



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*

Vision Statement: The Community of Choice for Families and Business

*Mission Statement: "Our mission is to sustain the City of Rochester Hills as the premier
community of choice to live, work and raise a family by enhancing our vibrant residential
character complemented by an attractive business community."*

Monday, October 27, 2008

7:30 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

*President Hooper called the Regular Rochester Hills City Council Meeting to order
at 7:31 p.m. Michigan Time.*

ROLL CALL

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

Others Present:

*Bryan Barnett, Mayor
Dan Casey, Manager of Economic Development
Susan Galeczka, Deputy City Clerk
Mike Hartner, Director of Parks and Forestry
Julie Jenuwine, Director of Finance
Captain Mike Johnson, Oakland County Sheriff Department
Pam Lee, Director of Human Resources
Jane Leslie, City Clerk
Roger Rousse, Director of DPS/Engineering
John Staran, City Attorney*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Pixley, seconded by Webber, that the Agenda be Approved as Amended to Add to New Business the following Legislative File: 2008-0534 - Request for Purchase Authorization - DPS/FACILITIES: Blanket Purchase Order for snow removal services for the 2008-2009 winter season at the City Hall, Precinct #5, 52/3rd District Court and Oakland County Sheriff Department Substation in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00; Advanced Services Landscape, LLC, Sterling Heights, MI. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lee Zendel, 1575 Dutton Road, spoke on the single trash hauler issue, making the following comments:

- One-quarter of the City's residents live in condominiums and apartments, and would not benefit from a single trash hauler.
- His observations of a recycling program, such as Recycle Bank, in other cities note an effect of increasing recycling and reducing the amount of waste, increasing revenues to the hauler and lowering tipping fees.
- He suggested that any fuel adjustment clause should take wholesale prices into account, not retail prices.
- He stated that he would like to see residents who leave the community for months be given more adjustment.

Melinda Hill, 1481 Mill Race, stated that she was in favor of a single trash hauler, however, was unsure of what cost it should bring to the community. She stated that given the state of the economy, the proposal presented to Council last week including the Recycle Bank program may be more than the City needs. She commented that she was uncomfortable with a target-marketing program such as Recycle Bank. She stated she would like to see a breakdown of Allied's costs to the residents, and questioned whether the fee could be placed on the tax bill as a line-item to save billing costs. She inquired whether condominiums and apartments could be included for additional savings.

Monique Balaban, 1487 Livernois, spoke on behalf of Residents for Safe Deer Management, and suggested that Council look into a reflector system for controlling deer crossing roadways, stating that Calhoun County has seen some success using reflectors. She commented that an anonymous business owner has offered to donate the first mile of reflectors; and Red Lotus Yoga, a local business, has also offered financial support of a reflector program. She suggested that a culling program be postponed for one-and-a-half years to measure the effectiveness of a reflector system, and further suggested installing signage, lowering speed limits during dusk to dawn at reflector zones, and cutting back foliage at the road. She displayed a reflector used for deer management.

LEGISLATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

President Hooper explained that a City power outage had occurred, stating that computers were down and no City e-mail was being received. He stated that the single trash hauler issue would come before Council on November 10. He reiterated that Council has acted only on a deer feeding ban, and would be looking at alternatives and proposals for deer population management at a later date.

Mr. Brennan commented on a recent article stating that Rochester Hills was listed as having one of the twelve worst roads in the State of Michigan. He questioned what criteria was used in this evaluation, and whether the criteria included major roads only. He stated the City should continue to look for funding and ways to improve the roads.

Mr. Ambrozaitis congratulated both Adams and Rochester High Schools for an exciting football game.

Mr. Pixley encouraged all registered voters to vote in the upcoming election. He congratulated the Michigan State Spartans on their recent win.

Mr. Rosen stated that he would be contacting the Administration with questions on the Recycle Bank program.

Mr. Webber wished everyone a happy and safe Halloween. He also encouraged all voters to go to the polls on November 4.

Mayor Barnett made the following announcements:

- Halloween hours in the City would be Friday, October 31, 2008 from 6 PM to 8 PM. He stated that Halloween activities would begin at 5 PM in Festival Park at the Village of Rochester Hills.
- He announced that the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce was named Michigan's Chamber of the Year, and this recognition would be presented at the Chamber's Pinnacle Awards on this coming Thursday.
- He commented on the power outage, stating it was a power surge that knocked the City offices offline on Thursday morning, and apologized for e-mails not being received. He stated the City was waiting for parts to restore the system to full operation.
- He announced that there was a record collection in Gleaners Food Bank donations.
- He noted that the Coats for the Cold project would run until November 30 and suggested residents donate clean used and slightly-used coats.
- He announced that the education component of the Deer Management Program was starting, as part of a cooperative program with SEMCOG. Twenty-five thousand pamphlets were donated by SEMCOG and these were mailed with water bills. He stated that the ban on feeding was now in place.
- He stated that the Top Twelve list for bad roads was issued by the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association, a group that represents a broad base of highway construction companies.

ATTORNEY MATTERS

City Attorney John Staran had nothing to report.

RECOGNITION

2008-0548 Proclamation honoring the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester Area (GRACF) for its long standing contributions to the citizens of Rochester Hills, as well as their continued support of many charities and projects

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Community Foundation.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

Mayor Barnett introduced Peggy Hamilton, Dave DeSteiger and Ed Golick from the Greater Rochester Community Foundation. He mentioned many of the projects that the Foundation supports in the City, listing the Festival of the Hills, the Van Hoosen-Jones Museum, the Sound the Alarm campaign, the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council and the Cemetery Beautification Fund.

Mr. Pixley stated he has been involved with the Foundation for many years, and the Foundation provides so many positive aspects to the community.

Mr. Ed Golick, Greater Rochester Community Foundation, thanked Council for this honor and introduced Peggy Hamilton, Executive Director and Dave DeSteiger the new Chairperson. He stated that the Foundation supports arts and culture, coordinates scholarships, and other programs. The Foundation has approximately \$7,000,000 in assets. He stated that the Foundation has received certification from the National Board of Community Foundations, and is one of the few Foundations in Michigan that have this full certification. He invited Council to the annual celebration at the Royal Park Hotel on November 6.

Presented.

Whereas, in 1983, the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester (GRACF) was established by Richard Huizenga as the center for philanthropy; and

Whereas, GRACF will celebrate their 25th anniversary on November 6, 2008; and

Whereas, at this time, GRACF manages more than 100 endowed and non-endowed funds focusing on Culture, Community Development, Education, Environment, Human Concerns and Youth; and

Whereas, GRACF has distributed more than \$4.8 million in grant distributions in support of many charitable causes; and

Whereas, to enhance the quality of life, the Community Foundation is committed to act as the center for philanthropy and serve as the community's endowment builder and grant maker.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Mayor and City Council of Rochester Hills hereby commend the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester for its long standing contributions to the citizens of Rochester Hills.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Mayor and City Council recognize the Community Foundation for their continued support of many charities and projects including the Rochester Hills Museum, Veterans Memorial Pointe, Festival of the Hills, Mayor's Business Council, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Youth Summit, Sound the Alarm Campaign and Van Hoosen Jones Stoney Creek Cemetery Beautification Fund.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 2008-0273** Request for Approval of Traffic Control Orders SS-140.1 Hickory Hill Drive STOP for Basswood Drive (south intersection), SS-140.2 Basswood Drive STOP for Hickory Hill Drive (north intersection), SS-140.3 Laurel Drive STOP for Hickory Hill Drive, SS-140.4 Hackberry Circle STOP for Hickory Hill Drive (west intersection), SS-140.5 Hackberry Circle STOP for Hickory Hill Drive (east intersection), SS-140.6 Hickory Hill Court STOP for Hickory Hill Drive (west intersection), SS-140.7 Chestnut Circle STOP for Chestnut Lane (west

intersection)

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Overall Map.pdf](#)
[Map for TCO SS-140.3.pdf](#)
[Map for TCO SS-140.5.pdf](#)
[Crash Report.pdf](#)
[Traffic Study.pdf](#)
[SS-140.pdf](#)
[Street Name Sign Upgrade Correspondence.pdf](#)
[AT&SB 061008 Minutes Excerpt.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0341-2008

Whereas, Traffic Control Order No. SS-140 has been issued by the Acting City Traffic Engineer under the provisions of the Rochester Hills Code of Ordinances, Chapter 98, Michigan Vehicle Code, MCL 257.1 et seq.; and

Whereas said Traffic Control Order covers:

Streets within Great Oaks Subdivision No. 1 & 2, Section 9

SS-140.1 Hickory Hill Drive STOP for Basswood Drive (South Intersection)
SS-140.2 Basswood Drive STOP for Hickory Hill Drive (North Intersection)
SS-140.3 Laurel Avenue STOP for Hickory Hill Drive
SS-140.4 Hackberry Circle STOP for Hickory Hill Drive (West Intersection)
SS-140.5 Hackberry Circle STOP for Hickory Hill Drive (East Intersection)
SS-140.6 Hickory Hill Court STOP for Hickory Hill Drive (West Intersection)
SS-140.7 Chestnut Circle STOP for Chestnut Lane (West Intersection)

Whereas, said Traffic Control Order shall not be effective after the expiration of ninety (90) days from the date of issuance, except upon approval by this Council; and

Whereas, the Advisory Traffic and Safety Board has considered the issues pertaining to the Traffic Control Order and recommends that the Order be approved;

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council approves the issuance of Traffic Control SS-140 to be in effect until rescinded or superseded by subsequent order; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that a certified copy of this Resolution be filed together with the Traffic Control Order, with the City Clerk of Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan.

2008-0275 Request for Approval of Traffic Control Orders YS-101.1 Hackberry Court YIELD for Hackberry Circle, and YS-101.2 Chestnut Circle YIELD for Chestnut Lane (East Intersection)

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Crash Report.pdf](#)
[Traffic Study.pdf](#)
[Map for TCO YS-101.1.pdf](#)
[Overall Map.pdf](#)
[YS-101.pdf](#)
[AT&SB 061008 Minutes Excerpt.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0342-2008

Whereas, Traffic Control Order No. YS-101 has been issued by the Acting City Traffic Engineer under the provisions of the Rochester Hills Code of Ordinances, Chapter 98, Michigan Vehicle Code, MCL 257.1 et seq.; and

Whereas said Traffic Control Order covers:

Streets within Great Oaks Subdivision No. 1 & 2, section 9

YS-101.1 Hackberry Court YIELD for Hackberry Circle

YS-101.2 Chestnut Circle YIELD for Chestnut Lane (East Intersection)

Whereas, said Traffic Control Order shall not be effective after the expiration of ninety (90) days from the date of issuance, except upon approval by this Council; and

Whereas the Advisory Traffic and Safety Board has considered the issues pertaining to the Traffic Control Order and recommends that the Order be approved;

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council approves the issuance of Traffic Control YS-101 to be in effect until rescinded or superseded by subsequent order; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that a certified copy of this Resolution be filed together with the Traffic Control Order, with the City Clerk of Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan.

2008-0545 Request for Approval of the Records Retention and Disposal Schedule (RRDS) for the City of Rochester Hills

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Retention Schedule.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0343-2008

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council approves the Records Retention and Disposal Schedule (RRDS) for the City of Rochester Hills as presented, authorizes the Mayor to execute the paperwork on behalf of the City and further authorizes the City Clerk to submit the appropriate documents to the State of Michigan, History Arts and Library, Records Management Services for approval by the three State Agencies - Michigan Historical Center - Records Management Services, Michigan Historical Center - State

Archives of Michigan and the State Administrative Board.

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Webber, seconded by Pixley, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS

2008-0499 Request for Tax Exemption Under Public Act 376 of 1996, Tool & Die Recovery Zone, by Urgent Plastic Services

Attachments:

[102708 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Introduction.pdf](#)
[Request Letter from Urgent Plastics.pdf](#)
[Tax Exemption Analysis.pdf](#)
[Suppl Info.pdf](#)
[Presentation.pdf](#)
[102708 Resolution.pdf](#)

Dan Casey, Manager of Economic Development, stated that this request for exemption was being made under Public Act 376 of 2004, Tool and Die Recovery Zones, under the State's Renaissance Zone legislation, designed to provide tax relief to help companies recover investment in equipment and encourage business development. He stated this was a relatively new program with inconclusive results. He stated a company must join a collaborative organization of no more than 20 businesses. The exemption must be approved by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MDEC) and the Michigan Strategic Board. The zones have been established and there are vacancies in the existing collaboratives.

He explained that a company receives benefits from an approved recovery zone by having their existing real and personal property tax exempted, with the exception of Library and Debt mills, for a period of five years or greater; up to twenty years. He stated that Urgent Plastics requests a ten-year exemption. All of the taxing jurisdictions get their lost revenues reimbursed to them, with the exception of City taxes and Oakland County taxes. Under the exemption, the final three years phase the exemption out in twenty-five percent increments. In this request, during the eighth year, 25 percent of the taxes are paid; during the ninth year, 50 percent is paid; and in the tenth year, 75 percent is reimbursed.

He stated that the City has approved two Tool and Die Recovery Zones in the past. Avon Broach was approved in 2006 and Maple Mold Technologies was approved last year. He stated that Avon Broach, which received a five-year exemption, has indicated that they saw their best year ever last year. He stated the exemption has allowed Avon Broach to purchase new equipment and generate new business.

Last year, City Council approved a ten-year exemption for Maple Mold Technologies. He stated that early indications from Maple Mold show a tremendous benefit from the exemption.

Mr. Casey stated that once City Council approves the exemption, Urgent Plastics would still have to be approved by the Collaborative and then by MEDC and the Strategic Board.

Mr. Casey introduced Alan Peterson, Vice President of Urgent Plastics Services, Al Aceves, UHY Advisors MI, Inc., Keith Chene, CFO/Treasurer of Urgent Plastics, and Doug Peterson of 3 Dimensional Services.

***Al Aceves**, UHY Advisors MI, stated that the company was working with the United Tooling Coalition, a group of fifteen members based out of Ann Arbor. He stated that the coalition would accept Urgent Plastics into the collaborative, subject to a site visit within seven to ten days.*

***Alan Peterson**, Vice President of Urgent Plastics Services (UPS), stated that UPS has been in the City since 1996 in the Tan Industrial Park. Currently the company has 68 employees. The company had experienced good growth from the auto industry and has been diversifying over the past three or four years. Sixty-percent of the business done in Rochester Hills does not come from the State of Michigan. One-third of their total sales comes from out of the country, including Europe and South America. Six-percent of the employees live in Rochester Hills and fifty-percent live in Oakland County. The company has seen a reduction in employees of only ten to fifteen-percent. He stated that this request would help keep the remaining employees and keep jobs in the area.*

Council Discussion:

***President Hooper** stated that this was a request for a tax exemption of current taxes, not a tax abatement.*

***Mr. Ambrozaitis** questioned how the program has worked for Avon Broach and asked whether this exemption was being recommended. He questioned whether the exemption would benefit the City.*

***Mr. Casey** responded that it has benefitted Avon Broach. He stated that staff did not make a recommendation for Avon Broach or Maple Mold either, and noted that this would decrease the tax base in the community rather than fill the economic goal of increasing the tax base. He stated that early indications on these exemptions are that it would benefit the City.*

***Mr. Yalamanchi** questioned the company's business, asking what non-automotive and global types of business were being sought.*

***Mr. Peterson** responded that the company did plastic injection molding, making plastic parts and tools. He stated the company was involved in renewable energies and hydrogen fuel cell development. He assured that the exemption would go back into the community.*

Keith Chene, CFO/Treasurer of Urgent Plastics, stated that UPS' work is primarily for prototypes, and involved advance design. He stated that engineering and development activities would remain in Michigan.

Mr. Yalamanchi questioned how many businesses were in the consortium.

Mr. Peterson responded that UPS would be the 16th member.

Mr. Casey stated that the maximum in this consortium would be twenty members.

Mr. Yalamanchi stated he wanted to see a tax analysis of the exemption.

Al Aceves, UHY Advisors MI, stated that any approval given tonight would be effective in 2009, and that the approval would have to be received by December to be effective next year.

President Hooper stated that this item could return at a later meeting and still be effective for 2009.

Mr. Rosen stated that he did not see any obvious signs of what UPS would be giving up if they did not get the tax break.

Mr. Peterson stated that the company has had to cut wages, and no longer matches 401-K contributions. He stated he wants to see UPS keep business and its employees in Rochester Hills.

Mr. Pixley stated he applauds the creativity of the company, and stated that his recent discussions with Senator Mike Bishop included Bishop's global endorsement of this program. He questioned whether the company had to make this same presentation to the County. He also questioned whether the only option for exemption was a ten-year request.

Mr. Casey responded that the City makes a decision on behalf of all taxing jurisdictions. He stated that the years of exemption could be reduced, but to be effective a minimum of five years would most likely be required. He explained how the abatement was reduced in years eight, nine and ten, coming off in 25-percent increments each year. He stated that the City would give up 8.3432 Mills, or \$81,563.00 in tax revenue over a ten-year period; and the County would give up \$45,400.00.

Discussed.

2008-0550

Request for Approval for the Green Space Acquisition of property located on Harding Road

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Offer to Purchase Agreement.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

Public Comment:

Paul Funk, 2176 Rochelle Park, stated that he was attending on behalf of the Green Space Advisory Board and looked forward to a positive result tonight.

Council Discussion:

Mr. Ambrozaitis thanked the Green Space Advisory Board for its hard work and stated that in his heart, he did want the City to acquire this property. However, he had questions regarding the appraisal; and based on this, he could not vote for this.

Mr. Rosen concurred, stating that he did not have a problem with acquiring the land, however, based on the real estate upheaval in Southeast Michigan, he also had questions regarding the appraisal of this property.

Mr. Brennan stated that Council has been looking at this acquisition for some time, and he stated that the Committee has done an excellent job. He stated that after two appraisals, the price is consistent with these appraisals, and he was in favor of this purchase.

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

Aye 5 - Brennan, Hooper, Pixley, Webber and Yalamanchi

Nay 2 - Ambrozaitis and Rosen

Enactment No: RES0344-2008

Whereas, in furtherance of the Green Space Advisory Board's recommendation, the City administration has negotiated to purchase a 23.86 acre parcel of property (parcel nos. 15-15-327-001, 007 and 010 and 15-15-328-001) located on Harding Road; and

Whereas, the Harding Road parcel is an undeveloped natural area adjacent to the Clinton River Trail with access to the Clinton River that will adjoin a 2-acre City-owned parcel with 1,200 linear feet of additional river frontage, and the acquisition and preservation of the Harding Road parcel will protect this undeveloped area and secure sensitive steep slopes, wetlands and woodlands; and

Whereas, the funding source for the purchase of the Harding Road property is the Green Space Millage approved by the City's electors in 2005 to "permanently preserve natural green spaces, wildlife habitats, and scenic views, protect woodlands, wetlands, rivers and streams; and expand the Clinton River Greenway and other trail corridors by funding the purchase of land and interests in land..." and

Whereas, the City Council has considered and decided to accept the owner's counter-offer for the sale and purchase of the Harding Road property.

Therefore, It Is Resolved, that the City Council accepts the owner's counteroffer to sell the Harding Road property to the City for \$1.2 million dollars.

It Is Further Resolved, that the City administration is authorized to consummate the purchase of the Harding Road property, and the Mayor may execute any necessary documents in furtherance of this transaction.

2008-0535 Request to authorize the Mayor to execute a one-year (FY2009) agreement with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office for Law Enforcement Services

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Draft 2009 OCSO Agreement.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

Julie Jenuwine, Finance Director, stated this was a request for authorization of a one-year contract between the Oakland County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) and the City of Rochester Hills. She stated that the OCSD contract expires at the end of this year, and due to the Deputies' binding arbitration activities, the County is requesting that the City enter into a one-year contract at this time. She stated that this proposed contract reflected a 3.6 percent increase from the 2008 contract due to retirement and increasing fuel costs.

Captain Mike Johnson, OCSD, stated that the increase was due to fuel costs, vehicles and health care increases as well.

Mr. Ambrozaitis questioned whether the one-year contract was a stop-gap for an extension due to the arbitration.

Captain Johnson replied that it was a stop-gap, and he was confident that a longer contract could be put together by next summer.

Mr. Rosen questioned whether this was an extension of the current contract.

Captain Johnson replied that it was an extension of the financial aspects of the contract, and the contract verbiage did not change.

Mr. Brennan questioned whether there could be a retroactive assessment to the City at the conclusion of arbitration.

Captain Johnson replied that there would be no retroactive assessment.

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

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

Enactment No: RES0345-2008

Whereas, the Rochester Hills City Council acknowledges the importance of public safety and benefits to contracting with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office for the City's law enforcement services and

Whereas, the Rochester Hills City Council has appropriated funds in the Fiscal Year 2009 Adopted Budget for a contractual arrangement for law enforcement services

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council wishes to participate in a one-year (FY2009) agreement with the Oakland County Board of Commissioners to contract between the City of Rochester Hills and the Oakland County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Mayor is authorized to execute the same on behalf of the City.

- 2008-0536** Request to Amend the Oakland County Sheriff's Office FY2009 Law Enforcement Services Agreement

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

Captain Mike Johnson explained that currently one Lieutenant oversees all investigations. This amendment would upgrade a Patrol Investigator to a Detective Sergeant to assist in providing more supervision for investigators, and would also assist in highly sensitive investigations.

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

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

Enactment No: RES0346-2008

Whereas, the Rochester Hills City Council acknowledges the importance of public safety and benefits to upgrading a Patrol Investigator position at the Rochester Hills substation; and

Whereas, the Rochester Hills City Council has appropriated funds in the Fiscal Year 2009 Adopted Budget for an upgrade of the Patrol Investigator position to a Detective Sergeant position; and

Whereas, the Rochester Hills City Council wishes to carry out this objective in the Fiscal Year 2009 budget.

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council authorizes the Mayor to amend the FY2009 Agreement between the City of Rochester Hills and the Oakland County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services by upgrading a Patrol Investigator position to a Detective Sergeant position.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Mayor is authorized to execute the same on behalf of the City.

- 2008-0549** Request for Purchase Authorization - HUMAN RESOURCES: Contract extension and blanket purchase order for employee group life/ADD and disability insurance in the amount of \$280,000.00 through December 31, 2009; CIGNA Group Insurance, Southfield, MI

Attachments: [Agenda Summary - Revised.pdf](#)
[Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[CIGNA Quote.pdf](#)
[RFP Analysis.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)
[Resolution Revised](#)

Pam Lee, Director of Human Resources, stated that this item requested an amendment to the current contract with CIGNA in the amount of \$56,000 plus an additional \$224,000 for a contract extension for 2009. She stated the renewal request is the result of an RFP, and that the current carrier negotiated to maintain current rates for all lines of coverage with the exception of Long-Term Disability, where there was actually a decrease in rates.

President Hooper questioned whether this was a one-year extension.

Ms. Lee responded that it was for one year. She stated that the City has seen increases in costs associated with claims for disability over the last two years. Initially the City was looking at a slight increase, but was able to hold costs down with a one-year renewal from the carrier.

Mr. Ambrozaitis questioned whether the disability increase of fifteen-percent could have been anticipated.

Ms. Lee responded that when the City originally entered into the contract two years ago, it did not receive a rate lock for short-term disability. This is the most expensive line of coverage. In 2006 and 2007, claims costs exceeded premiums.

Mr. Ambrozaitis questioned whether there was any factor that could be used to make the numbers more accurate moving forward.

Ms. Lee stated that the City is instituting additional health care programs, bringing in additional health risk assessments, the wellness program, and working on health care costs in general. This could have a residual effect on short term disability costs. She stated that the City will be looking at this next year to see if additional carriers could be investigated for additional savings.

Mr. Ambrozaitis questioned whether an RFP could be sent out while still negotiating.

Ms. Lee responded that additional quotes could be obtained.

Mr. Yalamanchi questioned whether CIGNA has provided a quote for 2010.

Ms. Lee responded that an estimate has been obtained, but no formal quote would be given to hold rates at the 2009 levels.

Mr. Yalamanchi questioned whether the 2008 Budget would need to be amended.

Ms. Lee stated that the Budget might have to be amended slightly to increase the blanket.

Mr. Pixley questioned whether this was a benefit the City is contractually bound to provide.

Ms. Lee responded that it was.

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

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

Enactment No: RES0347-2008

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes the extension of the contract and approval of a Blanket Purchase Order to CIGNA Group Insurance, Southfield, Michigan, for the purchase of employee group life/ADD and disability insurance in the amount not-to-exceed \$280,000.00 through December 31, 2009.

2008-0534 Request for Purchase Authorization - DPS/FACILITIES: Blanket Purchase Order for snow removal services for the 2008-2009 winter season at the City Hall, Precinct #5, 52/3rd District Court and Oakland County Sheriff Department Substation in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00; Advanced Services Landscape, LLC, Sterling Heights, MI

Attachments: [102708 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Proposals Tabulation.pdf](#)
[102708 Resolution.pdf](#)

Roger Rouse, Director of DPS/Engineering, stated that a rough rule of thumb was two-thirds of the snow removal expenditures were expended in the first portion of the year, and one-third in the later portion. He stated that snowfall was heavier in the first portion of this year.

Mr. Ambrozaitis stated that he understands using the private sector for this snow removal, but still questioned whether City employees could perform this duty.

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

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

Enactment No: RES0348-2008

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a Blanket Purchase Order to Advanced Services Landscape, LLC, Sterling Heights, Michigan for snow removal services for the 2008-2009 winter season at the City Hall, Precinct #5, 52/3 District Court and Oakland County Sheriff Department Substation in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 and further authorizes the Mayor to execute a contract on behalf of the City.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

President Hooper allowed additional public comment:

Gary Jaracz, 582 West Hamlin, asked that a letter he presented to Council be read regarding the single trash hauler issue, and gave some suggestions regarding the proposed program. He suggested different sizes of containers be made available and toxic waste pickup be included.

President Hooper stated that a 65-gallon container was being considered for senior citizens.

Mr. Yalamanchi questioned whether there was any information on Tesla Motors.

Mayor Barnett responded that Tesla has closed offices nationwide, as they were largely impacted by the recent events on Wall Street.

Mr. Ambrozaitis questioned whether an update could be presented as to the effect of the Wall Street situation on the City. He also questioned how the other trash bids were considered.

President Hooper responded that the selection committee thoroughly interviewed all selected vendors.

Mayor Barnett suggested Council questions on recent economic developments be put in writing and he would have Staff address them.

NEXT MEETING DATE

*Joint Meeting with City of Auburn Hills - Thursday, October 30, 2008 - 6:00 PM
Regular Meeting - Monday, November 10, 2008 - 7:30 PM*

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Council, President Hooper adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

*GREG HOOPER, President
Rochester Hills City Council*

*JANE LESLIE, Clerk
City of Rochester Hills*

MARY JO WHITBEY
Administrative Secretary
City Clerk's Office

Approved as presented at the February 23, 2009 Regular City Council Meeting.