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CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS



Leanne Scott, City Council Coordinator

DATE: April 11, 2007

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

RE: Request for Information

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The Clerk's Office received a request from Council Member Raschke that Council be provided with copies of the following documents:

- The City Motto
- The City's Mission Statement

## City Council Agenda Summary Sheet (Non Purchases)

**Agenda No:** City Motto  
**Date:** July 10, 2003  
**Prepared By:** Susan Koliba Galeczka, City Council Liaison  
**City File No:** N/A

**Meeting Date:** July 16, 2003

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City Council at its June 25, 2003 Council meeting received a presentation from Dr. Achim Bonawitz regarding City Motto. As you recall, Dr. Bonawitz explained that it is his interpretation that the current City Motto is grammatically incorrect. Following the presentation, Council requested this item be brought back to Council to discuss possibly changing the Motto to reflect this correction on all future printed materials.

The Administration has requested we bring this back to Council as soon as possible as the City Seal is being prepared for the placement on the new addition of City Hall. It was also suggested that rather than using the Latin phrase, "**Vivimus in pace et benevolentia**", that the City Motto should be changed to read in English, "**We live in peace and good will.**"

Included in the packet materials are three resolutions containing the following three options

1. To change the City Motto to read - **Vivimus in pace et benevolentia**
  2. To change the City to read in English - **We live in peace and good will.**
  3. To do nothing and keep the motto the same
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**RESOLUTION**

**NEXT AGENDA ITEM**

**RETURN TO AGENDA**

Following are suggested City Council Mission Statements resulting from Council's discussion:

**Mr. Hooper:** "The City Council of Rochester Hills, by possession of legislative and policy forming powers, shall provide for the public peace, health and safety of the persons and property within the City at the most cost effective rate possible."

**President Rosen:** "To protect and maintain the City of Rochester Hills as a premier place to live and work."

**Ms. Holder:** "Rochester Hills City government mission is to create synergies with residents, business and visitors to maintain an upscale and balanced community for the present and future for all."

**Resident Lee Zendel, 1575 Dutton Road:** "The mission of the City Council is to make sound, informed legislative decisions using its Charter-granted powers for the positive benefit of the residents."

Other Mission Statements mentioned during discussion were as follows:

Included in the packet materials: "The mission of the City Council is to represent the citizens of Rochester Hills and through open communication, responsibly establish goals and adopt policy that meets the needs of the community."

City Hall Mission Statement: "Our mission is to establish customer service as the primary goal for Rochester Hills City Government through continued professional growth of our employees, through credible pro-active improvements to our procedures and technologies, through effective planning for our infrastructure needs and the affective retention and attraction of residents and businesses."

Mayor Barnett's Mission Statement: "To make Rochester Hills the premiere place to live, work and raise your family."

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Mr. Juan Munoz, 498 Kensington,** suggested that any Mission Statement should include ensuring the City's survival in the future. He also noted that setting goals is only the beginning of the process and specific, implementable plans and ideas are needed.

#### **COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

**Mayor Barnett** suggested compiling all of the suggestions and then incorporating the different pieces into a final Mission Statement.

**President Rosen** agreed with Mr. Munoz about explicitly noting in the Mission Statement preservation of the City into the future and also noted that some mention of security may be needed as well. He stated he would work with the Clerk's staff to compile these suggestions and bring the issue back to Council for a final decision in the near future.

#### **Discussed**

2007-0079

City Council Goals and Objectives for 2008 Budget

**Attachments:** Chapter 2 Vision Goals.pdf

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Mr. Juan Munoz, 498 Kensington,** suggested examining the practices of other cities not just in Michigan, but cities in other states as well.