



# Rochester Hills Master Report

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1	City Council Work Session	03/09/2005	Discussed				
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**Notes:** *President Hill, Ms. Susan Galeczka, City Council Liaison and Ms. Margaret Strate, Administrative Secretary, provided a Power Point presentation outlining the current City Council Youth Representatives program along with proposed enhancements. They noted that the current program consists of the following:*

- \* *Serve on Communication Committees*
- \* *Participate in discussion.*
- \* *Periodically report to City Council.*

*The following enhancements were proposed:*

- \* *Create separate Youth Council which will meet monthly.*
- \* *City Council Vice President to serve as a Liaison between Council and the Youth Council.*
- \* *One City staff member to support Youth Council.*
- \* *Youth Council to select three (3) projects related to City's Goals and Objectives:*

- *Council will provide a list of possible projects.*
- *Additional options may be presented by Youth Council to AIS Committee for approval.*
- \* *Youth-appointed representatives to serve on Council Communication Committees:*
  - *Representation on Committees based on projects selected.*
  - *Individual selection based on individual strengths and interests.*
  - *Youth Members will be required to attend Communication Committees on a quarterly basis; may attend additional meetings if they desire.*
- \* *Establish operating budget.*
- \* *Youth Council and City Council to meet bi-annually.*
- \* *Selection Process:*
  - *Interview Team consisting of:*
    - \* *One Council Member*
    - \* *One Administrative Staff Member*
    - \* *One Citizen Representative from Communication Committee*
    - \* *Two Youth Representatives currently serving*
  - *Candidates evaluated based on the following:*
    - \* *Application quality*
    - \* *Adult reference*
    - \* *Interview*
    - \* *Representation*
  - *Appointment*
    - \* *Interview team makes recommendation to City Council*
    - \* *City Council makes appointments*
  - *Grade/Age of Participants:*
    - \* *Sophomores/Juniors/Seniors*
  - *Number of members:*
    - \* *Thirteen (13) members*
      - *Two (2) from each Council District*
      - *Five (5) At-Large members*
  - *Length of Terms:*

- \* One-year terms with the opportunity for reappointment
- \* Maximum serving two (2) years

- Youth Council Budget:

\* \$1,200 annually (to cover items such as T-shirts, mailings/postage, food, swearing-in ceremony, etc.).

\* Staff will pursue possible funding options through grants and foundations.

It was noted that the Initial Goals of the enhanced program would be broken down as follows:

\* City Council:

- Determine operating structure of the Youth Council
- Provide list of potential projects to Youth Representatives

\* Youth Council:

- Bylaws, Rules and Procedures
- Attendance Policy
- Officers
- Committee Appointments
- Select three projects related to City's Goals

Council members expressed concern as to how the Youth Representatives would be chosen and the need for term limits. It was noted that, at this early stage in the development of the program, adequate recruitment of participants is an ongoing challenge and that any possible limitations to participation may result in an inadequate number of youth members. It was suggested that any requirements regarding district representation, age/grade of participants and term limits be included in the bylaws along with language that would allow for some fluidity in applying them.

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### **Text of Legislative File 2005-0155**

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Adoption of Resolution establishing Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC)

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Whereas, the Rochester Hills City Council continues to acknowledge the value of the Youth in the community; and sees the benefits of giving them a voice in local government; and

Whereas, it is beneficial for the community and the youth to develop the citizenship skills by working with local government on issues; and

Whereas in support of their vision to involve youth in government by providing a greater understanding through active participation; at its regular meeting of February 26, 2003 adopted Resolution A0494-2003-R0066 authorizing the addition of one (1) Rochester Hills Youth Representative to each of the five (5) City Council Communication Committees and requesting that

the Committee By-Laws be amended to reflect the change; and

Whereas, after consideration of the number of Youth Representatives that showed an interest in serving on the Council Communication Committees, increased the number from one (1) youth representative for each committee to a maximum of three (3) youth representatives for each committee; and

Whereas, for the past two years, the Youth have provided valuable input and ideas through their participation on the City Council Communication Committees;

**Now Therefore Be it Resolve**, that to provide a forum where young people could discuss and act upon issues important to them:

1. The City the Rochester Hills City Council hereby creates the **Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC)**.
2. The Vision of the RHGYC shall be to promote youth involvement in local government through active participation and the mutual exchange of ideas and experiences for the ultimate benefit of all Rochester Hills residents.
3. The membership shall consist of thirteen (13) members appointed by City Council following the established Application/Appointment Process, which will consist of two (2) representatives from each City Council District and (5) At-large representatives. The term of office shall be for one year coinciding with the school calendar year beginning on September 1 and expiring on August 31 of the appropriate year, with the opportunity for re-appointment.
4. Members shall be appointed to RHGYC by City Council based on the recommendations of an Interview Team consisting of City Council Vice President, one (1) Administrative Staff Member, one (1) Communication Committee Citizen Representative and two (2) Youth Representatives, currently serving who will evaluate candidates on application quality, adult references, interview and representation
4. The City Council Vice President shall serve as the liaison between City Council and the RHGYC.
5. The Clerk's Office shall provide staff support for the RHGYC.
6. City Council on an annual basis shall provide the RHGYC a list of possible projects related to the City's Goals and Objectives.
7. The RHGYC each year will select three (3) projects related to the City's Goals and Objectives to champion
8. City Council during the budgetary process shall establish an annual operating budget for the RHGYC.
9. The RHGYC members shall continue to serve on the City Council Communication Committees

with the appointments made the specific Committee by the Youth Representatives and will be required to minimally attend the Communication Committee meetings on a Quarterly basis.

10. The RHGYC members shall meet with City Council on a bi-annual basis.

**Be It Further Resolved,** that the current Youth Representatives are charged with establishing the Mission and Bylaws of the RHGYC Youth Council with final approval by City Council for implementation beginning with the 2005-06 school year.