
CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS

Susan Galeczka, Deputy Clerk

DATE: April 13, 2006

TO: City Council Members

RE: Citizen letters & emails

The following is a list of residents who requested their letters be read into the record at tonight's meeting. I have attached a copy of the letters for your information.

| Name | Address |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| David Bratton | 823 Croydon |
| Gigi Colombini-Gabrielson | 201 Cloverport Ave |
| Jeffrey Gabrielson | 201 Cloverport |
| Beth & Matt Furhman | 155 Cloverport Ave |
| Melinda Hill | 1481 Mill Race |
| Lori Karam | |
| Andy Krupp | 168 Cloverport Ave |
| Kara McCullough | 2815 Weaverton |
| Kevin B. McDonald | 93 Childress |
| Paula Porter | 93 Childress |
| Michael Spalding | 209 Cloverport Ave |
| Cecilia & Steve Strine | 2962 Mohawk Lane |
| Jackie Thompson | 128 Cloverport Ave |
| Tracy & Gregory Utech | 2829 Hillendale Drive |
| Donald Wolcott | 3460 Warwick |

These names will be included in the Minutes of tonight's meeting to formally enter them into the record.

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Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 15:22:11 -0400
From: <quarantine@rochesterhills.org> [Add To Address Book](#) | [This is Spam](#)
Subject: Fwd: Letter about Mayor
To: galeczkas@rochesterhills.org

Found this in the "quarantine" account, so am forwarding it on to you. Thanks!

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Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 11:08:08 -0700 (PDT)
From: David Bratton <karatedave1930@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Letter about Mayor
To: galeczkas@rochesterhills.org

Dear Rochester Hills City Council,

I am requesting that this letter be read into the record at tonight's City Council meeting.

I am a forty year resident of the city. I have seen many times and administrations come and go. I can tell you that the current times in the city are unlike anything that I have ever seen. There are many reasons for this, far too many to address here, and rather focus on those reasons and our problems, I would like to focus on their solution.

Their solution lies in the opportunity we have this evening to appoint a Mayor with the experience, wisdom, maturity courage and leadership skills to change things. No system is perfect and we all understand that, yet what we have seen occur in the past few years within the city has shown a city out of control and judging by the many angry resident faces I have come to know through meetings, largely out of touch with its residents.

This is the single most devastating reality that we face as a city today. Our residents do care about taxes and who picks up their garbage but I'll bet you all a dollar that if you ask any resident, they would rather have the community remain with its current character with its value preserved for all to enjoy. Residents care about their Rochester Hills home and they want an administration that understands, reflects and demonstrates that care as well.

Jim Rosen and Lois Golden are the candidates that have clearly demonstrated their commitment to the residents of this community. Though it has often obviously been an unpopular stance, they have both been unwavering. It is just that kind of consideration and reception that I want when it is time for me to look to my city in times of need. Their skills bring us the solution we need.

Let us be the great community we can be. The residents are ready and waiting.

Very truly yours,

David D. Bratton
823 Croydon Rd.

Rochester Hills Mi.
48309

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Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 13:00:45 -0400

From: GColombini@aol.com [Add To Address Book](#) | [This is Spam](#)

Subject: Mayoral appointment scheduled for 4-13-06

To: galeczkas@rochesterhills.org

Dear Rochester Hills City Council,

I would like to request that these comments be read into the record.

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Thank you,

Gigi Colombini-Gabrielson
201 Cloverport Ave
Rochester Hills 48307

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Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 09:38:55 -0400

From: "Beth & Matt Fuhrman" <tmerf@comcast.net> [Add To Address Book](#) | [This is Spam](#)

Subject: Mayor

To: <galeczkas@rochesterhills.org>

Dear Susan Koliva,

Please read these comments into the record at the meeting on April 13th.

There is a growing momentum in the City for positive change, and it has been evident for some time that this change was greatly needed. We are now in the midst of this change and we have an excellent opportunity to make a step towards a large improvement in our city. With your vote for Mayor, you will be deciding whether we embrace this opportunity or not.

I am a resident in district 2 and our district has had its share of difficult events over the years. We know other districts have as well. This has left us all ready to see the improvements that we know can happen in our local government, realized.

Now is the time.

We support candidates Jim Rosen and Lois Golden as Mayor. Both will be strong leaders and will have a very positive impact on our community. This is truly well needed and will be welcomed by us all.

Thank you for your time,

Beth Fuhrman
155 Cloverport Ave.
Rochester Hills Mi 48307

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Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 16:33:50 -0400

From: "Jeff Gabrielson" <jgabrielson@epscoamerica.com> [Add To Address Book](#) | [This is Spam](#)

Subject: Mayoral Appontment

To: <galeczkas@rochesterhills.org>, <barnettb@rochesterhills.org>, <holderb@rochesterhills.org>, <duistermarsj@rochesterhills.org>, <yalamanchir@rochesterhills.org>, <ambrozaitise@rochesterhills.org>, <rosenj@rochesterhills.org>, <raschkel@rochesterhills.org>

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Mr. Rosen and Miss Golden have all the qualities that make such a leader. Although I have not always agreed personally with all of their decisions, they have consistently demonstrated large amounts of integrity in their decision making and serving their community. This is exactly the type of Mayor I desire.

Please make that possible for our city.

Thank you,

Jeffery H. Gabrielson
201 Cloverport Ave
Rochester Hills 48307

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Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 17:46:55 -0400

From: Kara McCullough <karaanne01@yahoo.com> [Add To Address Book](#) | [This is Spam](#)

Subject: Mayoral Appontment

To: galeczkas@rochesterhills.org, barnettb@rochesterhills.org, holderb@rochesterhills.org, duistermarsj@rochesterhills.org, yalamanchir@rochesterhills.org, ambrozaitise@rochesterhills.org, rosenj@rochesterhills.org, raschkel@rochesterhills.org

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Thank you,

Kara McCullough
2815 Weaverton
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

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Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 09:26:49 -0400

From: Kevin McDonald <kmcdonald01@sbcglobal.net> [Add To Address Book](#) | [This is Spam](#)

Subject: Mayor Appointment, letter for the record

To: galeczkas@rochesterhills.org

Dear City Clerk,

I have sent the letter below to City Council to be read at this evenings meeting. Please note that their letters contained a typo and noted my address as 92 Childress. My correct address is 93 Childress as noted on your copy.

Thank you,

Kevin McDonald

Dear City Council,

I do request that you read my letter into the record at the meeting on April 13th.

I am writing to give my full support to the appointment of Jim Rosen or Lois Golden as Mayor for our city. From my experience as a resident of district 2 and from talking to other people around the district and city, they are the only candidates that have the confidence of the residents in this city. Because the decision for Mayor is being made by appointment rather than a public vote, it is important that the Mayor be one that the public is comfortable with. Both of these candidates have demonstrated their support for the residents of this community over and over again during their years with the city. Please let the resident's voice be heard in this matter of such importance to them and to our city.

Most Sincerely,

Kevin B. McDonald
93 Childress
Rochester Hills Michigan

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Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 11:10:01 -0400

From: paula porter <pbjusa2001@yahoo.com> [Add To Address Book](#) | [This is Spam](#)

Subject: my public opinion re: mayor of roch hls

To: rosenj@rochesterhills.org, galeczkas@rochesterhills.org, holderb@rochesterhills.org, yalamanchir@rochesterhills.org, duistermarsj@rochesterhills.org, raschkel@rochesterhills.org, ambrozaitise@rochesterhills.org

Please read this into the record of tonight's meeting:

Dear City Council:

I have been a resident of Rochester Hills for the past 6 years, specifically residing on the 'South Hill'. I am the single mother of my two sons (ages 5 & 8) and I am employed by the Rochester Community Schools as a Cafeteria worker at McGregor Elementary School.

I am contacting you today because I am concerned about filling the slot that was recently vacated by our former Mayor, Ms. Somerville.

I am very much hoping that you will appoint someone who has a proven history of listening to the people who elected them to their public-service position, therefore I would favour the appointment of James Rosen, or Lois Golden to the position of Roch Hills Mayor, and likewise I would be very upset if someone like Bryan Barnett were slipped into the spot.

I strive everyday in my workplace to use fairness in dealing with the elementary school children I serve, and I remind them of the fine virtues necessary for us all to live together happily...we take turns and we listen to each other; I emlore my City Council to remember these simple lessons themselves and make the right appointment of James Rosen or Lois Golden for Mayor of Rochester Hills.

Thank you for taking a moment to listen to my thoughts on the matter.

Repectfully,

Ms.Paula Porter, 93 Childress Ave, Rochester Hills

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Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2006 11:43:12 -0400

From: "Cecilia Strine" <CStrine@cranbrook.edu> [Add To Address Book](#) | [This is Spam](#)

Subject: mayor

To: <ambrozaitise@rochesterhills.org>, <duistermarsj@rochesterhills.org>, <galeczkas@rochesterhills.org>, <holderb@rochesterhills.org>, <raschkel@rochesterhills.org>, <rosenj@rochesterhills.org>, <yalamanchir@rochesterhills.org>

Dear Council Members,

We would like to endorse Bryan Barnett as the replacement for Mayor Somerville upon her recent resignation. We have come to know Bryan through several years of experience appearing before and/or attending Council meetings. We have always been impressed with Bryan's willingness to listen, to be fairminded, and his ability to recognize both sides of an issue, while responding in a manner that keeps the greater needs of the city and all its residents in mind. We have witnessed this on many occasions. He has the best interests of Rochester Hills at heart and is dedicated to keeping our city on a positive course.

Bryan's longevity as a Rochester Hills resident and Council member give him the necessary knowledge of city needs and issues that require priority attention. He has a working knowledge of city procedures and policies and has an established relationship, via his work on Council and various committees, with the city officers and staff. These facts would greatly ease his transition into the position of Mayor, allowing for a smooth changeover. He also has the ability to communicate effectively, a key requirement for a position such as Mayor.

We are facing difficult economic times, which impact each us of individually, as well as directly, through the challenging budget decisions which must be made on behalf of our community. Bryan has a working knowledge of the disparate issues that have come before the voters and which will, most likely, resurface in the upcoming months. His awareness of voter/resident sentiment, as expressed through Council and various ad hoc committees, gives him a knowledge base upon which to respond to the multitude of opinions and sentiments.

Bryan's years of service on the Community Development and Viability Committee, which reviews policy matters of community development and viability, including such issues as land development and maintenance, economic development and maintenance, and infrastructure development and maintenance, give him a broad overview of crucial city issues.

We sincerely hope that Council will take to heart this endorsement. We are at a critical juncture in our city's future and we need to consider how to handle this important transition in the most efficient, judicious, and productive manner. We feel that naming Bryan Barnett Mayor will serve that need.

Thank you.

Cecilia and Steve Strine
2962 Mohawk Lane

P.S. We are sorry that we cannot personally attend tonight's meeting to state our case directly. We are leaving town after work today for the

holiday weekend.

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Date: Wed, 12 Apr 2006 15:16:03 -0400

From: "Spalding, Michael" <MSpalding@lear.com> [Add To Address Book](#) | [This is Spam](#)

Subject: Candidate for Mayor Jim Rosen

To: <raschkel@rochesterhills.org>

Cc: <galeczkas@rochesterhills.org>, <rosenj@rochesterhills.org>

Linda Raschke,

Good afternoon. I am a resident of District 2 and I ask that you consider voting for Jim Rosen as the next Mayor of Rochester Hills. He hears our voice. . .the residents' voice. . .and considers us and our future in his decision making.

I considered Troy when moving from Macomb County. I decided on Rochester Hills where there are still trees and wildlife - not buildings, cement, and house on top of house. I believe Jim will give us the best chance at maintaining a beautiful city.

In addition, I request that this letter be read into the record at Thursday's meeting.

Best Regards,

Michael Spalding
209 Cloverport Avenue
Rochester Hills

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From: City Council <citycouncil@rochesterhills.org> [Add To Address Book](#) | [This is Spam](#)
Subject: Fwd: Mayor of Rochester Hills
To: galeczkas@rochesterhills.org

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City of Rochester Hills Michigan
citycouncil@rochesterhills.org
www.rochesterhills.org

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Date: Wed, 12 Apr 2006 17:36:34 -0400
From: "Jackie Thompson" <jackieanne43@hotmail.com>
Subject: Mayor of Rochester Hills
To: galeczka@rochesterhills.org, citycouncil@rochesterhills.org, rosenj@rochesterhills.org, duistermarsj@rochesterhills.org
Cc: yalamanchir@rochesterhills.org, raschkel@rochesterhills.org, ambrozaitise@rochesterhills.org

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Thank you,

Jackie Thompson
128 Cloverport
Rochester Mi 48307

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Date: Wed, 12 Apr 2006 21:48:31 -0400

From: Tracy Utech <utech@oakland.edu> [Add To Address Book](#) | [This is Spam](#)

Subject: Special Meeting re Mayor Appointment

To: galeczkas@rochesterhills.org

Cc: rosenj@rochesterhills.org

Dear Ms. Koliba:

Please refer to the attached letter, which we request be read into the record at the Special Meeting on April 13 regarding the mayoral appointment. Thank you very much.

Tracy and Gregory Utech

2829 Hillendale Drive

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**GREGORY AND TRACY UTECH
2829 HILLENDALE DRIVE
ROCHESTER HILLS, MI 48309**

April 12, 2006

Susan Koliba, City Clerk
Rochester Hills

This is a request to have this letter read at the Special Meeting on April 13, 2006 to become a formal part of the meeting record.

Dear Rochester Hills City Council Members:

As life-long Rochester Hills residents, we are writing to express our concern regarding the City Council's rush to appoint a new mayor following Ms. Somerville's resignation. The City's residents have not had adequate opportunity to be informed of all of the possible candidates, nor to address the current council members in order to share our opinions of those candidates' abilities to serve.

Other than the announcement regarding the Special Meeting on April 13, we could not find any details on the City's website regarding the possible candidates. Regrettably, we are unable to attend this important meeting in person. Because we feel strongly about this critical decision, we are submitting this letter to the City Clerk, requesting that it be read into the official record.

After much legwork to learn from fellow citizens who *may* be candidates for the mayor position, we believe that Jim Rosen is one of the candidates. I urge your support of Mr. Rosen for the position of Mayor of the City of Rochester Hills.

Should this information be incorrect, and Mr. Rosen is not under consideration, we would equally urge your support of the candidacy of Lois Golden. Ms. Golden has served our city admirably and listens to her fellow citizens' concerns, weighing them along with opposing views, and, appropriately considers what is best.

As we know each of you do, we care about this great City deeply and we believe that these individuals would best serve as our mayor, respectively and effectively representing the needs and views of Rochester Hills residents.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Tracy and Gregory Utech
2829 Hillendale Drive

April 11, 2006

James Rosen
Rochester Hills City Council President
1000 Rochester Hills Drive
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Dear Mr. Rosen:

While it would be easier to correspond with you using e-mail, I am mailing this to you and the other City Commissioners with the hope that Melinda Hill will be considered for Rochester Hill's interim Mayor. If I believe in what I am saying, at least I can affix a stamp to a letter and mail it out. I sincerely hope that this added effort this will encourage the members of the Council to consider this recommendation.

I can appreciate that being required to name an interim Mayor in the next thirty days is a very difficult task. But perhaps that task is not at all difficult as members of the Chamber are already familiar with Melinda Hill.

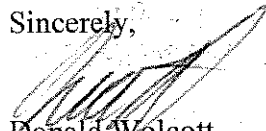
Having attended meetings of the City Council and meetings of the Planning Committee, I have had the opportunity to witness the skills which Ms. Hill has demonstrated along with her knowledge and commitment towards the future growth and greater well being of Rochester Hills. This is coupled with her strong sense of ethics, experience and her knowledge to help Rochester Hills in its very challenging and demanding future endeavors.

I also believe that Ms. Hill has the ability to continue the open and supportive management style which Mayor Summerville was able to instill within the current employees of Rochester Hills. That open and helpful style is something which I have witnessed every time I have visited the City Offices, whether it was for paying taxes or purchasing the license for my dog, the city employees at the City office have always been professional and considerate.

There are many continuing demands which the City Council will be forced to deal with such as the future Wall-Mart store, along with the financial problems which each year hinders snow removal. Then there is the reoccurring discussions regarding having a single trash hauler and laws surrounding open trash burning. For ten years, Ms Hill has dealt with many of the challenges facing Rochester Hills, and I believe that by serving as the Mayor of Rochester Hills, her experience will provide a sense of ethics and trust for the Rochester Hills community further supporting the future growth of Rochester Hills.

Thank you for reading this letter and considering Melinda Hill for this important position.

Sincerely,



Donald Wolcott
3460 Warwick
Rochester Hills