



Rochester Hills

Minutes - Draft

City Council Special Meeting

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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, March 26, 2012

6:00 PM

Chapman's Mill, 2086 Crooks Road

JOINT WITH THE CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

CALL TO ORDER

President Hooper called the Joint Meeting of the City Councils of Auburn Hills and Rochester Hills to order at 6:18 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL - AUBURN HILLS CITY COUNCIL

Present 5 - Maureen Hammond, Henry Knight, Kevin McDaniel,
James McDonald and Cheryl Verbeke

Absent 2 - Anne Doyle and Robert Kittle

ROLL CALL - ROCHESTER HILLS CITY COUNCIL

Present 7 - Greg Hooper, Nathan Klomp, Adam Kochenderfer, James Rosen, Mark Tisdell, Michael Webber and Ravi Yalamanchi

Others Present:

*Peter E. Auger, Auburn Hills City Manager
Stephanie Carroll, Auburn Hills Coordinator of Community Relations & Legislative Affairs
Terri Kowal, Auburn Hills City Clerk
Bryan K. Barnett, Rochester Hills Mayor
Jane Leslie, Rochester Hills City Clerk
Leanne Scott, Rochester Hills City Council Coordinator*

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

President Hooper opened the meeting by welcoming the members of the City of

Auburn Hills. He stated that the two cities have a healthy working relationship and both recognize the importance of collaboration. He pointed out that this is good for the region as a whole.

Mayor McDonald stated that it is great to see the cooperation between the two cities and he looks forward to many years of the same.

DISCUSSION OF ITEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST

Single Trash Hauler

Discussion took place relative to the City of Auburn Hills' Single Trash Hauler Program. Auburn Hills modeled their program after the Rochester Hills' program; however, they did not require that residents utilize a specific trash container, and they incorporated a 13-week snowbird provision. It was mentioned that Auburn Hills' residents requested a program be implemented for the lowest cost possible. Therefore, the program they have in place does not include a recycling program like RecycleBank that the City of Rochester Hills has. To date, the program has been a great success and the hope is to introduce a recycling program within the next year or two.

Areas of Collaboration

President Hooper stated that currently there is a Joint Operating Agreement in place for the Auburn Hills and Rochester Hills Fire Departments; units from either department will respond to fire and/or emergency calls in either city, when needed. He also noted that recently an Interlocal Service Agreement was adopted between the Cities of Auburn Hills, Rochester Hills and Rochester for Public Works Services.

City Manager Auger stated that the Auburn Hills Police Department has been named best in the country for their policies and leadership; they have increased their efficiencies by going completely paperless. He noted that the Fire Department plans to increase their efficiencies by implementing similar policies and going paperless.

Discussion ensued regarding the Building Departments and whether there was an opportunity for shared services in this area.

Mr. Auger stated that Auburn Hills has two full-time inspectors; the rest are outsourced. He pointed out that these inspectors also work on the Community Development Team and are part of the entire process of bringing in new companies. He mentioned that when businesses looking to relocate to Auburn Hills are not a good "fit", their Community/Economic Development Team refers them to Rochester Hills. He stressed this is good for the region as residents and business people alike live, eat and shop in the two communities.

2012 Construction Projects

Auburn Hills City Manager Peter Auger announced that in April 2012 a \$10 million investment consisting of a housing project with retail space below, along

with a parking deck, funded by a private investor will be going in at Squirrel and Auburn Roads.

Mayor Barnett announced that the reconstruction of Main Street from the Clinton River Bridge to the Paint Creek Bridge in downtown Rochester will begin April 2nd and is planned to be completed by the fall. He reported that the Avon Road Bridge project is expected to be completed by June 1st, and it is looking promising that the Livernois Road Bridge will be constructed in 2012. In addition, he stated that the reconstruction and widening of Crooks Road to five lanes from Star Batt to Hamlin Road will commence in July.

Regional Transportation

Considerable discussion took place regarding the proposed regional transit system for southeast Michigan. Mayor Barnett reported that this topic resulted in some heated discussion at a recent SEMCOG meeting and stated that there will be much debate as this topic moves forward.

Senior Programs

Programs and services offered to the seniors of both communities was discussed. President Hooper mentioned that the Older Persons Commission (OPC) is very busy with the numerous programs they offer

Council Member Verbeke shared information about a program Auburn Hills has in place for their seniors called Senior Home Assistance Repair Program (SHARP). She stated that this is a volunteer driven program wherein the homeowner supplies the materials and the volunteer performs the labor for minor repairs and maintenance around the home. She also pointed out that the Auburn Hills Fire Department has a program in place where they install fire alarms for hearing impaired residents that vibrate and have a strobe light.

EMS/Ambulance Service

Council Member Knight inquired as to how the Rochester Hills EMS service is going.

Mayor Barnett stated that the opportunity was there to provide the best level of service for the residents while incurring no incremental costs to do so. He mentioned that this past year Rochester Hills EMS has taken on facility to facility transfers, primarily for patients of Crittenton Medical Center.

Youth Council

Council Member Tisdell reported that he was approached by County Commissioner Angela River who indicated that Auburn Hills may be interested in creating a Youth Council. He provided an overview of what the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council does and suggested they contact Leanne Scott, Rochester Hills City Council Coordinator, for additional information.

Additional Discussion

Council Member Knight stated many years ago a mutual agreement was entered into by the cities of Auburn Hills Rochester Hills, Troy and Bloomfield Township. He mentioned these communities agreed to only allow residential development on the properties at the intersection of Squirrel Road and South Boulevard. He appealed to Rochester Hills to keep it residential.

Discussion took place relative to the Pontiac Sewerage Treatment Plant and whether or not potential opportunities may arise in the future.

President Hooper introduced Rochester Hills newest Council Members, Adam Kochenderfer and Mark Tisdell, as well as Auburn Hills newest Council Member Cheryl Verbeke. All three shared how nice it is to see the positive relationships between the two cities, and that they look forward to working with everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hooper adjourned the Joint Meeting of the City Council of Auburn Hills and Rochester Hills at 8:09 p.m.

*GREG HOOPER, President
Rochester Hills City Council*

*JANE LESLIE, Clerk
City of Rochester Hills*

*LEANNE SCOTT, City Council Coordinator
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Approved as presented at the (insert date, or dates) Regular City Council Meeting.