



# Rochester Hills Minutes City Council Work Session

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*Melinda Hill, Bryan K. Barnett, John L. Dalton, Jim Duistermars,  
Barbara L. Holder, Linda Raschke, Gerald Robbins*

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Wednesday, March 9, 2005

7:30 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

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## RESCHEDULED MARCH 23, 2005 REGULAR WORK SESSION

### CALL TO ORDER

*President Hill called the Regular Rochester Hills City Council Work Session Meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Michigan Time.*

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** Melinda Hill, Bryan Barnett, John Dalton and Barbara Holder

**Absent:** Jim Duistermars, Linda Raschke and Gerald Robbins

Others Present:

*Bev Jasinski, City Clerk  
Kurt Dawson, Treasurer/Director of Assessing  
Susan Galeczka, City Council Liaison  
Julie Jenuwine, Director of Finance*

*Council Members Duistermars and Raschke provided previous notice they would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.*

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

*Mr. Lee Zendel, 1575 Dutton Road, praised the City's MIS department for putting the budget on the website. He then suggested that Council hold weekly meetings with residents soliciting their suggestions for prioritizing the City's goals and objectives. He stressed that the Council would not answer questions or debate residents, but merely gather resident feedback. He further stressed that the format of this evening's meeting is a mistake because it fosters mistrust by not being televised, noting that "Council will not build trust in the dark."*

### CITY COUNCIL

2005-0155

Discussion Regarding the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC)

**Attachments:** Agenda Summary.pdf; Youth Council Timeline.pdf; 030905 Agenda Summary.pdf; Youth Rep Program.pdf; 0155 Resolution.pdf

**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 that 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.*

**Discussed**

**(Recess 8:23 p.m. - 8:37 p.m.)**

**2005-0054**

Discussions Regarding 2006 Budget

**Attachments:** Agenda Summary.pdf; 050705 Agenda summary.pdf; Mayor.pdf; Fiscal.pdf; Planning 1.pdf; Planning 2.pdf; Planning 3.pdf; Planning 4.pdf; Planning 5.pdf; DPS and Engineering.pdf; Building.pdf; Parks.pdf; Forestry.pdf; Fire.pdf; OCSD.pdf; MIS.pdf; Clerks.pdf;

***President Hill*** explained that Council had previously discussed the City's long-term goals and that this Work Session was an opportunity for Council to identify and prioritize the long- and short-term objectives that support those goals.

Following extensive discussion led by **Mr. Ed Anzek**, Director of Planning/Development, the following objectives were determined:

**Goal: Improve Economic Development**

Better PUD Ordinance  
Enhance Public/Private Alliances  
Commercial Use (size and amount)  
Business Incentive Programs  
Regional Communication Cooperative/Chamber of Commerce

**Goal: Enhance/Maintain Infrastructure**

Adams Road Relocation  
Crooks/Hamlin/M-59  
Comprehensive Storm Water Management Program  
DPS Facility  
Trail Development  
Proactive Maintenance  
Gateways  
Road Funding  
Reservoirs

**Goal: Enhance Communication with Residents**

Citizen Academy  
Youth Council (in process 5/3/04)  
Channel 55/10  
Hills Herald  
City Web Site  
Town Hall Meetings  
Complaint System  
Improve Notification/Programs  
Enhance City Public Relations  
Enhance Sister City - Explore "Shared" Services  
Public Communication/Proactive Committee  
News Releases  
"Suggestion" Box  
Citizen Hotline with Recorded Messages and Publish/Promote in Hills Herald

**Goal: Enhance/Maintain Public Safety Levels**

Enhance/Maintain Fire Department LOS  
Enhance/Maintain Police Operations/LOS  
Emergency Broadcast City Wide via Pagers and Channel 55/10  
Community Policing  
Amber Alerts via Pagers and Channel 55/10

**Goal: Enhance Quality of Life**

Community Center  
Green Space Preservation  
Parks  
Leaf Pickup  
Historical Preservation  
Solid Waste Threat to Quality of Life Trail Development  
Improve Access to River  
Proactive Code Compliance  
Policy Review - Operations

**Goal: Efficient Government**

*Upgrade Facilities, Staff, Equipment - DPS Perspective*  
*Implement New Meter Read Capabilities*  
*Improve and Maintain Staff Training*  
*Upgrade Communication/Technology System - Long-Term Technology Plan*  
*Long-Term Technology Plan*  
*Implement Records Management*  
*Program Prioritization by Department*  
*Cut "Red-Tape" (process improvement)*  
*Develop Five-Year Plan for Fire Services*  
*Outsourcing and Privatization*  
*Review City Charter*  
*Decrease Dependency on Outside Consultants*  
*Inter-Departmental Communication*  
*Regional "Shared" Resources*  
*Add an Employee Suggestion Box*

**Goal: Maintain Financial Stability**

*Enhance Revenue*  
*Contain Costs*  
*Maximize Grants and Other Funding Sources*  
*"Spend Smarter!"*  
*Police Services Funding*  
*Pathway Funding*

**Discussed**

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*None.*

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*None.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

*Regular Meeting - Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business before Council, President Hill adjourned the meeting at 9:48 p.m.*

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*MELINDA HILL, President*  
*Rochester Hills City Council*

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*BEVERLY A. JASINSKI, Clerk*  
*City of Rochester Hills*

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*MARGARET A. STRATE*  
*Administrative Secretary*  
*City Clerk's Office*

*Approved as presented at the July 6, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting.*