



City of Rochester Hills  
AGENDA SUMMARY  
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members  
**FROM:** Mark Tisdel, Council Member and RHGYC Liaison  
**DATE:** July 6, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** Appointment of 2012/2013 Rochester Hills Government Youth Council

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City Council at its Regular Meeting of March 16, 2005 adopted Resolution RES0080-2005 establishing the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC) to promote youth involvement in local government through active participation and the mutual exchange of ideas and experiences. The RHGYC composition includes thirteen (13) members appointed by City Council following the established application/appointed process, which will consist of (2) representatives from each City Council District and five (5) at-large representatives.

In 2006, the second year of the RHGYC, 14 applications were received. Based upon the interviews and qualifications of the 14, the Interview Team recommended all 14 be appointed. In 2007 the Interview Team recommended increasing the number of appointments to 15, which is where it has remained.

This year we are very pleased to mention that we received 37 applications that met the minimum qualifications to be considered. Of the 37 applications received, ten (10) were from the current Youth Council members requesting to be re-appointed to an additional term on the Council.

The established application/appointment process included the following:

- Submission of application packet by interested students which included the following:
  - Application
  - Essay Questions
  - Two Letters of Recommendation
- Interviews by the Interview Team consisting of City Council Member Mark Tisdel, City Clerk Jane Leslie, City Council Coordinator Leanne Scott, Senior Youth Council Representative Farha Hanif, and previous Youth Council Member Rachel Schlagel.

With the exception of five Youth Council Members that have served for two or more years, all of the remaining 32 students participated in the interview process. The interview team evaluated the candidates on application quality, adult references, interview and representation.

As in past years, we continue to be very pleased with the large number of students interested in serving on the RHGYC; nonetheless, it does make the final selection process very difficult. Each applicant was extremely bright and pleasant, and could bring something different and unique to the group. In the end, however, the Interview Team took into account the composition of the RHGYC (district representation), school representation and the number in each graduating year, and we are

recommending to Council that they appoint fifteen students the Youth Council again this year. The terms of office will be for one (1) year coinciding with the school calendar year beginning on September 1, 2012 and expiring on August 31, 2013.

If all fifteen students are appointed, the representation would be as follows:

- CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS
  - District 1 – Five (5) Students
    - 3 returning students
    - 2 new students
  - District 2 – Four (4) Students
    - 3 returning students
    - 1 new student
  - District 3 – Four (4) Students
    - 2 returning students
    - 2 new students
  - District 4 – Two (2) Students
    - 1 returning student
    - 1 new student
- SCHOOLS
  - Adams – 5 representatives
  - Notre Dame Prep – 2 representatives
  - Rochester – 6 representatives
  - Stoney Creek – 2 representatives
- SCHOOL GRADES 2012/2013
  - Ninth Grade – 2 students
  - Tenth Grade – 4 students (2 returning)
  - Eleventh Grade – 5 students (3 returning)
  - Twelfth Grade – 4 students (4 returning)

Application materials are available in the Clerk’s Office if you are interested in reviewing them. A resolution for your consideration appointing the fifteen students is included in the packet.

Please note that at the August 13<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting the 2011/2012 RHGYC members will be providing their final report to City Council and the 2012/2013 RHGYC members will be sworn in.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
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