



**City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS**

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Legislative File No: 2007-0465

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Michael Webber, City Council Member
DATE: September 17, 2008
SUBJECT: Police and Road Millage Technical Review Committee

REQUEST:

After reviewing the budget and listening to the three budget hearings, I realized that the work of the Police and Road Millage Technical Review Committee should continue, perhaps in a different capacity. These problems are certainly not going away as it relates to long- term solutions for Police and Road funding.

I know that some of the citizen members of the committee have expressed an interest in continuing to look at recommendations for next year.

BACKGROUND:

The Police and Road Millage Technical Review Committee was formed in 2007 with the appointment of three (3) members of Council (Brennan, Rosen and Webber). The specific purpose of the committee was approved by the City Council on February 25, 2008. Four (4) citizen appointments to the committee were approved on March 31, 2008 (Dalton, Funk, Hetrick & Tilove).

The committee met at least once a month in March, April, May and June of 2008. The committee was deeply divided on both short and long term funding options for Police and Road funding. Due to time constraints and the deep divide in viewpoints, the committee was unable to come up with concrete, thoughtful proposals for short and long term funding options.

While it was generally agreed that Council should not put a millage on the ballot for 2008, it was also understood that any attempt at a millage vote would need a long, sustained education campaign. It was also noted that following budget reductions for the Fiscal Year 2009 budget - which Council is currently completing this fall - that Council should continue the discussion of Police and Road funding options for FY 2010 and beyond.

Understanding the time that is needed to properly put forth a credible proposal, I think the committee should begin to work immediately. The previous report can be used as a starting point.

RECOMMENDATION:

I propose three options for the rest of Council to discuss and consider:

1. Dissolve the current committee and continue to have Council level discussions and work shops on this matter.
2. Give the existing committee a new charge and deadline to report back to council. I think a progress report to Council should be made no later than March of 2009.
3. Remove the three (3) Council members from the committee. Reform the committee to include seven (7) total citizen members. Appoint or re-appoint the existing four (4) citizen members from the current committee (if they still wish to serve) and open up an application process to appoint three (3) new citizen members (or more depending on vacancies). Appoint a City Council member as a liaison to work with the group but not to vote. Set a deadline for a progress report to Council for no later than March of 2009.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
City Council Liaison		