



Rochester Hills Minutes

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Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee

Thomas Blackstone, Jason Carlock, Dane Fons, Walter Johnson, Donald Price, LeAnne Rogers, Scott Struzik
Council Members: Dale A. Hetrick, Greg Hooper
Youth Representatives: Ramona Johnson and Jack Vaglia

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

Conference Room 221

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Blackstone called the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Present** 7 - Thomas Blackstone, Jason Carlock, Dane Fons, Greg Hooper, Donald Price, LeAnne Rogers and Scott Struzik
- Excused** 2 - Dale Hetrick and Walter Johnson

Others Present:

Ramona Johnson, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Representative
Tim Pollizzi, Water Resources Coordinator
Keith Sawdon, City Finance Director
Allan Scheck, Director of Public Services
Jack Vaglia, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Representative

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2015-0401 Approval of Special Meeting Minutes - June 23, 2015 - No Quorum

Attachments: [062315 Minutes.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

A motion was made by Struzik, seconded by Price, that this matter be Approved as Presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye** 7 - Blackstone, Carlock, Fons, Hooper, Price, Rogers and Struzik
- Excused** 2 - Hetrick and Johnson

Resolved, that the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee hereby approves the Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 23,

as presented. There was no quorum.

2015-0257 Approval of Meeting Minutes - May 13, 2015

Attachments: [051315 Minutes.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

A motion was made by Hooper, seconded by Rogers, that this matter be Approved as Presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Blackstone, Carlock, Fons, Hooper, Price, Rogers and Struzik

Excused 2 - Hetrick and Johnson

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee meeting held on May 13, 2015 be approved as presented.

DISCUSSION ITEM

2015-0258 Discussion for Funding Street Light Maintenance

Attachments: [Draft Sub Street Lighting Policy.pdf](#)

Chairperson Blackstone introduced the City's Finance Director, Keith Sawdon and asked him to give a brief overview of the draft proposal to the Committee.

Mr. Sawdon recalled that the Committee had requested the City Administration in late Spring to develop a draft proposal in regard to street lighting within the City's subdivisions. He described the following street lighting scenarios:

- Developer(s) that may be in the process of developing new project(s) who may wish to include street lighting as part of the initial project plan;
- Existing subdivision(s)/homeowner association(s) that wish to upgrade its street lighting; and
- Existing subdivision(s)/homeowner association(s) that are not making changes to its street lighting but wish to convert to a special assessment district.

He continued that the subdivision(s)/homeowner association(s) were asked to contact the City's Engineering Department for communication as to the following:

- In places where lights were nonexistent, that the street lighting would be placed in correct and productive positions for the subdivision;
- Help to define the district where the petitions would be gathered for the special assessment;
- The City's Engineering Department could then contact Detroit Edison Co. ('DTE') to obtain the construction cost information for installation and long-term maintenance cost information - to be placed on the proposed petition for the members of the subdivision(s)/homeowner association(s) to review. Fifty-one percent (51%) of the subdivision(s)/homeowner association(s) within the affected district would have to complete the petition for the process to move forward.

He summarized that there are approximately 48 street lighting agreements within the City. He drew the Committee's attention to the last page and stated that while some of the existing subdivision(s)/homeowner association(s) may not be requesting a change in the street lighting structure but rather are requesting for a change in the billing structure of the street lighting costs.

Discussion ensued as follows:

- The City's Engineering role with the subdivision(s)/homeowner association(s) petitions in favor of and against street lighting;
- Location of street lighting;
- Billing procedures;
- Communication with DTE; and
- Style, consistency, photometrics, bulb type (LED vs. halogen) and height of street light designs.

Discussed.

2015-0258 Resolution to Recommend City Council's Adoption of the proposed subdivision street lighting policy.

Attachments: [Draft Sub Street Lighting Policy.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Rogers, seconded by Struzik, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Blackstone, Carlock, Fons, Hooper, Price, Rogers and Struzik

Excused 2 - Hetrick and Johnson

Resolved, that the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee recommends that City Council adopt the proposed subdivision street

lighting policy as presented.

2015-0259 Discussion for Funding Storm Water System Maintenance

Attachments: [SUPP 2015-1013 SAW Grant Update.pdf](#)
[Stormwater FAQ.pdf](#)
[S.E. Michigan Stormwater Discussion.pdf](#)
[Senate Bill No. 256.pdf](#)
[Ann Arbor Case Study.pdf](#)
[City of Ann Arbor Stormwater Utility Ordinance.pdf](#)
[City of Berkley Storm Water Utility.pdf](#)
[Funding Mechanisms.pdf](#)
[Jackson Case Study.pdf](#)
[St. Clair Shores Stormwater Utility Ordinance.pdf](#)

Chairperson Blackstone gave a brief overview of the meetings he had attended since the Committee's last meeting in June with regard to stormwater utilities:

- July - sponsored by Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash; and
- Met with Representative Michael Webber about the possibility of introduction of legislation.

He then introduced Tim Pollizzi, Water Resources Coordinator, to share his comments about the meetings he had attended in regard to stormwater utilities. **Mr. Pollizzi** commented:

- That a determination needs to be made as to the best way to phrase the stormwater utility ('SU') legislative language for a template that fits all of the variables associated with SU;
- How to best describe and define the City's responsibility (i.e. detention and retention ponds);
- He discussed the procedural differences between sanitary and stormwater events; and
- Many communities have shown interest but are hesitant to step forward in bringing the legislation to Lansing.

He then asked Allan Schneck, Director of Public Services, to discuss the communication the City had received from its consultant, OHM.

Mr. Schneck reported the following:

- The City had been awarded a \$2 million dollar grant - Stormwater Asset Management Plan Grant ('SAW Grant') divided - \$1 million (with a 10% match) to stormwater and \$1 million (and 25% match) to sanitary sewer.

- The monies are to be utilized to better understand and assess the condition of the City's assets;
- The City began the analysis of the stormwater sewer first because there has been no sustainable funding source;
- The City has been working with two consulting companies, OHM and HRC as the City Staff has begun televising and cleaning the stormwater sewers;
- This will help the City prepare for future operations and maintenance budget needs;
- The City has until November 2017 to extend the funds; and
- At the extension end of the funds, the City will have to prepare an asset management plan that would outline the findings of both the storm sewer and the sanitary sewer results to the MDEQ.

He commented that legislation would be necessary for the establishment of a stormwater utility and that it would be successful with a multitude of southeastern Michigan communities.

Chairperson Blackstone asked about the results of the televising and what the 'worst case scenarios' might be. He also asked if a stormwater utility fund is envisioned for basic improvements only or would capital improvement expenses be included.

Mr. Pollizzi responded that 'worst case' might be plugged pipes, collapsed pipes or undersized pipes.

Mr. Schneck responded that the televising will give the City some insight into operation, maintenance and capital improvement costs.

Discussion ensued by Committee Members:

- All five (5) rivers should be included in the legislation since the stormwater ends up draining into them;
- It was suggested that technique structures would clean up the sediment to improve the water quality before emptying into the rivers;
- Stormwater prevention initiatives and permits; and
- Future inspection of detention ponds.

Chairperson Blackstone asked Mr. Schneck if the City Staff could provide the Committee Members with more educational information in regard to stormwater.

Mr. Schneck stated that perhaps at a future meeting, the Committee

could discuss more educational information about Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS-4) Permits. He stated that a great deal of effort goes into the permit applications and that the City had received a favorable two-page comment report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

TENTATIVE - Wednesday, November 18, 2015 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee, Chairperson Blackstone adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Thomas Blackstone, Chairperson

*Prepared by Christine A. Wissbrun
Recording Secretary, City Clerk's Office*