeals, the vote would take place at the next City Council Regular meeting.

Discussed

Enactment No: RES0116-2007

2007-0191 Appointment of Planning Commission Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one-year term to expire March 31, 2008.

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; Resolution.pdf

A motion was made by Hooper, seconded by Duistermars, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution.

Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby concurs with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and appoints Deborah Brnabic to the Zoning Board of Appeals/Sign Board of Appeals for a one (1) year term to expire March 31, 2008.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Ambrozaitis, Duistermars, Holder, Hooper, Raschke, Rosen and Yalamanchi

Enactment No: RES0099-2007

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2006-0958

Revised Conditional Land Use - City File No. 98-037.3 - St. Paul's Albanian Catholic Community Church Parking Lot Addition and associated landscaping (42 new parking spaces on approximately .5 acre). St. Paul's is located on two parcels totaling 25 acres on Auburn, west of Rochester Road, north of M-59, zoned R-3, One Family Residential, Parcel Nos. 15-34-127-006 & 15-34-201-014, St. Paul's Albanian Catholic Community Church, applicant

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; Map.pdf; Staff Report.pdf; Site Plans.pdf; Memo Anzek.pdf; Minutes PC 011999.pdf; Minutes PC 010400.pdf; Minutes PC 011800.pdf; Resolution.pdf

Removed from Agenda at the request of the applicant.

Removed from Agenda

2007-0203

Request for Purchase Authorization - DPS/ENG: Purchase order for replacement of 8 new vehicles in the amount of \$143,036.00; Red Holman Pontiac GMC Toyota, Westland, MI

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; Criteria for Vehicle Replacement.pdf; 2500 4x4 pickup07.pdf; 15004x4ExtCabpickup07.pdf; Canyon Ext 07.pdf; MeterVan 07.pdf; Vehicles Being Replaced.pdf; Resolution.pdf

A motion was made by Raschke, seconded by Yalamanchi, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution.

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves a purchase order to Red Holman Pontiac GMC Toyota, Westland, Michigan for 8 new vehicles in the amount of \$143,036.00.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Duistermars, Holder, Hooper, Raschke, Rosen and Yalamanchi

Nay: Ambrozaitis

Enactment No: RES0097-2007

(Mr. Duistermars exited the meeting at 8:10 p.m.)

Present: Erik Ambrozaitis, Barbara Holder, Greg Hooper, Linda Raschke, James Rosen and Ravi Yalamanchi

Absent: Jim Duistermars

2007-0208

Request for Purchase Authorization - FIRE: Purchase Order for Fire Department vehicles in the amount of \$163,523.00; Red Holman Pontiac GMC Toyota, Westland, MI

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; Vehicle Replacement.pdf; Yukon Specs.pdf; Pick Up Specs.pdf; Resolution.pdf

A motion was made by Yalamanchi, seconded by Raschke, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution.

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a purchase order to Red Holman Pontiac GMC, Westland, MI for Fire Department vehicles in the amount of \$163,523.00.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Holder, Hooper, Raschke, Rosen and Yalamanchi

Nay: Ambrozaitis

Absent: Duistermars

Enactment No: RES0098-2007

(Mr. Duistermars returned at 8:21 p.m.)

Present: Erik Ambrozaitis, Jim Duistermars, Barbara Holder, Greg Hooper, Linda Raschke, James Rosen and Ravi Yalamanchi

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

***President Rosen** stated he will bring a consolidated draft mission statement to the next Council meeting resulting from the discussion Mr. Yalamanchi, Mr. Hooper, and he had at the Strategic Planning Policy Committee meeting.*

***Mr. Hooper** stated the Planning Commission approved one year extensions for three site condominiums due to the economic climate of this area. He stated Saddlebrook site condos were reapproved.*

***Mr. Yalamanchi** stated the Green Space Advisory board continues to diligently review properties.*

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

***Mr. Ambrozaitis** commented on a local property at 600 E. Avon Road that, in his opinion, is dilapidated and should be torn down. He questioned Mr. Staran, City Attorney, if the City could request developers with site plan approval to remove dilapidated structures from the property.*

***Mr. John Staran**, City Attorney, stated the City has many tools available to accomplish the task of removing dilapidated structures from properties. He suggested checking with City staff to move the process along.*

***Mr. Ambrozaitis** requested the City of Rochester Hills Planning Commission meetings be televised.*

***Ms. Raschke** stated she had been contacted by numerous citizens regarding the issue of recreational vehicles on personal property and the legality of it. She stated it was legal to have the recreational vehicles on personal property if they are parked behind the house line.*

NEXT MEETING DATE

Work Session - Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Council, President Rosen adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

*JAMES ROSEN, President
Rochester Hills City Council*

*JANE LESLIE, Clerk
City of Rochester Hills*

*SUE SMITH
Administrative Secretary
City Clerk's Office*

Approved as presented at the May 23, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting.