



# Rochester Hills

## Minutes - Draft

### City Council Special Meeting

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*Kevin S. Brown, Greg Hooper, Adam Kochenderfer, Stephanie Morita, Mark A. Tisdel and Thomas W. Wiggins*

*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."*

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Tuesday, January 6, 2015

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

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In accordance with the provisions of Act 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, the Open Meetings Act, notice was given that a Special Rochester Hills City Council Meeting would commence at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, for the purpose of interviewing candidates to fill the City Council At Large vacancy and possibly appoint a new At Large City Council Member, term to expire November 15, 2015.

#### CALL TO ORDER

*President Hooper called the Special Rochester Hills City Council Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Michigan Time.*

#### ROLL CALL

**Present** 6 - Kevin S. Brown, Greg Hooper, Adam Kochenderfer, Stephanie Morita, Mark A. Tisdel and Thomas W. Wiggins

#### Others Present:

*Bryan Barnett, Mayor  
Tina Barton, City Clerk  
Leanne Scott, Deputy Clerk*

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Morita, seconded by Brown, that the Agenda be Approved as Presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye** 6 - Brown, Hooper, Kochenderfer, Morita, Tisdel and Wiggins

#### PUBLIC COMMENT for Items not on the Agenda

*None.*

## LEGISLATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

None.

## ATTORNEY MATTERS

None.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 2015-0001** Continue the process of appointing a new At Large City Council Member to fill the unexpired term of Michael Webber; term to expire November 15, 2015

**Attachments:** [Blackstone, Thomas.pdf](#)  
[Granthen, Julie L.pdf](#)  
[Hetrick, Dale A.pdf](#)  
[McGoldrick, Lorraine.pdf](#)  
[010515 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Price, Donald W.pdf](#)  
[Stephens, Tom.pdf](#)  
[Tischer, Charles \(Chip\).pdf](#)  
[City Council Vacancy Notice.pdf](#)

**President Hooper** welcomed candidates Thomas Blackstone, Julie Granthen, Dale Hetrick and Lorraine McGoldrick. He noted that questions asked by Council Members would be answered by all four candidates in a random order process that was developed by the City Clerk. He commented that he expected the interviews to take approximately two hours; subsequent to that question and answer period, Council would begin the voting process. Each Council member would cast one vote. The first candidate to reach four votes would be appointed, with a motion to appoint from a member of Council. Once appointed, City Clerk Tina Barton would then swear in the successful candidate.

He noted that each Council Member would be given an opportunity to ask questions, and he commented that two rounds of questions would be targeted.

**Mr. Wiggins** asked the following question:

As the candidate sees City Council and its process, what one thing would the candidate like to see Council do differently and/or better, and why?

The candidates gave their answers in the following order:

**Dale Hetrick, Lorraine McGoldrick, Thomas Blackstone and Julie Granthen.**

**Mr. Brown** asked the following question:

Being one of the three more recently elected candidates, he would like to hear the candidates' thoughts, if appointed or not, on their plans for running for a seat on Council this November.

The candidates gave their answers in the following order:

**Ms. McGoldrick, Mr. Hetrick, Mr. Blackstone and Ms. Granthen.**

**President Hooper** asked the following question:

A social issue comes before City Council that the City has no ordinances addressing. How would the candidate approach the situation?

The candidates gave their answers in the following order:

**Ms. Granthen, Mr. Hetrick, Mr. Blackstone and Ms. McGoldrick.**

**Ms. Morita** asked the following question:

Can the candidate name three committees he or she would like to be on, and why?

The candidates gave their answers in the following order:

**Ms. McGoldrick, Mr. Hetrick, Mr. Blackstone and Ms. Granthen.**

**Mr. Kochenderfer** asked the following question:

One of the challenges of being on Council is getting a continual accurate read of the constituents. While a group typically attends Council meetings, not every constituent does. If appointed to Council what steps would the candidate take to actively gather concerns and viewpoints of constituents throughout the term.

The candidates gave their answers in the following order:

**Ms. Granthen, Mr. Hetrick, Ms. McGoldrick and Mr. Blackstone.**

**President Hooper** asked the following question:

Another public entity comes before City Council requesting a financial contribution from Rochester Hills taxpayers to advance their project which exists within city boundaries. How would the candidate approach the situation?

The candidates gave their answers in the following order:

**Mr. Hetrick, Mr. Blackstone, Ms. McGoldrick and Ms. Granthen.**

**Ms. Morita** asked the following question:

When she was campaigning for Council, she had a few issues she was concerned about. She has since been quietly working on them, noting them as her pet projects. If appointed, what would the candidate's issue or pet project be?

The candidates gave their answers in the following order:

**Ms. McGoldrick, Mr. Hetrick, Ms. Granthen and Mr. Blackstone.**

**Mr. Wiggins** asked the following question:

What does the candidate feel is their number one priority in the City? How would they address it? Would they raise taxes or move money within the budget?

The candidates gave their answers in the following order:

**Mr. Blackstone, Mr. Hetrick, Ms. Granthen and Ms. McGoldrick.**

**Mr. Kochenderfer** asked the following question:

In the candidate's opinion, what is the appropriate relationship between City Council and the Administration?

The candidates gave their answers in the following order:

**Mr. Blackstone, Ms. Granthen, Ms. McGoldrick and Mr. Hetrick.**

**Mr. Brown** asked the following question:

Council went through a budget process that was a little shorter last year than in previous years, presentation-wise. In the candidate's review of the City's budget process, can the candidate give an example of something done very well, or something in the budget process that needs improvement?

The candidates gave their answers in the following order:

**Ms. Granthen, Mr. Hetrick, Ms. McGoldrick and Mr. Blackstone.**

**Ms. Morita** asked the following question:

Can the candidate tell Council how many meetings he or she watched from start to finish in 2014, including whether they watched the meetings where the Budget was adopted and where the order of Public Comment was changed?

The candidates gave their answers in the following order:

**Ms. Granthen, Mr. Blackstone, Ms. McGoldrick and Mr. Hetrick.**

**President Hooper** asked the following question:

An issue comes before City Council where a number of residents and business owners want it addressed one way, and others want it addressed another way. The City Attorney advises that one way might put the City at a financial risk. How would the candidate approach a decision, knowing that it will make one group angry?

The candidates gave their answers in the following order:

**Ms. McGoldrick, Ms. Granthen, Mr. Blackstone and Mr. Hetrick.**

**Ms. Morita** asked the following question:

How many hours per month do you envision spending on City Council business, including committees, meetings and related activities.

The candidates gave their answers in the following order:

**Ms. Granthen, Mr. Hetrick, Mr. Blackstone and Ms. McGoldrick.**

**Mr. Wiggins** asked the following question:

Council receives many emails from residents which indicate that they received information from a neighbor or other individual. How would the candidate address misinformation being distributed? What would the candidate do to research the information?

The candidates gave their answers in the following order:

**Ms. Granthen, Mr. Blackstone, Mr. Hetrick and Ms. McGoldrick.**

**President Hooper** asked the following question:

What two things has City Council done right? What two things has Council done wrong?

The candidates gave their answers in the following order:

**Ms. Granthen, Mr. Hetrick, Ms. McGoldrick and Mr. Blackstone.**

**Ms. Morita** asked the following question:

Hypothetically speaking, an issue is on Council's agenda that a candidate is in favor of but does not have enough support from Council to get passed. How would the candidate go about building a consensus to get the item approved?

The candidates gave their answers in the following order:

**Mr. Hetrick, Mr. Blackstone, Ms. McGoldrick and Ms. Granthen.**

**President Hooper** questioned whether there were any additional questions from Council Members. Seeing none, he invited the candidates to give a summarization or closing remarks.

The candidates gave closing remarks in the following order:

**Ms. McGoldrick, Mr. Hetrick, Ms. Granthen and Mr. Blackstone.**

**President Hooper** offered his congratulations to each one of the candidates, stating that he was impressed with the breadth and depth of their knowledge. He noted that there was only one position available, and the unsuccessful candidates should not take it as an affront that they are not appointed.

He instructed Council Members to cast one vote for the candidate of their choice.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

VOTE #1:

President Hooper: Dale Hetrick  
Mr. Tisdell: Julie Granthen  
Mr. Brown: Julie Granthen  
Mr. Kochenderfer: Dale Hetrick  
Ms. Morita: Thomas Blackstone  
Mr. Wiggins: Dale Hetrick

**President Hooper** explained that as Mr. Blackstone received the fewest votes and Ms. McGoldrick did not receive any votes, their names would be eliminated from consideration and another vote would be taken with only Ms. Granthen and Mr. Hetrick as candidates.

VOTE #2:

Mr. Tisdell: Julie Granthen  
Mr. Brown: Julie Granthen  
Mr. Kochenderfer: Dale Hetrick  
Ms. Morita: Julie Granthen  
Mr. Wiggins: Dale Hetrick  
President Hooper: Dale Hetrick

**President Hooper** noted that each candidate received three votes. As it was a tie, a third vote would be taken.

VOTE #3:

Mr. Brown: Julie Granthen  
Mr. Kochenderfer: Dale Hetrick  
Ms. Morita: Dale Hetrick  
Mr. Wiggins: Dale Hetrick  
President Hooper: Dale Hetrick  
Mr. Tisdell: Julie Granthen

**President Hooper** announced that **Dale Hetrick** had been appointed to fill the At Large Council seat to complete the unexpired term of former Council member Michael Webber, term to expire November 15, 2015. He expressed his appreciation to the candidates.

**Mr. Kochenderfer** echoed President Hooper's sentiments, thanking the candidates for their participation.

**Mr. Brown** commented that all four candidates are worthy to serve. He encouraged the individual appointed, along with those not appointed, to consider either a District or an At Large candidacy in the future. He stated that any one of the candidates would be an asset to the city moving forward.

**Mr. Wiggins** thanked the candidates, noting that the decision was a close one for him. He stated that he voted for Mr. Hetrick as he worked with him on a couple of committees.

**Ms. Morita** expressed her appreciation to the candidates stating that it was a tough decision and noting that in the three votes, she voted three different ways. She commented that all three candidates were very qualified and assets to the community.

**Mr. Tisdell** expressed his thanks to the candidates for stepping forward and putting themselves in a position to be scrutinized. He thanked Clerk Barton and President Hooper for putting together an efficient and organized system for interviewing the candidates.

A motion was offered to appoint Mr. Hetrick. It passed unanimously.

**City Clerk Tina Barton** gave the Oath of Office to incoming Council Member Dale Hetrick.

**Council Members** congratulated Mr. Hetrick.

**A motion was made by Tisdell, seconded by Brown, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 6 - Brown, Hooper, Kochenderfer, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0001-2015

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby Appoints Dale Hetrick as City Council At Large Representative to fill the unexpired term of Michael Webber; term to expire November 15, 2015.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*None.*

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

*Regular Meeting - Monday, January 12, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business before Council, President Hooper adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.*

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*GREG HOOPER, President  
Rochester Hills City Council*

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*TINA BARTON, MMC, Clerk  
City of Rochester Hills*

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

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