



Rochester Hills

Minutes

City Council Regular Meeting

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Michael Webber and Ravi Yalamanchi*

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, October 4, 2010

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

President Hooper called the Regular Rochester Hills City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Michigan Time.

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - J. Martin Brennan, Greg Hooper, Nathan Klomp, Vern Pixley, James Rosen, Michael Webber and Ravi Yalamanchi

Others Present:

*Ed Anzek, Director of Planning and Development
Bryan Barnett, Mayor
Tara Beatty, Chief Assistant
Dan Casey, Manager of Economic Development
Paul Davis, Acting Director of DPS/Engineering
Aly Difilippo, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Representative
Jane Leslie, City Clerk
Keith Sawdon, Director of Finance
John Staran, City Attorney*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Webber, seconded by Pixley, that the Agenda be Approved as Presented. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Brennan, Hooper, Klomp, Pixley, Rosen, Webber and Yalamanchi

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alice Benbow, 1582 Northumberland, stated that the City's Blight Ordinance is not being enforced, citing the condition of the property at 1585 S. Rochester

Road. She commented that residents do not want a Single Trash Hauler. She mentioned that The Rochester Post newspaper does not adequately report City news. She stated that the cost of Water Reservoirs should have been included in the City's Budget for 2011 and mentioned that the Mayor should have vetoed the removal of funding for Community Media Network from the Budget.

LEGISLATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

President Hooper responded to Public Comment noting that the City contracts with C and G Newspapers to publish its Legal Notices in The Rochester Post and pays advertising fees for the publication. He commented that the City does not publish or own The Rochester Post and the paper determines its content.

Mr. Pixley expressed his thanks to Jane Leslie, City Clerk, Beverly Jasinski, Chairperson, Cemetery Citizens Advisory Committee, and Calvin Leach, Cemetery Sexton, for their work at the VanHoosen Jones Stoney Creek Cemetery and stated that yesterday's Cemetery Chapel Open House, was well-attended and showed off a true asset in the City. He congratulated the Mayor for completing the Brooksie Way. He wished his wife, Lori, a Happy 24th Anniversary.

Mr. Brennan commented that he has received positive feedback on the Brooksie Way Half-Marathon.

Aly Difilippo, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC) Representative, reported that the RHGYC held their first meeting of the 2010-2011 year at the City's Fire Station No. 1 on September 20th, and commented that it gave the group an opportunity to see another side of the City. She noted that the RHGYC elected their officers at the meeting and will soon begin work on their many projects for the year.

President Hooper offered his congratulations to Ms. Difilippo for her third-place finish in this year's Miss Michigan Teen Pageant.

Mayor Barnett made the following announcements:

- Yesterday's Brooksie Way Half-Marathon was a very successful event, with approximately 5,200 participants. Proceeds from the event will go back into the community through the Mini-Grant Program. Only a half-dozen calls and e-mails were received this morning noting concerns, and the only injury experienced during the race by any participant was a twisted ankle.
- A Fall Homeowners Association Forum is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 7th at City Hall. Association representatives will meet with City staff to discuss issues affecting their neighborhoods.
- The Stonewall Pumpkin Festival will be held on Saturday, October 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Last year over 4,000 individuals attended and carved over 1,000 pumpkins which were lit that evening.

- Fire Prevention Week is October 3rd through 10th. The Fire Department will host an Open House on Sunday, October 10th, from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m. at the City's Fire Stations.
- The VanHoosen Jones Stoney Creek Cemetery Chapel Open House was very well attended and served to promote the services and facilities available at the Cemetery.
- He offered the following updates on the City's ongoing Road Projects:
 - * The Tienken Road Bridge over Stony Creek is scheduled for completion by October 31, 2010.
 - * Work continues on the Auburn Road Resurfacing Project. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) crossing work is proceeding, with expected completion of the project sometime in early November.
- The City received the OakGreen Local Model Showcase Sustainability Partnership Grant, in conjunction with the Cities of Rochester and Auburn Hills. City Council will be asked to consider a resolution to support this collaboration later this evening.

ATTORNEY MATTERS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion, without discussion. If any Council Member or Citizen requests discussion of an item, it will be removed from Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

2010-0375 Approval of Minutes - City Council Special Meeting - August 9, 2010

Attachments: [CC Special Mtg Min 080910.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0225-2010

Resolved, that the Minutes of a Rochester Hills City Council Special Meeting held on August 9, 2010 be approved as presented.

2010-0351 Approval of Minutes - City Council Regular Meeting - August 9, 2010

Attachments: [CC Min 080910.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0226-2010

Resolved, that the Minutes of a Rochester Hills City Council Regular Meeting held on August 9, 2010 be approved as presented.

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Pixley, seconded by Yalamanchi, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Brennan, Hooper, Klomp, Pixley, Rosen, Webber and Yalamanchi

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2010-0405 FY 2010 3rd Quarter Budget Amendments

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[2010 - 3rd Qtr BA Overview.pdf](#)
[2010 - 3rd Qtr Budget Amendments.pdf](#)
[2010 Budget Amendments.pdf](#)
[Public Hearing Notice.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

Keith Sawdon, Director of Finance, stated that as part of satisfying the requirements of State Law, the City chooses to amend its budget every quarter. He highlighted the following items recognized in the Third Quarter Budget Amendment:

- Inter-Fund Charges relating to Fleet, MIS and Facilities are typically reviewed and adjusted in this Amendment.
- Refinancing of the OPC Building Debt which was approved earlier this year resulted in a new fund, the OPC Building Refunding Debt, to represent bonds that were sold at a lower rate to pay down higher-rate bonds originally issued in 2002. The transaction is recognized with a \$7.3 million increase to Bond Proceeds with a corresponding expenditure to the Escrow Agent due to the refunding debt issue. The net increase in revenues less the increase in expenditures will contribute \$308,950 into Fund Balance.
- Refinancing of the Municipal Building Debt Fund for City Hall Renovation to the Municipal Building Refunding Debt Fund. The transaction is recognized with a \$6.9 million increase to Bond Proceeds with a corresponding expenditure to the Escrow Agent due to the refunding debt issue. The net increase in revenues less the increase in expenditures will contribute \$4,410 to Fund Balance.
- Defeasance of water bonds related to the Oakland County Drain Commission Project for Extension Number Five, which at its conclusion resulted in approximately \$900,000 in bond proceeds remaining that were not used for construction. These remaining proceeds were used to pay down bond coupons into the future, and retired approximately \$1.5 million in debt.

Mr. Sawdon noted that \$90,000 in PEG Fees appear in Council's area of the Budget for the Third Quarter to be transferred to Community Media Network in 2010.

President Hooper Opened the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m.

Alice Benbow, 1582 Northumberland, commented that it appears that the budget is increasing by \$14.4 million and given the decrease in population and property values, she cannot understand why the City cannot cut spending.

President Hooper Closed the Public Hearing at 7:21 p.m.

Council Discussion:

President Hooper noted that the majority of the increase in the Third Quarter Budget Amendment is due to recognizing bond refinancings. He pointed out that City Council's decision to purchase green space property at an amount of \$510,000 is recognized in this Amendment as well. He commented that the Budget Amendment should be viewed as having a long-term effect on the City.

Mr. Sawdon explained that these refinancings will save the City \$1.3 million in debt service, affecting the OPC Millage, users of City Hall, Water customers and taxpayers.

Mr. Yalamanchi questioned how the \$510,000 needed for green space property was incorporated and whether the amount of the Water Reservoir Project Design Contract to TetraTech was included.

Mr. Sawdon responded that \$510,000 allocated for the green space property purchase will result in \$510,000 less transferred into the Green Space Fund Balance from the revenue stream produced. He confirmed that the Budget Amendment includes the hiring of TetraTech for Water Storage Facility Design.

Mayor Barnett commented that the Budget Amendment results in savings to the City. He likened it to a homeowner refinancing a mortgage at a lower rate and commented that while the refinancings increase the bottom line of governmental accounting, it does so only on paper. He noted that the Budget Amendment includes a reduction in fund balance for the MIS Department, explaining that MIS has found ways to operate more efficiently allowing a return of overcollected funds back to other departments.

Mr. Rosen requested additional explanation on how the bond refunding and defeasance transactions are represented, commenting that it is unclear why the expenses would increase.

Mr. Sawdon responded that each year, the Budget only recognizes the amount of debt that needs to be serviced in the current year. He explained that the City must account for both the revenue and the expenditures for the refinancing and stated that the City's Certified Annual Financial Report (CAFR) will show a balance sheet after the removal of the old debt, only including the new debt.

Mr. Brennan questioned whether a current amended balance sheet might provide a better understanding of the transaction.

Mr. Sawdon suggested that he would provide the footnote to the financials showing the debt schedules which will be included to explain the transaction.

A motion was made by Brennan, seconded by Klomp, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Brennan, Hooper, Klomp, Pixley and Webber

Nay 2 - Rosen and Yalamanchi

Enactment No: RES0227-2010

Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 2 of 1968, the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, and the Charter for the City of Rochester Hills, Chapter III Section 3.7, the City Council may amend the budget during the fiscal year, either on its own initiative or upon recommendation of the Mayor; and

Whereas, in accordance with Section 19 of Public Act 2 of 1968, the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act the City Council may permit the Mayor to execute *adjustments* to the budget within limits;

Whereas, the Public Hearing for the proposed 2010 3rd Quarter Budget Amendments was noticed on September 16, 2010; and

Whereas, the proposed 2010 3rd Quarter Budget Amendments were available for public viewing beginning on September 24, 2010; and

Whereas, at its October 4, 2010 meeting City Council held a Public Hearing on the proposed 3rd Quarter Budget Amendments.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the following 2010 fund totals as amended:

101 - General Fund	\$ 25,613,270
202 - Major Road Fund	\$ 5,327,590
203 - Local Street Fund	\$ 6,718,740
206 - Fire Department Fund	\$ 7,860,720
207 - Special Police Fund	\$ 9,011,510
214 - Pathway Maintenance	\$ 666,480
244 - Drain Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,491,320
299 - Green Space Millage Fund	\$ 1,113,890
368 - OPC Building Debt Fund	\$ 917,060
369 - OPC Building Debt Refunding Fund	\$ 7,320,060
370 - Municipal Building Debt Millage Fund	\$ 576,220
393 - Municipal Bldg Refunding Debt Fund	\$ 7,031,890
402 - Fire Capital Fund	\$ 315,500
403 - Pathway Construction Fund	\$ 1,781,300
420 - Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 151,810
592 - W&S Operating Fund	\$ 30,312,050
593 - W&S Capital Fund	\$ 7,305,970
595 - Water & Sewer Debt Service Fund	\$ 1,200,570
631 - Facilities Fund	\$ 4,966,240
636 - MIS Fund	\$ 2,095,500
661 - Fleet Equipment Fund	\$ 3,914,600
736 - Retiree Health Care Trust	\$ 188,640
848 - LDFA Fund	\$ 1,087,800

NOTE: Some fund totals include contributions to fund balance.

Be It Further Resolved, the Mayor is authorized to administratively adjust the operating budget line-items up to \$25,000 per event, but in no case may total expenditures of a particular fund exceed that which is appropriated by the City Council without a budget amendment.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2010-0401 Request for Approval of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Project Area and Project District Area and Confirmation of the Mayor's Appointment of two Additional Directors to the EDC

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Map.pdf](#)
[Legal Descriptions.pdf](#)
[EDC Resolution.pdf](#)
[John Dalton CQ.pdf](#)
[Dr. Mary Beth Snyder CQ.pdf](#)
[Minutes EDC 092810.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

Dan Casey, Manager of Economic Development, explained that the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was formed in the mid-1970s with the charge of alleviating and preventing conditions of unemployment, assisting and retaining local industrial and commercial enterprises in order to strengthen and revitalize the City's economy, and to encourage the location and expansion of such enterprises to provide needed services and facilities to the City and its residents. He noted that the EDC of Rochester Hills has issued tax-exempt bonds over the years for over 40 projects for commercial, industrial and non-profit uses. In the mid-1980s, the law governing the EDC was amended, eliminating commercial properties from those eligible for bonding. While the EDC has been dormant for the past several years, recent Federal legislation establishing Recovery Zone Facility Bonds and Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds enable virtually any privately-owned project to be bonded by an EDC. These bonds are currently slated to expire at the end of this year.

He stated that the City's EDC Board met on September 28, 2010, and approved a "Resolution of Inducement" for a new project and a resolution to recommend that City Council establish a "Project Area and Project District Area". In addition, the EDC has requested that Mayor Barnett appoint two additional EDC Directors, representative of neighborhood residents and businesses that may be affected by the project.

Mr. Casey explained that tonight, Council is being asked to consider the request to establish the Project Area and to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Jack Dalton and Dr. Mary Beth Snyder to the EDC. He noted that once approved by Council, the next step will be for a Project Plan to be written and presented to the EDC for review and approval, a Public Hearing held, and the Project Plan to come before City Council for consideration. The Plan will describe the project, the company, the proposed construction and how it will be financed.

He stated that the proposed site is the City's property on Hamlin Road. Purchased in 1999 for a proposed public works facility to be jointly-owned by the City and both school districts, the project never went forward and the land was put up for sale in 2002. Hampering the sale efforts are declining market values over the amount paid by the City at the time it acquired the property. While two parcels with buildings on them were sold, to date Council has not expressed an interest in breaking up the

remaining 15.64 acres into smaller pieces. He explained that the prospective company desires to use the entire property. He mentioned that once the process begins, the Plan itself, along with a presentation by the company, would return to Council in approximately one month.

Public Comment:

Alice Benbow, 1582 Northumberland, noted that Dr. Snyder's candidate questionnaire specifically noted the EDC, however Mr. Dalton's older questionnaire does not. She questioned why neither her questionnaire on file, nor Deanna Hilbert's were considered for these appointments.

Council Discussion:

President Hooper noted that the EDC Directors are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council. Council does not select the individuals for this Board.

Mayor Barnett stated that he has supreme confidence in both applicants. He noted that Dr. Snyder is Vice President of Student Affairs at Oakland University and a resident of Rochester Hills, and will be an excellent addition to the Board. Mr. Dalton was City Council President for approximately eight years and was selected for his knowledge and involvement in the purchase of this property years ago. He noted that he spoke to both individuals last week and confirmed their desire to be appointed.

A motion was made by Yalamanchi, seconded by Pixley, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Brennan, Hooper, Klomp, Pixley, Rosen, Webber and Yalamanchi

Enactment No: RES0228-2010

Whereas, there exists in the State of Michigan (the "State") and in the City of Rochester Hills (the "City") the need for projects to alleviate and prevent conditions of unemployment, to assist and retain local industrial and commercial enterprises in order to strengthen and revitalize the City's economy, and to encourage the location and expansion of such enterprises to provide needed services and facilities to the City and its residents; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Corporations Act, Act No. 338 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended, (the "Act") provides a means for the encouragement of such projects in the City through the City's Economic Development Corporation (the "EDC"); and

Whereas, this EDC has commenced proceedings under the Act for the benefit of such a project (the Vehma International Project, the "Project") and has designated to this City Council a Project Area and Project District Area (the legal description of which is attached as Exhibit A) for its approval; and

Whereas, it is also necessary under the Act to confirm the appointment by the Mayor of the City of two additional directors to the Board of the EDC in connection with the Project, in accordance with Section 4(2) of the Act.

Resolved:

1. The City Council hereby certifies and approves the Project Area as designated by the EDC.
2. The City Council hereby determines that the territory surrounding said designated Project Area will not be significantly affected by the Project because the surrounding territory is devoted to commercial/industrial uses or other uses deemed compatible with the Project. A Project District Area having the same description as and boundaries coterminous with the Project Area herein certified as approved is therefore hereby established.
3. On the basis that there are less than eighteen residents, real property owners, or representatives of establishments located within the Project District Area, the City Council determines that a Project Citizens District Council shall not be formed pursuant to Section 20(b) of the Act.
4. The appointments of Jack Dalton and Dr. Mary Beth Snyder who are representative of neighborhood residents and business interests likely to be affected by the Project, to the Board of Directors of the EDC are hereby confirmed in accordance with Section 4(2) of the Act, and such additional Directors shall cease to serve when the Project is either abandoned or, if undertaken, is completed in accordance with the Project Plan therefore.

Be It Further Resolved, that the City Clerk is hereby directed to provide four certified copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the Board of the EDC.

2010-0404 Request for Contract Authorization - DPS/ENG: Acceptance of the terms of the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project Rouge River General Permit Projects Grant Agreement between the County of Wayne and the City of Rochester Hills and authorizes the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Agreement.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

Paul Davis, Acting Director of DPS/Engineering, explained that a small area of the southwest portion of the City is located in the Rouge River Watershed; and as a member of the Rouge Communities Alliance, the City is eligible to pursue grant monies available to study the watershed. He noted that in the past, the City has received small grants which enabled the purchase of testing equipment. The Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project Grant will allow the City to utilize this equipment in a study which will culminate in recommendations for improvements to the sanitary sewer system to improve water quality benefits for the Rouge River District.

He stated that the total project encompasses \$225,000 in expenditure, of which \$90,000, or 40 percent, will be reimbursed to the City. He commented that the work performed as a part of this project would most likely be undertaken by the City no matter whether the grant is received or not. He noted that it is important for the City to determine that the sanitary sewer system is not leaking into the waterway. He mentioned that during wet weather events, elevated bacteria levels have been detected, indicating the possibility of a cross-connection allowing sewage to be deposited into the waterway. He commented that the work will be done in-house

with City staff and will take approximately one year to complete. The City will be obligated to complete the project by November 30, 2011, and will receive quarterly reimbursement from the County. He stated that the City's Asset Management software will be very beneficial to track costs and demonstrate hours spent, equipment used, and associated project costs. He explained that tonight's agreement will allow the City to enter into the Inter-Agency Agreement with Wayne County through the Rouge Alliance Communities for the Grant.

Council Discussion:

President Hooper questioned whether a Budget Amendment is necessary for any additional expenses projected.

Mr. Davis responded that salaries and wages of the employees performing this work are already included in the Budget.

Mr. Webber questioned where the funding originates and whether the timing of the project is accelerated because of the City's receipt of the grant.

Mr. Davis responded that while the Rouge River is a watershed contained mostly within Wayne County, the Rouge Communities Alliance has been known as a demonstration project utilizing a watershed approach to improve water quality for over a decade. He explained that rulings by U.S. District Court Judge John Feikens have encouraged the communities to improve the water quality of the watershed. He stated that grant monies for the study originate from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and are channeled to the Rouge office in Wayne County through to the various communities. He pointed out that the City would perform manhole inspection and sewer televising whether the grant was received or not; however, he noted that the City would not have been obligated to perform smoke testing. He commented that the work will be scheduled into the City's routine workload, and stated that the grant will accelerate the City's involvement in testing activities.

Mr. Yalamanchi pointed out that the proposed Agreement in Council's packet contains a typographical error in Section 3.2, noting that the percentage for the City's share should be listed as 60 percent and not 40 percent. He questioned what actions will be dictated by the study's findings.

Mr. Davis responded that he will have the typographical error corrected. He added that while the grant does not obligate the City to undertake a repair program subsequent to the study, continued funding for the Rouge Demonstration Project would enable to the City to apply for another grant to cover any construction repair costs.

A motion was made by Webber, seconded by Yalamanchi, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Brennan, Hooper, Klomp, Pixley, Rosen, Webber and Yalamanchi

Enactment No: RES0229-2010

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes and accepts the terms

of the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project Rouge River General Permit Projects Grant Agreement between The County of Wayne and the City of Rochester Hills and authorizes the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

2010-0406 Request for Support for Oakland County's OakGreen Local Model Showcase Sustainability Partnership Grant Application

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[OakGreen Application.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

***Tara Beatty**, Chief Assistant, explained that the City has been awarded the Oakland County OakGreen Local Model Showcase Sustainability Partnership Grant in collaboration with the Cities of Rochester and Auburn Hills, the only communities in Oakland County to receive this grant. The grant provides \$50,000 along with in kind County staff resources in the amount of \$20,000 to integrate economic and community environmental goals and identify new opportunities going forward. As a condition of receiving the grant, Oakland County requests that each of the three participating communities present a resolution of support authorizing the joint partnership.*

A motion was made by Yalamanchi, seconded by Webber, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Brennan, Hooper, Klomp, Pixley, Rosen, Webber and Yalamanchi

Enactment No: RES0230-2010

Whereas, the Cities of Rochester Hills, Rochester and Auburn Hills have been active proponents of energy and environmental sustainability and were recently awarded the Oakland County Local Model Showcase Sustainability Partnership;

Whereas, the Cities of Rochester Hills, Rochester and Auburn Hills are committed to the development of a Local Model Showcase Sustainability Partnership which would integrate economic, community and environmental goals and identify needed efforts for advancing local sustainability through the development of an action plan that identifies synergistic opportunities amid community development, transportation, local energy and environmental sustainability and the redevelopment of existing corridors;

Whereas, the Cities of Rochester Hills, Rochester and Auburn Hills are committed to using this partnership to advance the Environmental Protection Agency's Livability Principles including; more transportation choices, promoting equitable and affordable housing, enhancing economic competitiveness, supporting redevelopment in existing communities, leveraging federal policies and investment, and promoting the value of our communities and their neighborhoods;

Whereas, the Cities of Rochester Hills, Rochester and Auburn Hills all have a proven track record of successfully implementing the planning and development of livable and sustainable communities through the participation in the Rebuild Michigan Program, and through the development of economic, social and environmental programs, ordinance and policies;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City of Rochester Hills hereby authorizes the joint partnership with the Cities of Rochester, Auburn Hills and Oakland County, to collaborate and create an inter-jurisdictional sustainability plan through the formation of a Local Model Showcase Sustainability Partnership.

2010-0414 Request for Approval for the 2010/2011 Police School Liaison Program between the Rochester Community School District, the City of Rochester, Oakland Township and the City of Rochester Hills

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[2010-11 Police School Liaison Budget.pdf](#)
[2007-2011 Comparison.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

Mayor Barnett noted that the Police School Liaison Committee met last week and developed a similar agreement to those presented in past years. He explained that this year, the school systems have increased their financial participation from 19.6 percent to 25 percent of the total cost. He stated that based on the breakdown of student population, Rochester Hills' share will increase from 68 percent to 69 percent.

Mr. Webber stated that this is a great program which shows the synergy of the three participating communities and school districts coming together. He commented that while these programs are not easy to fund in these tough budget times, he appreciated the Administration's efforts to contain costs for Rochester Hills.

Mr. Pixley mentioned that the Officers representing this program do an excellent job in the schools.

Mr. Rosen commented that while he is encouraged that the school systems have increased their percentage of cost participation, from a budgetary perspective, he questions whether it is appropriate for the cities to bear 75 percent of the program costs. He commented that the schools should be encouraged to continue to increase their participation to closer to one-third of the program costs, mentioning that the schools receive proportionately more benefit than their participation level might indicate.

Aly Difilippo, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Representative, commented that this is an excellent program and mentioned that the Liaison Officer came to speak to her Practical Law class at Rochester High School, providing great insight. She stated that the Liaison Officer relates well to the students; and commented that in combination with the schools' security guards, individuals are discouraged from doing bad things.

Mayor Barnett noted that the Rochester Community School District has hired security guards at their cost, performing different roles than the liaisons and allowing the liaisons to focus their time more with the students. He pointed out that the schools bear all overtime costs as well. He commented that the City benefits by their presence, noting that if the Liaison Officers were not in the schools, there would most likely be many more police calls. He pointed out that one Supervisory Officer position was eliminated from the program for this year.

A motion was made by Webber, seconded by Pixley, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Brennan, Hooper, Klomp, Pixley, Rosen, Webber and Yalamanchi

Enactment No: RES0231-2010

Whereas, the City of Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the Police School Liaison Program 2010/2011 (school year) budget in the amount of \$545,788.00; of which as a participating party, the City of Rochester Hills' contribution is \$261,745.00 (69% of \$379,341.00 - the amount to be shared by the three participating communities) as presented.

Now Be It Resolved, that the Mayor is authorized to execute the documentation on behalf of the City.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police and Road Funding Technical Review Committee (PRTRC):

Mr. Webber reported that the PRTRC met on September 29th to continue discussion on Police and Road Funding issues. Captain Michael Johnson, Oakland County Sheriff's Office, will be making a presentation to the Committee at its next meeting in early November.

Paint Creek Trailways Commission:

Mr. Klomp reported that the Paint Creek Trailways Commission settled a lawsuit involving encroachment on the pathway. He noted that the goal of the settlement was to protect the Trail and respect the rights of adjacent businesses.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Regular Meeting - Monday, October 18, 2010 - 7:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Council, President Hooper adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

*GREG HOOPER, President
Rochester Hills City Council*

*JANE LESLIE, Clerk
City of Rochester Hills*

*MARY JO WHITBEY
Administrative Secretary
City Clerk's Office*

Approved as presented at the December 6, 2010 Regular City Council Meeting.