



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

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Legislative File No: 2014-0320 and 2014-0332

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Keith Sawdon, Finance Director, Ext 2535

DATE: September 8, 2014

SUBJECT: 2014 Millage Rates

REQUEST:

In accordance with the City Charter Section 3.1 Budget Procedure and General Finance, Section 3.6 Adoption of a Budget, Section 4.1 Power to Tax and Special Revenue, and Section 4.2 Charter Tax Rate & Special Voted Millage(s) Limitation we are requesting that City Council approve the 2014 millage rates (to be levied in December 2014), which will provide the tax revenues needed to support the FY 2015 budget.

BACKGROUND:

The millage rates listed below are expected to generate the tax revenues needed to support the FY 2015 Budget, as adjusted by the City Council’s Straw Poll process. City Council has scheduled a public hearing for September 8, 2014 to discuss the proposed FY 2015 budget as well as the millage rates to support that budget. Following that public hearing we are proposing City Council adopt and authorize the millage rates as listed below:

PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES	
Operating Millages:	2014
General Fund (Charter)	1.9636
Local Street I (Voted)	0.3545
Local Street II (Voted)	0.4855
Fire Fund (Charter)	1.9564
Special Police I (Voted)	1.2083
Special Police II (Voted)	1.6585
Pathway (Voted)	0.1858
RARA Operating (Voted)	0.1950
OPC Operating (Voted)	0.2403
OPC Transportation (Voted)	0.0891
Green Space (Voted)	0.2972
Library Operating (Charter)	0.7823
Operating - Subtotal	9.4165
Debt Millages:	
Chapter 20 Drain Debt	0.0422
OPC Building (Voted)	0.2473
Debt - Subtotal	0.2895
TOTAL MILLAGES	9.7060

Pursuant to the requirements of the State Tax Commission, municipalities must file State form L-4029, tax rate request, with the Oakland County Department of Equalization by October 1, 2014. The City is also required to file form LT-1, Annual Report of Taxes, with Oakland County on or before October 1, 2014. In addition, the City is required to conduct a public hearing and adopt the City's budget prior to November 1, 2014.

RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend that City Council, after the conclusion of their public hearing, adopt the proposed 2014 millage rates (to be levied in December 2014) which are expected to provide the tax revenues needed to support the FY 2015 budget.

RESOLUTION:

See attached resolution.

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