



Rochester Hills

Minutes

City Council Regular Meeting

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*David J. Blair, Susan M. Bowyer Ph.D., Ryan Deel, Dale A. Hetrick, Carol Morlan,
Theresa Mungoli and David Walker*

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, March 7, 2022

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

President Deel called the Regular Rochester Hills City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Michigan Time.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - David Blair, Ryan Deel, Dale Hetrick, Carol Morlan, Theresa Mungoli and David Walker

Absent 1 - Susan M. Bowyer

Others Present:

*Henrietta Bancsov, Building Permit Technician
Bryan Barnett, Mayor
Sheila Brown, Deputy Clerk
Sean Canto, Fire Chief / Emergency Services Director
Esther Chirodea, Building Tech - Permits
Dan Christ, City Attorney
Andrew Clark, Firefighter / EMT
Scott Cope, Building / Ordinance / Facilities Director
Chelsea Ditz, Human Resources Director
Beth Dusevic, Building Tech
Ann Echols, Lieutenant / Fire Inspector
Jay Fakhoury, Inspector III - RDP
Jeff Fraser, Inspector I - Building
Larry Gambotto, Captain / Training Officer
Derek Gardner, Firefighter / Paramedic
Henry Hall, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Representative
Debbie Happy, Admin Services Supervisor Fire
Tim Hollis, Deputy Director
Mario Iafrate, Maintenance Technician
Jeff Kellett, Inspector I - Plumbing
Lisa Knudsen, Admin Services Supervisor II
Ed LaFave, Maintenance Technician
Mike Lubinski, Maintenance Technician
Gary Nauts, Facilities Manager*

*Chitra Neelakantan, Building Software Specialist
Joel Rinkevich, Firefighter / Paramedic
Jeff Schultz, Inspector I - Building
Leanne Scott, City Clerk
Mike Viazanko, Inspection Services Manager
Jodi Welch, Manager of Ordinance Services*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Hetrick, that the Agenda be Approved as Presented. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye 6 - Blair, Deel, Hetrick, Morlan, Mungoli and Walker

Absent 1 - Bowyer

COUNCIL AND YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC):

President Deel introduced RHGYC Representative **Henry Hall**.

Mr. Hall stated he is a sophomore at Rochester Adams High School. He shared that at the RHGYC's March 2, 2022 meeting, discussions continued regarding the planning of their cultural event that will take place in late May or early June of this year and that the overall goal of this event is to get people together and celebrate different cultures. He mentioned that the next RHGYC meeting will be on Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

Older Persons' Commission (OPC):

Mr. Walker shared that the OPC's Meals on Wheels Annual 5K Run and Walk will take place on June 4, 2022. He added that Meals on Wheels provides nutritional meals seven days a week to homebound seniors in the Greater Rochester area. He mentioned that there are two ways to participate in this event: in person on June 4, 2022 at OPC, or virtually anytime between June 1 and June 30.

Rochester Avon Recreation Authority (RARA):

Ms. Mungoli stated that RARA Staff will be participating in the MParks Conference and that this is the first time in two years that they are able to attend in person. She stated that the MParks Conference offers more ways to improve programming processes. She encouraged residents to visit RARA's website, rararecreation.org for better information on its programs.

Rochester Area Youth Assistance (RAYA):

Ms. Mungoli stated that any families in need should check out the services

that RAYA offers; there are multiple services offered to assist families. She mentioned that RAYA is looking for volunteers.

RECOGNITIONS

2022-0094 Proclamation in Recognition of Scott Cope, Director of Building

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[Proclamation.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Mayor Barnett shared that tonight is a bittersweet moment to honor and congratulate Scott Cope as an incredible person, director and leader. He exclaimed that Mr. Cope is not just a tremendous leader, but he is also a great friend. He invited Mr. Cope and his wife, Dawn, to come forward and be recognized as a great team. He added that the presence of the Building Department employees in the auditorium speaks volumes of Mr. Cope and his leadership. He shared that Mr. Cope began his employment for the City of Rochester Hills as a Pump Maintenance Technician II and is now one of the most recognized Building Department Directors in the nation. He noted that Mr. Cope has taken the Building Department to new levels as one of the first Building Department's in Michigan to achieve International Accreditation Service (IAS) Accreditation. He added that Mr. Cope has taken a department and made it a family. He stated that Mr. Cope is a man of great integrity and it has been an honor to work with him.

He presented Mr. Cope with a Proclamation on behalf of the City of Rochester Hills.

Mr. Cope thanked Mayor Barnett and stated that he is humbled and honored to receive the recognition. He shared that over the last 38 years, he has been blessed with an amazing team, and stated that the City employees are top professionals and always striving to be the best. He thanked his wife for her continued support and love throughout the years and for all she has done for the Building Department. He recognized and thanked the Building, Ordinance and Facilities Department Staff for all of their hard work and stated that they set the standard for innovation. He thanked the Mayor and City Council for the leadership, support and tools that they have provided that created an environment that allowed each team to thrive.

He presented a certificate of recognition and thanks to the City Council Members and the Mayor on behalf of the Building, Ordinance and Facilities Department.

Mayor Barnett stated that part of the legacy of a great leader is the people he leaves behind. He introduced Mike Viazanko, a current team member of the Building Department, as the new Building, Ordinance and Facilities Director.

President Deel thanked Mr. Cope for his years of service and stated that he had no intentions of receiving a certificate of recognition. He stated that it has

been an honor and privilege to serve on City Council and work with amazing leaders like Mr. Cope.

Ms. Mungoli thanked Mr. Cope for his dedicated service to the City and expressed her appreciation for his hard work during the pandemic to service residents when other cities were closed.

Mr. Blair thanked Mr. Cope for his years of service and shared that he admires his positive attitude.

Mr. Walker stated that he came to the City in 1987 and admires all the developments and improvements that have been made throughout the City over the years. He thanked Mr. Cope for everything he has done for the City and added that he will be missed.

Mr. Hetrick commented that the staff attendance this evening is a testament to Mr. Cope and shows their sincere appreciation.

Presented.

Whereas, on the occasion of his retirement, the Mayor, along with the Department Directors and Building/Ordinance/Facilities team, wish to express their sincere appreciation to Scott Cope for his unwavering professionalism, commitment, leadership and loyalty to the City of Rochester Hills; and

Whereas, Scott has committed his time and talents to the City of Rochester Hills for nearly four decades in various roles, beginning in 1984 as a Pump Maintenance trainee in the Department of Public Services, transitioning to the Building Department in 1995, and capping his career as the Director of Building, Ordinance and Facilities for the last 22 years; and

Whereas, Scott changed the culture of the Building Department by incorporating input from staff to create the Department Plan with a vision to be the best Building Department in the eyes of our customers and peers; and

Whereas, professionally, Scott is highly respected for his leadership in the industry and reputation for best practices, having guided Rochester Hills through IAS Accreditation as the first Michigan Building Department and one of only 22 accredited building departments internationally; and

Whereas, personally, Scott is admired for his calm and steady demeanor, his kind and genuine heart, and a good Dad joke.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Mayor, Directors, and the Building, Ordinance, and Facilities team hereby recognize Scott Cope for his dedication and service to the City of Rochester Hills, and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors, whether it be motor crossing, horseback riding, camping, or spending time with his family.

Be It Further Resolved, that on behalf of the entire city staff, we wish Scott health, happiness, and the very best in his retirement.

PRESENTATIONS

2022-0096 Swearing-In Ceremony for Fire Staff Members and New Firefighter Candidates

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Sean Canto, Fire Chief/Emergency Services Director, stated that the swearing-in ceremony is for two new recruit firefighters and two firefighter promotions. He explained that the Fire Department's motto is 'driven to be the best', therefore, they promote and hire the best. He pointed out that March is Women's History Month and **Ann Echols**, Lieutenant/Fire Inspector, is making history as she is being promoted to Captain as the first female Captain with the Rochester Hills Fire Department. He stated that **Derek Gardner**, Lieutenant, is being promoted to Suppression Lieutenant.

City Clerk Leanne Scott administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Echols and Lieutenant Gardner.

Chief Canto introduced **Larry Gambatto**, Captain/Training Officer, who prepares and trains the new recruits to the Fire Department.

Captain Gambatto introduced **Andrew Clark**, Firefighter/EMT, and **Joel Rinkavich**, Firefighter/Paramedic. He stated that both Firefighters started working with the City a month ago and are participating in the Fire Academy.

City Clerk Leanne Scott administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Clark and Mr. Rinkavich.

President Deel congratulated the Firefighter candidates.

Presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT for Items not on the Agenda

Elena Dinverno, 1981 Carter Road, explained that she has been a resident of Rochester Hills since 1992 and she loves the Community. She added that one of the main reasons she chose to raise her children here is because of the Rochester Community School District (RCS). She stated that the efforts of the school administration do not reflect taxpayers money and resources. She requested Council look into the school district and added that the public wants to be heard.

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.

2022-0090 Request for Purchase Authorization - HUMAN RESOURCES: Blanket

Purchase Order/Contract for labor and employment legal services in the amount not-to-exceed \$52,700.00 through January 31, 2023; Keller Thoma, P.C., Southfield, MI

Attachments: [030722 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0059-2022

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a blanket purchase order/contract for labor and employment legal services to Keller Thoma, P.C., Southfield, Michigan in the amount not-to-exceed \$52,700.00 through January 31, 2023 and further authorizes the Mayor to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

Passed the Consent Agenda

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

Aye 6 - Blair, Deel, Hetrick, Morlan, Munglioli and Walker

Absent 1 - Bowyer

LEGISLATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

President Deel addressed Ms. Dinverno's public comment about Rochester Community Schools and stated that Rochester Hills City Council is a separate municipal corporation from the Rochester Community School District. He added that his fiduciary duty is to the City of Rochester Hills, not the Rochester Community School District.

Mr. Walker stated that he attended the first ribbon cutting of the year on February 24, 2022 for Just Posh Esthetics and added that the owner, Jordan Poma, offers multiple services at her new business.

Ms. Munglioli stated that next week is the two year anniversary of when she started to work from home due to the pandemic. She asked the residents to remember to check in on their family and friends because there are people that are struggling with being home all the time. She also reminded everyone to support local businesses and thank the front line workers, as many have faced hardships over the last two years.

She addressed Ms. Dinverno's concerns with the Rochester Community School Board and pointed out that she was on the Board for many years. She noted that any parent should be able to speak up and have their voices be heard and mentioned that Ms. Dinverno can reach out to her anytime.

Mr. Hetrick congratulated Captain Echols on becoming the first woman Captain in the City and shared that she was the one who saved his life a few years ago when he was in a terrible car accident.

Mayor Barnett responded to Ms. Dinverno's concerns and explained that he is proud of the school districts in the Community. He stated that the City of Rochester Hills always wants to be open to people's ideas and positions, and to make sure everyone has a voice. He shared that his kids attend the Rochester Community Schools.

He gave the following updates:

- Rochester Adams Cheer Team won the State Championship; Stoney Creek won the Silver Medal, and Rochester High School took fifth place. He added that in the last 20 years, Rochester High School has won 13 titles, Rochester Adams has won three titles and Stoney Creek has won two titles.
- The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen received the 2022 Award for Historic Farmstead Preservation.
- Joe Snyder, Chief Financial Officer, and his team won the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 26th year in a row.
- Captain Lee Mayes retired from the Fire Department after 38 years of service and was a vital part of the Fire Department.

He shared that a Mayor from Ukraine was shot and killed in the line of fire assisting people in his community. He added that last week at the U.S. Conference of Mayors, they were able to speak with the Mayor of Kyiv and the Ambassador in Ukraine to the United States. They spoke about current day-to-day life. He stated it is unspeakable what is happening in Ukraine and to show support the City of Rochester Hills is flying the Ukrainian flag at Veteran's Memorial Pointe.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney **Dan Christ** had nothing to report.

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

2022-0049 Nomination/Appointment of (1) Citizen Representative to the Older Persons' Commission, to fill the unexpired term of John Dalton ending December 31, 2022

Attachments: [030722 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Nomination Form.pdf](#)
[Carrio, Jr, CQ.pdf](#)
[DelPup CQ.pdf](#)
[Dow CQ.pdf](#)
[Hokschi, Jr. CQ.pdf](#)
[Long CQ.pdf](#)
[Paille CQ.pdf](#)
[Notice of Vacancy.pdf](#)
[020722 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Letter of Resignation.pdf](#)
[Resolution 020722.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Mr. Hetrick nominated Thomas DelPup and noted that Mr. DelPup is a new candidate.

A motion was made by Mungioli, seconded by Hetrick, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution to appoint Thomas DelPup to the Older Commissions' Person Board to fill the unexpired term of John Dalton ending December 31, 2022 . The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 6 - Blair, Deel, Hetrick, Morlan, Mungioli and Walker

Absent 1 - Bowyer

Enactment No: RES0060-2022

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby appoints Thomas DelPup to the Older Persons' Commission, to fill the unexpired term of John Dalton ending December 31, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

2022-0091 Request for Approval of Michigan Department of Natural Resources Canada Goose Nest Destruction application and permit for Kensington Forest Homeowners Association

Attachments: [030722 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[MDNR Application.pdf](#)
[HOA Working Agenda 111821.pdf](#)
[Board Resolution 111821.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Parry Tillison, Kensington Forest Homeowner's Association (HOA) President and **Jim McCauley**, Outdoor Services Contractor for Kensington Forest.

Mr. Tillison thanked Council for allowing them to submit their request for Canadian Goose Nest Destruction for Kensington Forest. He shared that Kensington Forest has a beautiful pond that attracts many Canadian geese. He explained that Mr. McCauley has been handling all outdoor contracting services at Kensington Forest for 24 years and is qualified to properly control the Canadian Geese.

Mr. McCauley suggested Council put a policy in place for the parameters for the application process or create a citywide renewal policy that is a blanket for the entire city, as this is what other cities have done for Goose Nest Destruction permits.

Clerk Scott responded that an applicant can either submit a request with appropriate documentation and come before City Council or get a petition with a certain amount of signatures to bypass City Council's recommendation. She pointed out that the requested documentation from Kensington Forest is the same documentation requested for each Goose Nest Destruction request. She added that Council has requested this information from applicants in the past and the submitted documentation allows Council to review the request ahead of time.

A motion was made by Blair, seconded by Morlan, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 6 - Blair, Deel, Hetrick, Morlan, Mungioli and Walker

Absent 1 - Bowyer

Enactment No: RES0061-2022

Resolved, that the City of Rochester Hills requests the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to allow Kensington Forest Homeowners Association to conduct a program of Canada Goose Nest Destruction for a period of five years.

2022-0095 Redistricting/Reapportionment of City Council Districts

Attachments: [030722 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Reapportionment Packet.pdf](#)
[Proposed Council Districts Polling Locations.pdf](#)
[Reapportionment Cmte Resolution.pdf](#)
[Elections Commission Resolution.pdf](#)
[Appendix A CouncilDistricts Municode.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Leanne Scott, City Clerk, explained that the request is for approval of the redistricting/reapportionment of City Council Districts and the approval of the polling locations as presented in the packet. She shared that Council members Hetrick, Mungioli and Walker serve on the Reapportionment Committee and on February 22, 2022 the Committee met and reviewed the entire process. She added that the census data and new Congressional and County Commissioner maps were taken into consideration, along with the current Council districts and proposed development. She explained that after analyzing all the information, they were able to divide each of the four districts into equal representation of the City by population. She noted that the Reapportionment Committee and Election Commission both unanimously approved to recommend approval of the redistricting/reapportionment of City Council Districts. She pointed out that the precincts have been renumbered and each polling location has been identified. She added that there will be communication with all residents regarding the new polling locations; highlighting that all polling locations are in schools. She also noted that the Rochester Community School District will be renovating some of its schools in August. She stated that due to these renovations some precincts will be relocated to temporary locations for the August election only.

President Deel stated that the At-Large Council Members serve on the Reapportionment Committee and that there were a number of factors that had to be considered during the reapportionment process. He mentioned that this was not an easy task for Clerk Scott and her team and noted that they did a fantastic job.

Clerk Scott stated that there were a number of factors taken into consideration during this process. She acknowledged Deputy Clerk Sheila Brown and Election Specialist Tony Weatherly, for their diligent work assisting on this several month long process.

Ms. Hetrick commended Clerk Scott and Deputy Clerk Brown for their outstanding work on the reapportionment/redistricting process. He added that it is very clear the effort that was put into this process and the data that was used

to assist in the reapportionment. He noted the three things that he thought were important: the renumbering of precincts, creating District 3 to include all of the Avondale School District, and the multiple communications to residents regarding temporary and permanent polling locations.

Ms. Mungoli thanked Clerk Scott for all her hard work and stated the importance of clear communication going out to the residents regarding precinct locations including the temporary locations. She noted that because there are no longer split precinct locations would make sense to have the Councilperson in the Avondale School District serve on the corresponding committees that involve Avondale to keep the districts aligned.

Clerk Scott responded that the voter identification cards will be mailed with the permanent precinct location to each registered voter. She noted that closer to the election communication identifying the temporary precinct locations will be mailed to voters. She stated that signage will be placed at each permanent location identifying where it is being temporarily relocated to.

Mr. Walker thanked Clerk Scott and her team for all their hard work. He added that the consolidation of Avondale School District and the renumbering of districts makes perfect sense.

A motion was made by Hetrick, seconded by Mungoli, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 6 - Blair, Deel, Hetrick, Morlan, Mungoli and Walker

Absent 1 - Bowyer

Enactment No: RES0062-2022

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves and places into immediate effect the Council Redistrict/Reapportionment Plan submitted by City Clerk Leanne Scott.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE - Monday, March 21, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Council, it was moved by Mungioli and seconded by Walker to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

*RYAN DEEL, President
Rochester Hills City Council*

*LEANNE SCOTT, MMC, Clerk
City of Rochester Hills*

*AMBER BEAUCHAMP
Administrative Coordinator
City Clerk's Office*