



Rochester Hills

Minutes

City Council Regular Meeting

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*Erik Ambrozaitis, J. Martin Brennan, Greg Hooper, Vern Pixley, James Rosen,
Michael Webber and Ravi Yalamanchi*

Wednesday, November 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 7:31 p.m. Michigan Time.

Others Present:

*Ed Anzek, Director of Planning and Development
Bryan Barnett, Mayor
Ron Crowell, Chief, Fire Department
Paul Davis, City Engineer
Robert Grace, Director of MIS
Kristina Hurst, Youth Council Representative
Jane Leslie, City Clerk
Roger Rousse, Director of D.P.S./Engineering
John Staran, City Attorney*

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Erik Ambrozaitis, J. Martin Brennan, Greg Hooper, Vern Pixley, James Rosen, Michael Webber and Ravi Yalamanchi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Ambrozaitis, seconded by Yalamanchi, to Approve Agenda as Amended to add Legislative File 2007-0790 under RECOGNITIONS immediately following PRESENTATIONS and additional information has been provided regarding Candidate Questionnaires under New Business.

Aye 7 - Rosen, Hooper, Brennan, Ambrozaitis, Yalamanchi, Webber and Pixley

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Kibby, 558 Whitney, commented to the existing and new Council Members that doing what is right is more important than who is right.

Lee Zendel, 1575 Dutton, referenced a Presidential candidate's speech wherein he responded to comments made by Americans that our Country is facing difficult, overwhelming and dangerous problems by stating that America has faced many great challenges in the past and has been able to overcome brilliantly. This candidate stated that he felt Americans have lost perspective. He continued that leadership is all about restoring that perspective; this Country is truly an exceptional Country that has great things that it is going to accomplish in the future that may be even greater than it has accomplished in the past. He stated that he refused to accept that intelligent people cannot solve any problems they are faced with. Mr. Zendel requested that this Council, as the City's leaders, solve the problems our City is facing.

Steve McGarry, 2164 Clintonview Circle, welcomed the new Council Members. He requested that Council and City Departments obtain an update from REI.

President Rosen stated that there was an Environmental Meeting next week and they would report back to Council and the residents.

LEGISLATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

Mayor Barnett made the following announcements:

- Holiday Helpers provide gifts and items of great need to those in our community that are in need. There is a Christmas tree outside of the Mayor's Office which contains cards of individuals who have needs. Everyone is welcome to take a card.
- Generosity is holding a fundraising event this Saturday, December 1st, at the Royal Park Hotel at 6:30 p.m.
- Rainbow Connection is holding a fundraising event this Sunday, December 2nd, at Great Oaks.
- The Hometown Christmas Parade is this Sunday, December 2nd, at 2:00 p.m.
- There will be a Recognition Dinner honoring previous Council Members Duistermars, Holder and Raschke at River Crest on December 11th.

Christina Hurst, Youth Council Representative, shared that the Youth Council was honored to be involved in the Oath of Office Ceremony. She also reported on the status of the School Supplies Project for Whitman Elementary School in Pontiac and the Youth Summit planned for Spring 2008 entitled Youth Leadership and Involvement in Local Government.

Council Member Yalamanchi welcomed the new Council Members and announced that those residents who have Comcast as their cable television provider, effective January 15, 2009 cable will be changed to digital and residents will have to obtain a cable box to view the Council Meetings via television. It is his understanding that this cable box is free for one year.

Council Member Webber commented that this was his first meeting and that he is looking forward to the experience. He invited the City's residents to contact him with their questions and concerns.

Council Member Pixley expressed his gratitude to be a part of the new City

Council. He congratulated his father for being selected as the Grand Marshal of the Home Town Christmas Parade. He announced that the Older Persons' Commission Holiday Time began this evening and will continue through Saturday. The hours are 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. and everyone is invited to celebrate the Holidays with them.

Council Member Hooper welcomed the new Council Members.

Council Member Brennan expressed that he is honored to be on City Council and mentioned the in-depth orientation program they have been attending. He stated that he is very impressed with the City's staff.

Council Member Ambrozaitis stated that the Annual Christmas Parade is a great experience and shows the true spirit of who and what we all are.

President Rosen formally welcomed the three new and one returning members of Council and stated the next four years will be both exciting and challenging.

ATTORNEY MATTERS

City Attorney John Staran had nothing to report.

PRESENTATIONS

2007-0101 DPS Facilities Update, Roger Rouse, Director of DPS/Engineering, presenter

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[091207 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[071807 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[050207 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[030707 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[020107 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)

Mr. Roger Rouse, Director of D.P.S./Engineering, extended a warm welcome to the new Council Members and gave a status update on the new DPS Facility construction site. He reported that the project is ninety percent complete, on time and within budget.

Discussed

RECOGNITIONS

2007-0802 Proclamations recognizing Frank Bianco, Bud Clark, Bud Leafdale and Ed Leafdale for their foresight and dedicated contributions for the creation of Veterans Memorial Pointe which celebrates its tenth anniversary.

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)

Frank Bianco.pdf

[Bud Clark.pdf](#)[Bud Leafdale.pdf](#)

Ed Leafdale.pdf

Resolution.pdf

Presented

Whereas, the concept for Veterans Memorial Pointe was envisioned by Rochester Hills employee Ed Leafdale, who with the assistance of a small group of dedicated volunteers, made the idea a reality; and

Whereas, Ed Leafdale spearheaded the plans to create a place to honor all women and men who have served their country in the past, are serving in the present or will serve in the future; and

Whereas, Frank Bianco, Bud Clark, Bud Leafdale and Ed Leafdale worked almost every evening and weekend to build the park in 90 days, just in time to hold the first Veterans Day Ceremony; and

Whereas, Ceremonies are held twice a year on Memorial Day and Veterans Day, and the Pointe has now become a centerpiece that all our residents can enjoy.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that on the tenth anniversary of the dedication of Veterans Memorial Pointe, the Mayor and City Council of Rochester Hills, hereby recognize Frank Bianco for his hard work, dedication and diligence in providing Rochester Hills with a beautiful park that we can all be proud of.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

- 2006-0722** Acceptance for First Reading - an Ordinance to repeal Section 138-47 of Chapter 138, Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, to repeal the expired temporary moratorium on the processing and acceptance of applications and plans for development or alteration of lands with steep slopes.

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Ordinance to Repeal.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)
[011007 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[121306 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[100406 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[092706 Letter Staran.pdf](#)
[Ordinance Amendment.pdf](#)
[092706 Mayor Memorandum.pdf](#)
[100406 Resolution.pdf](#)
[112106 Memo Anzek.pdf](#)
[112106 Planning Commission Minutes.pdf](#)
[121306 Resolution.pdf](#)
[Suppl - 01-10-07 Agenda Summ & ordinance.pdf](#)
[011007 Resolution.pdf](#)
[111407 Resolution.pdf](#)
[112807 Resolution.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Greg Hooper, seconded by Vern Pixley, that this matter be Accepted for First Reading by Resolution. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Rosen, Hooper, Brennan, Ambrozaitis, Yalamanchi, Webber and Pixley

Resolved that an Ordinance to repeal Section 138-47 of Chapter 138, Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, to repeal the expired temporary moratorium on the processing and acceptance of applications and plans for development or alteration of lands with steep slopes, and to repeal inconsistent or conflicting ordinances is hereby been accepted for first reading.

NEW BUSINESS

2007-0781 Nomination/Appointment for one (1) Citizen Representative to the Building Authority for a six-year term to expire December 31, 2013.

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Nomination Form.pdf](#)
[Cosenza CQ.pdf](#)
[Schneck CQ.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

President Rosen *Opened the Floor for Nominations;*

Mr. Hooper *nominated Allan Schneck.*

President Rosen *Closed the Floor for Nominations.*

A motion was made by Greg Hooper, seconded by Ravi Yalamanchi, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution to appoint Allan Schneck to the Building Authority to serve a six-year term expiring December 31, 2013. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Rosen, Hooper, Brennan, Ambrozaitis, Yalamanchi, Webber and Pixley

Enactment No: RES0500-2007

Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council appoints Allan Schneck to the Building Authority to serve a six-year term expiring December 31, 2013.

2007-0782 Nomination/Appointment for two (2) Citizen Representatives to the Canvassing Board each for a four-year term to expire December 31, 2011.

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Nomination Form.pdf](#)
[Hipple CQ.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

President Rosen Opened the Floor for Nominations;

Mr. Hooper nominated Don Barlow as the Democratic Representative to the Canvassing Board.

Mr. Pixley nominated at Rick Hipple as the Republican Representative to the Canvassing Board.

A motion was made by Vern Pixley, seconded by Greg Hooper, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution to appoint Don Barlow as the Democratic Representative to the Canvassing Board and Rick Hipple as the Republican Representative to the Canvassing Board. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Rosen, Hooper, Brennan, Ambrozaitis, Yalamanchi, Webber and Pixley

Enactment No: RES0501-2007

Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council appoints Don Barlow as the Democratic Representative and Rick Hipple as the Republican Representative to the Canvassing Board to serve a four-year term expiring December 31, 2011.

2007-0783 Nomination/Appointment for four (4) Citizen Representatives to the Green Space Advisory Board each for three-year terms to expire December 31, 2010.

Attachments: [112807 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Nomination Form.pdf](#)
[Douglas CQ.pdf](#)
[Funk CQ.pdf](#)
[Robinson CQ.pdf](#)
[Windscheif CQ.pdf](#)
[121207 Resolution.pdf](#)

President Rosen Opened the Floor for Nominations.

Mr. Yalamanchi nominated Mr. Paul Funk, Mr. Jack Robinson, Mr. William Windscheif and Ms. Lorraine McGoldrick.

Mr. Webber nominated Mr. Dahlvin Peterson and Ms. Lynn Loeb.

President Rosen Closed the Floor for Nominations and noted that, as there were more nominees than open positions on the Green Space Advisory Board, the vote would be carried over for two weeks, until the next City Council Regular Meeting.

This matter was Discussed

2007-0784 Nomination/Appointment for four (4) Citizen Representatives to the Historic District Commission each for a three-year term to expire December 2010.

Attachments: [112807 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Nomination Form.pdf](#)
[Dunphy CQ.pdf](#)
[Dziurman CQ.pdf](#)
[Miller CQ.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

President Rosen Opened the Floor for Nominations.

Mr. Yalamanchi nominated Mr. Brian Dunphy, Mr. Dennis Mueller, Mr. B. Paul Miller and Mr. John Dziurman.

Mr. Ambrozaitis nominated Mr. B. Paul Miller, Mr. Dennis Mueller and Ms. Maria Theresa Cozzolino.

Mr. Hooper nominated Mr. David Kibby.

President Rosen Closed the Floor for Nominations and noted that, as there were more nominees than open positions on the Historic District Commission, the vote would be carried over for two weeks, until the next City Council Regular Meeting.

This matter was Discussed

2007-0785 Nomination/Appointment for four (4) Citizen Representatives to the Historic Districts Study Committee each for a two-year term to expire December 31, 2009.

Attachments: [Nomination Form.pdf](#)
[Stamps CQ.pdf](#)
[Webster CQ.pdf](#)
[Whateley CQ.pdf](#)
[121207 Resolution.pdf](#)

President Rosen Opened the Floor for Nominations:

Mr. Ambrozaitis nominated Dr. Richard Stamps, Mr. R. LaVere Webster, Dr. Reverend Pamela Whateley and Mr. Dennis Mueller.

Mr. Yalamanchi nominated Dr. Richard Stamps, Mr. R. LaVere Webster, Dr. Reverend Pamela Whateley, Mr. Dennis Mueller and Mr. David Kibby.

Mr. Hooper nominated Mr. David Kibby.

President Rosen Closed the Floor for Nominations and noted that, as there were more nominees than open positions on the Historic District Commission, the vote would be carried over for two weeks, until the next City Council Regular Meeting.

This matter was Discussed

2007-0786 Nomination/Appointment for two (2) Citizen Representatives to the Human Resources Technical Review Committee for a one-year term to expire December 31, 2008.

Attachments: [112807 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Nomination Form.pdf](#)
[Atkinson CQ.pdf](#)
[121207 Resolution.pdf](#)

President Rosen Opened the Floor for Nominations:

Mr. Ambrozaitis nominated Mr. Donald Atkinson and Mr. David Kibby.

Mr. Pixley nominated Mr. Jason Weir.

President Rosen Closed the Floor for Nominations and noted that, as there were more nominees than open positions on the Historic District Commission, the vote would be carried over for two weeks, until the next City Council Regular Meeting.

This matter was Discussed

2007-0787 Nomination/Appointment for two (2) Citizen Representatives to the Liquor License Technical Review Committee for a one-year term to expire December 31, 2008.

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Nomination Form.pdf](#)
[Kaszubski CQ.pdf](#)
[Verschueren CQ.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

President Rosen Opened the Floor for Nominations:

Mr. Webber nominated Mr. Michael Kazubski.

Mr. Brennan nominated Mr. Gerard Verschueren.

This matter was Adopted by Resolution to appoint Gerard Verschueren and Michael Kazubski. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Rosen, Hooper, Brennan, Ambrozaitis, Yalamanchi, Webber and Pixley

Enactment No: RES0502-2007

Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council appoints Gerard Verschueren and Michael Kazubski to the Liquor License Technical Review Committee to serve one-year terms to expire on December 31, 2008.

2007-0788 Nomination/Appointment for two (2) Citizen Representatives to the Older Persons' Commission each for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2010.

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Nomination Form.pdf](#)
[Burns CQ.pdf](#)
[Cosenza CQ.pdf](#)
[Dalton CQ.pdf](#)
[Verschueren-CQ.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

President Rosen *Opened the Floor for Nominations:*

Mr. Yalamanchi *nominated Genevieve Burns and John Dalton.*

Mr. Webber *nominated John Dalton.*

Mr. Ambrozaitis *nominated Genevieve Burns and John Dalton.*

President Rosen *Closed the Floor for Nominations.*

A motion was made by Ravi Yalamanchi, seconded by Michael Webber, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution to appoint Genevieve Burns and John Dalton. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Rosen, Hooper, Brennan, Ambrozaitis, Yalamanchi, Webber and Pixley

Enactment No: RES0503-2007

Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council appoints Genevieve Burns and John Dalton to the Older Persons Commission to serve three-year terms to expire on December 31, 2010.

2007-0789 Nomination/Appointment for seven (7) Citizen Representatives to the Water & Sewer Technical Review Committee each for a one-year term to expire December 31, 2008.

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Nomination Form.pdf](#)
[Atkinson CQ.pdf](#)
[Cosenza CQ.pdf](#)
[Karas CQ.pdf](#)
[Rowe CQ.pdf](#)
[Stein CQ.pdf](#)
[Verschueren CQ.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

President Rosen Opened the Floor for Nominations:

Mr. Yalamanchi nominated Mr. Dennis Atkinson, Mr. Frank Cosenza, Mr. George Karas, Mr. Richard Rowe, Ms. Jennifer Stein, Mr. Gerard Verschueren and Mr. Tim Jacobson.

Mr. Webber nominated Mr. Dennis Atkinson, Mr. Frank Cosenza, Mr. George Karas, Mr. Richard Rowe, Ms. Jennifer Stein, Mr. Gerard Verschueren and Mr. Tim Jacobson.

Mr. Ambrozaitis nominated Mr. Dennis Atkinson, Mr. Frank Cosenza, Mr. George Karas, Mr. Richard Rowe, Ms. Jennifer Stein, Mr. Gerard Verschueren and Mr. Tim Jacobson.

A motion was made by Vern Pixley, seconded by Michael Webber, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution to appoint Dennis Atkinson, Frank Cosenza, George Karas, Richard Rowe, Jennifer Stein, Gerard Verschueren, Tim Jacobson. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Rosen, Hooper, Brennan, Ambrozaitis, Yalamanchi, Webber and Pixley

Enactment No: RES0504-2007

Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council appoints Dennis Atkinson, Frank Cosenza, George Karas, Richard Rowe, Jennifer Stein, Gerard Verschueren and Tim Jacobson to the Water and Sewer Technical Review Committee to serve one-year terms to expire on December 31, 2008.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Pixley proposed changing the December 5th Work Session to a Regular Meeting at which Council could elect their officers and be appointed to their various Boards, Commissions and Technical Review Committees as he would not be able to attend the Regular Meeting on December 12th.

Mr. Hooper commented that he felt this was a reasonable accommodation and stressed the importance of having all seven Council members present at such a meeting.

Mr. Ambrozaitis concurred that this was a reasonable accommodation and questioned if there was any legal reason why this could not be done.

Mr. Rosen inquired if all the Council members would be in attendance at the December 5th Council Meeting.

Both Mr. Webber and Mr. Yalamanchi stated they would be in attendance and were agreeable to changing the December 5th Work Session to a Regular Meeting.

Mr. Webber questioned if it would be appropriate to set the Council Meeting Schedule for 2008 at the meeting on December 5th as well.

2008-0214 Request to Change the regularly scheduled December 5, 2007 from a Work Session to a Regular Meeting and the City Clerk being directed to notice the change in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Mr. Pixley suggested moving the Council Meetings from Wednesdays to Mondays, stating Mondays would work better with his current schedule.

Mr. Ambrozaitis stated he was agreeable with changing the Council meeting day to any day of the week but Friday.

Mr. Hooper concurred that Mondays would work well for him also.

Mayor Barnett requested the opportunity to meet with the directors to discuss whether or not this would present any complications.

President Rosen inquired if City Clerk Leslie had the history as to how long City Council meeting have been held on Wednesdays.

City Clerk Leslie responded that Council Meetings have been on Wednesday evenings since 1937.

*Discussion ensued as to the specific wording for a Motion and **City Attorney Staran** suggested it would be best to bring this up as an Agenda item at the December 5, 2007 City Council Meeting.*

A motion was made by Hooper, seconded by Brennan, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye 6 - Ambrozaitis, Brennan, Hooper, Pixley, Webber and Yalamanchi

Nay 1 - Rosen

Enactment No: RES0505-2007

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council change the regularly scheduled December 5, 2007 from a Work Session to a Regular Meeting and the City Clerk being directed to notice the change in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

2007-0813 Request that the discussion of moving City Council Meetings from Wednesdays to Mondays be placed on the December 5, 2007 Agenda, and City Council waive their *Rules* to not set the 2008 meeting schedule at the first regular meeting in December 2007.

Mr. Ambrozaitis encouraged residents to continue to communicate with him via e-mail or telephone. He stated he was more excited than ever to serve in District #4.

A motion was made by Hooper, seconded by Ambrozaitis, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye 6 - Ambrozaitis, Brennan, Hooper, Pixley, Webber and Yalamanchi

Nay 1 - Rosen

Enactment No: RES0506-2007

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council place the topic of moving City Council Meetings from Wednesdays to Mondays be placed on the December 5, 2007 Agenda for discussion and waives their *Rules* to not set the 2008 meeting schedule at the first regular meeting in December 2007.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- Regular Meeting - Wednesday, December 5, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Council, President Rosen adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

*JAMES ROSEN, President
Rochester Hills City Council*

*JANE LESLIE, Clerk
City of Rochester Hills*

*CHRISTINE A. WISSBRUN
Administrative Secretary
City Clerk's Office*

Approved as presented at the May 12, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting.