



# Rochester Hills

## Minutes - Draft

### City Council Regular Meeting

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*Erik Ambrozaitis, J. Martin Brennan, Greg Hooper, Vern Pixley, James Rosen,  
Michael Webber and Ravi Yalamanchi*

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Monday, February 11, 2008

7:30 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

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## CALL TO ORDER

*President Hooper called the Regular Rochester Hills City Council Meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Michigan Time.*

## ROLL CALL

**Present** 7 - Erik Ambrozaitis, J. Martin Brennan, Greg Hooper, Vern Pixley, James Rosen, Michael Webber and Ravi Yalamanchi

## Others Present:

*Bryan Barnett, Mayor  
Ron Crowell, Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director  
Karl Holder, Training Coordinator, Fire Department  
Jane Leslie, City Clerk  
Roger Rousse, Director of DPS/Engineering  
Captain Robert Smith, Oakland County Sheriff Department*

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

**Aye** 7 - Ambrozaitis, Brennan, Hooper, Pixley, Rosen, Webber and Yalamanchi

## PUBLIC COMMENT

*Lee Zendel, 1575 Dutton, read excerpts from a column written by Paul Jacob regarding the role of government in personal business. Mr. Zendel noted the*

*City's discussion of a blight ordinance that would affect the interior of a home. He felt the City should focus on police funding issues and residential street repair and construction.*

## LEGISLATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

**Mayor Barnett** made the following announcements:

- *The new DPS Facility Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony on Friday, February 22, 2008 at 11:30 a.m.*
- *The State of the City address will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the new DPS facility. He will present a summary of 2007 and projections for 2008.*

**Mayor Barnett** stated the City has been tested to date in terms of snow removal, and reported that resources are being used as effectively as possible. He pointed out that anyone with concerns with the snow plowing can contact his office or the DPS Department. He also mentioned that residents could help by keeping their cars off the roads when snow is coming, to help the snow plow trucks get through quickly.

**Jonathan Han**, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council, announced their Youth Summit is planned for April 26. The Youth Council will also be helping out at the State of the City address on February 28. He mentioned donations are needed to help defray the cost of the Summit.

**Mr. Yalamanchi** echoed the Mayor's comments on snow plowing and stated he has received e-mails that have been both positive and negative. He commented that the staff at DPS are responding the best they can, given the current weather.

**Mr. Rosen** agreed that under the circumstances, the snowplowing seems to have been going fairly well.

**Mr. Pixley** complimented the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce for last week's luncheon, and stated that Mayor Barnett did an outstanding job in presenting the economic forecast for the City. He also referenced the Press Conference on the Sound the Alarm campaign, stating that it is something the City should be proud of. He also complimented the Youth Council on their efforts with their Youth Summit, and stated he is proud to be associated with the group.

**Mr. Pixley** presented Council with a trophy recognizing their victory over the City of Rochester in a recent football game.

**Mr. Ambrozaitis** commented on the success of the Community Outlook Luncheon. He also clarified that he is not a candidate for the State House.

**Mr. Brennan** echoed the compliments to the City on their snow removal efforts. He also commended the Mayor on his efforts at the Chamber luncheon last week.

*President Hooper commented on the turnout for the Chamber luncheon and stated it was very positive for Rochester Hills.*

## ATTORNEY MATTERS

*None.*

## RECOGNITIONS

**2008-0040** Proclamation in Recognition for outstanding acts of heroism for Deputies David Losinski and Adam Kammer for their effort in keeping a resident alive by entering and removing the resident from a burning structure.

**Attachments:** [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Adam Kammer.pdf](#)  
[David Losinski.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

***Mayor Barnett** read a Proclamation in Recognition for outstanding acts of heroism by Deputies David Losinski and Adam Kammer for their efforts in keeping a resident alive by entering and removing the resident from a burning structure.*

**This matter was Presented.**

On January 3, 2008 at approximately 3:30 AM the Rochester Hills Fire Department was dispatched to a structure fire, with a possible victim inside, on Marais Court in the Rochester Estates Mobile Home Park. Oakland County Sheriff Department Deputies Adam Kammer and David Losinski were the first to arrive on the scene. When the Deputies arrived, they found flames and smoke billowing from the structure.

Deputies Kammer and Losinski took immediate action in a heroic attempt to save the life of a resident. Without regard for their own safety, they entered the burning structure and pulled the victim outside. Once the Deputies had the victim out of the burning home, they began Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) in an attempt to save the life of the victim.

WHEREAS, Deputies Adam Kammer and David Losinski demonstrated professionalism and heroism in making an attempt to help a victim in a critical situation; and

WHEREAS, Deputies Adam Kammer and David Losinski put their own life in danger to courageously attempt to save the life of a Rochester Hills resident.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, that the Mayor and City Council of Rochester Hills hereby recognize Deputy Adam Kammer and Deputy David Losinski for their valor and professionalism in his efforts to aid a victim during an emergency situation.

**2008-0041** Proclamation in Recognition for outstanding acts of heroism for Deputies Brandi Mendicino and Jamie Kavalick for their effort in keeping a resident alive performing CPR.

**Attachments:** [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Brandi Mendicino.pdf](#)  
[Jamie Kavalick.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

**Mayor Barnett** read a Proclamation in Recognition for outstanding acts of heroism by Deputies Brandi Mendicino and Jamie Kavalick for their efforts in keeping a resident alive performing CPR.

**This matter was Presented.**

On January 9, 2008, at approximately 4:00 PM, Rochester Hills Fire Department Dispatch received a call to an emergency situation where a construction worker, working on a roof, had fallen from a ladder. Oakland County Sheriff's Office Deputies were the first to arrive on the scene. Deputies Jamie Kavalick and Brandi Mendicino found the victim unresponsive, lying on the ground. Deputies Kavalick and Mendicino immediately started Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

Rochester Hills Fire Department personnel arrived and took over medical treatment of the victim. Rochester Hills Fire Department emergency personnel transported the patient to the hospital where the victim was treated for electrical shock. It was found that the ladder the victim was working on came in contact with electrical power lines.

WHEREAS, Deputies Jamie Kavalick and Brandi Mendicino demonstrated professionalism and clear thinking in helping victim in a life-threatening situation; and

WHEREAS, by quickly assessing the situation and performing CPR, Deputy Kavalick's and Deputy Mendicino's immediate intervention contributed to the victim's survival and potential for a full recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, that the Mayor and City Council of Rochester Hills hereby recognize Deputy Jamie Kavalick and Deputy Brandi Mendicino for their valor and professionalism in their efforts to aid a victim during an emergency situation.

**2008-0042** Proclamation in Recognition for outstanding professionalism in their effort to aid a child during an emergency situation for Bill Brnabic, Tim Quaine, Matt Kawiecki, Dave Wood, Tim Matz, Geoff Smith and Hurst Lyon

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[Tim Matz.pdf](#)  
[Dave Wood.pdf](#)  
[Matt Kawiecki.pdf](#)  
[Tim Quaine.pdf](#)  
[Bill Brnabic.pdf](#)  
[Hurst Lyon.pdf](#)  
[Geoff Smith.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

**Mayor Barnett** read a Proclamation in Recognition for outstanding professionalism by Tim Quaine, Matt Kawiecki, Dave Wood, Tim Matz, Geoff Smith and Hurst Lyon for their efforts to aid a child during an emergency situation.

**Announcement:**

**Mayor Barnett** announced the "Sound the Alarm" campaign. He explained that

*the City has had three fires already this year where smoke detectors were either nonexistent or inoperable. One of the fires resulted in the first fire-related fatality in the City in several years. The City will be installing smoke detectors in Rochester Hills homes that do not have them, beginning in its two manufactured home communities where it is estimated that 50 to 60 percent of the 1,500 manufactured homes do not have working smoke detectors. The smoke detectors cost \$10 each and the City would like to raise between \$5,000 to \$7,000 to support this program. Mayor Barnett mentioned that checks can be made payable to the Community Foundation, identifying "Sound the Alarm" in the memo line.*

**This matter was Presented.**

On December 13, 2007 the Rochester Hills Fire Department responded to an emergency call regarding an injured child at Hampton Elementary School. Personnel arrived to find a five-year-old child confused and disoriented after having collided with another child. The child's condition continued to worsen as Rochester Hills Fire Department members Dave Wood, Bill Brnabic, Matt Kawiecki, Tim Quaine, Tim Matz, Geoff Smith and Hurst Lyon treated and prepared the patient for transport.

Rochester Hills Fire Department emergency personnel determined that because of the nature of the injury and the worsening condition of the child, it was necessary to transport him to the Royal Oak Beaumont Pediatric Trauma Center. There, medical personnel were able to treat the child, and he has since achieved a full and complete recovery.

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services Coordinator, Tim Matz; Firefighter Emergency Medical Technician Captain, Dave Wood; Emergency Medical Technician, Matt Kawiecki; Firefighter Paramedic Captain, Tim Quaine; Firefighter Paramedic, Bill Brnabic; Firefighter Paramedic, Hurst Lyon; and Firefighter Paramedic, Geoff Smith demonstrated clear-thinking and professionalism in the assessment and treatment of an injured child; and

WHEREAS, Through the combined efforts of emergency personnel, Emergency Medical Services Coordinator, Tim Matz; Firefighter Emergency Medical Technician Captain, Dave Wood; Emergency Medical Technician, Matt Kawiecki; Firefighter Paramedic Captain, Tim Quaine; Firefighter Paramedic, Bill Brnabic; Firefighter Paramedic, Hurst Lyon; and Firefighter Paramedic, Geoff Smith were able to use their extensive skills to aid and assist a seriously injured child in a potentially life-threatening situation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, that the Mayor and City Council of Rochester Hills hereby recognize Emergency Medical Services Coordinator, Tim Matz; Firefighter Emergency Medical Technician Captain, Dave Wood; Emergency Medical Technician, Matt Kawiecki; Firefighter Paramedic Captain, Tim Quaine; Firefighter Paramedic, Bill Brnabic; Firefighter Paramedic, Hurst Lyon; and Firefighter Paramedic, Geoff Smith for their valor and professionalism in their efforts to aid a child during an emergency situation.

## **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.

- 2008-0061** Approval of Minutes - City Council Special Work Session Meeting - Wednesday, August 22, 2007

**Attachments:** [082207 CC Min Special WS.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

**This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: RES0034-2008

Resolved that the Minutes of a Special Rochester Hills City Council Work Session held on Wednesday, August 22, 2007 be approved as presented.

- 2008-0054** Request for Adoption of a Resolution to Approve the Inter-Local Agreement for participation of the Rochester Hills Fire Department in the Oakland County Mutual Aid Association

**Attachments:** [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[OC Mutual Aid Agreement Letter.pdf](#)  
[OC Mutual Aid Interlocal Agreement .pdf](#)  
[OC Box Alarm Sample.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

**This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: RES0035-2008

WHEREAS, The City of Rochester Hills has the power, privilege and authority to maintain and operate a fire department providing fire protection, fire suppression, emergency medical services, technical rescue, hazardous incident response, and other emergency response services ("Fire Services");

WHEREAS, Fire Services can further be improved by cooperation between political subdivisions during times of public emergency, conflagration or disaster ("Incidents");

WHEREAS, the Michigan Constitution of 1963, Article 7, § 28, and the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967, Act No. 7 of the Public Acts of 1967, Ex. Sess., being MCL 124.501 et seq. (the "Act"), permit a political subdivision to exercise jointly with any other political subdivision any power, privilege or authority which such political subdivisions share in common and which each might exercise separately;

WHEREAS, the City of Rochester Hills desires to enter into an interlocal agreement, pursuant to the Act, to further improve Fire Services;

WHEREAS, as a result of entering into an interlocal agreement to further improve Fire Services, the Parties are creating the Oakland County Mutual Aid Association, as a separate legal entity and as a non-profit public body corporate (the "Association"), pursuant to the Cooperation Act;

WHEREAS, the City of Rochester Hills has the authority to execute this Agreement pursuant to resolution of its governing body; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rochester Hills desires to commit personnel and equipment to another Party if deemed reasonable upon the request of another Party.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Rochester Hills finds it is the best interest of its citizens from a safety and fiscal standpoint to enter into the Interlocal Agreement creating the Oakland County Mutual Aid Association and agrees to appoint one member to the Association Board.

**2008-0063** Request to Change the Terms of the current Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) Board Members from three (3) years to four (4) years.

**Attachments:** [Agenda Summary](#)  
[LDFA Bylaws - Terms.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

**This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: RES0036-2008

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council approves the correction to the terms of the members currently serving on the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) by extending their respective terms by one year, thus reflecting four-year terms as stated in their Bylaws.

## Passed the Consent Agenda

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

**Aye** 7 - Ambrozaitis, Brennan, Hooper, Pixley, Rosen, Webber and Yalamanchi

## NEW BUSINESS

**2008-0057** Request for Purchase Authorization - DPS/FACILITIES: Blanket Purchase Order for janitorial supplies, paper products, green cleaning supplies, cleaning equipment and other items in the amount not-to-exceed \$123,300.00 through September 30, 2010; Industrial Cleaning Supply, Waterford, MI

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

***Roger Rouse, Director of DPS/Engineering stated that he is requesting that Council authorize the purchase of janitorial supplies, utilizing the Oakland County Cooperative Purchasing Program.***

***Mr. Yalamanchi requested a list of the blanket purchase orders that Council has approved for 2008, 2009 and 2010.***

***President Hooper asked Mayor Barnett to provide this, and suggested it be in the form of a spreadsheet.***

***Mayor Barnett stated he will ask Julie Jenuwine, the City's Finance Director, to put this together for Council.***

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

**Aye** 7 - Ambrozaitis, Brennan, Hooper, Pixley, Rosen, Webber and Yalamanchi

Enactment No: RES0033-2008

Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a Blanket Purchase Order for janitorial supplies, paper products, green cleaning supplies, cleaning equipment and other items to Industrial Cleaning Supply, Waterford, Michigan in the amount not-to-exceed \$123,300.00 through September 30, 2010.

**2008-0062** Discussion on City Council Specific Item Requests

**Attachments:** [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[CC Specific Item Requests.pdf](#)

**President Hooper** referred to the *Team Building Session at Oakland University, where Council's Goals and Objectives were discussed. The discussion included items that have been brought forward by various City Council members over the past year-and-a-half. President Hooper stated he wanted to prioritize the items Council should address this year.*

*He presented the rankings (both Council and the Administration) relative to the Specific Item Requests from City Council obtained at the Team Building Sessions:*

- A. *Creation of Police and Road Funding Committee*  
*Ranking: Council: Timeframe 2, Priority 1. Group: Timeframe 1, Priority 1*
- B. *Single Trash Hauler*  
*Ranking: Council: Timeframe 3, Priority 2. Group: Timeframe 2, Priority 2*
- C. *Deer Management*  
*Council Ranking 6.*
- D. *Boulevard Policy Review*  
*No rankings*
- E. *SAD Policy Review and Funding*  
*Ranking: Council: Priority 3. Group: Timeframe 6, Priority 5.*
- F. *Creation of Investment Committee*  
*Council Ranking: Timeframe 6, Priority 3.*
- G. *Museum/EEC Public Private Partnership/Foundation*  
*No ranking*
- H. *Storm Drain Millage*  
*No ranking*
- I. *Creation of Non-Tax Review of Charter Committee*  
*Ranking: Council: Timeframe 1, Priority 1. Group: Timeframe 6, Priority 7*
- J. *Conservation Easement Policing/Maintenance*  
*Ranking: Council: Timeframe 5, Priority 4. Group: Timeframe 5, Priority 6*
- K. *Sump Pump Discharge Policy*  
*Ranking: Council: Timeframe 6, Priority 2. Group: Timeframe 4, Priority 3*
- L. *Water Reservoirs*  
*Group Ranking: Timeframe 7, Priority 4.*
- M. *Street Lighting Policy*  
*No ranking*



- N. *Blight Ordinance, Article II Building Exterior Maintenance*  
Ranking: Council: Timeframe 4, Priority 3. Group: Timeframe 3, Priority 6
- O. *City Hall of Fame Plaques*  
No Ranking
- P. *City Council pay for Performance, pay per meeting - no base pay*  
No ranking
- Q. *Recreation Funding, Possible Millage*  
No ranking
- R. *Audit Committee of City Budget, separate from Auditors*  
No ranking
- S. *Creation of Charter Tax Review Committee*  
Ranking: Council: Timeframe 3, Priority 2. Group: Timeframe 3, Priority 6.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Lee Zendel**, 1575 Dutton, spoke against the Single Trash Hauler issue. He asked whether current requirements of quarterly reports by the current garbage haulers were being enforced. He likened a single trash hauler in a community to a monopoly.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

**President Hooper** noted that the creation of a Police and Road Funding Committee received the highest priority of City Council and second highest rating for timeframe.

**Mr. Rosen** asked how the ranking system was computed. He noted more than one item received a "1" priority.

**President Hooper** stated that if more than one item tied in priority, they were both given a "1". The Police and Road Funding and the Non-Tax Charter Review Committee received the same score and were both rated a number one priority. The second highest scores were for the Single Trash Hauler, Sump Pump Discharge Policy and the Charter Tax Review Committee. Those were all given a "2".

**Mr. Rosen** noted that there were many high-priority items.

**Mr. Brennan** stated that he felt the Police and Road Funding Committee, and the Charter Tax Review Committee, may have overlapping issues. He asked if those two committees could be combined.

**President Hooper** stated that it would be too unwieldy to combine the Charter Tax Committee and the Police and Road Funding Committee. Doing so may delve too deeply into the City's tax structure.

**Mr. Rosen** responded to Mr. Brennan stating that the Creation of a Charter Tax Review Committee was to focus more on the idea of tackling the five mill limit in the Charter itself, a Headlee Override, or the broader question of how the Charter taxes are specified; not on things like dedicated millages. He stated that the City has a

*Township-style Charter in a City government. He believes that the community recognizes that both Police and Roads are important issues.*

**Mr. Webber** indicated that Police and Roads were issues he heard a lot about during his campaign last year. He wanted to know if this committee could include citizen members.

**President Hooper** responded that this committee makeup could be however Council wished it to be. He stated that since this was a number one priority, he would like to establish a timeframe for the committee to come back to Council with their analysis.

**Mr. Pixley** questioned what the expectation of the committee was. He wanted to know if it was to come back with a recommendation to proceed or a list of recommendations.

**President Hooper** stated it should be both a recommendation to proceed and a list. He would like the Committee to come back before Council for additional discussion, and to look for different wants to get public input. He stated that if the recommendation was to have something ready for the November ballot, it needed to be decided upon by August.

**President Hooper** asked for a Council lead for the Committee.

**Mr. Brennan** stated he felt Mr. Rosen should be the lead, as he was previously on the committee and is a prior Council member.

**President Hooper** stated he would like the committee to take a long-term view rather than a suggestion for a short-term fix.

**President Hooper** moved on to the next priority item on the list: Creation of Non-Tax Review of Charter Committee. He stated this would entail looking at items on our Charter that might be worthy of putting on the ballot.

**Mr. Yalamanchi** stated that both the Non-Tax and the Tax Review Committee should remain separate, although they could be dealt with in the same timeframe.

**President Hooper** stated that the Tax Review would be a larger undertaking and might not be achieved within a year's period of time.

**Mr. Yalamanchi** stated that getting some input and ideas from other cities might be prudent.

**Mayor Barnett** stated he thought Mr. Rosen should lead that committee. He listed a few items that he thought this non-tax committee should address, including the fiscal year and budget approval times and how they related to millage rates. He indicated that Troy had six or seven non-tax items on their ballot last year, and the City of Rochester had three or four non-tax "housekeeping" items. He indicated that Administration could provide several items to consider with two to four weeks so the committee could begin work.

**President Hooper** asked Mr. Rosen if he had put together a structure for a Non-Tax Committee last year.

**Mr. Rosen** responded that he had.

**President Hooper** asked the Clerk's department to look into last year's information and then Council would set a timeframe for this committee, possibly to have things ready for the November ballot.

**Mr. Yalamanchi** indicated that August 1 would be the deadline for this. He felt this should not be dragged out for six to nine months.

**President Hooper** moved on to Item S, Creation of Tax Review Committee. He indicated that this item was third-highest on City Council's priority list, but in the middle of the items for Administration. He asked for input as to whether Council would like to look into this in 2008 or 2009.

**Mr. Yalamanchi** felt this item should not be rushed into, and should be given more time than the non-tax items.

**Mr. Rosen** stated that both the Non-Tax Charter Review and the Charter Tax Review items could come back for discussion at the same time. He felt that the Charter Tax Review would be a more controversial issue.

**President Hooper** reminded Council that based on their previous discussion they are looking at possible Charter Amendment, not Charter Revision. He stated further clarification will be needed from Mr. Staran as to whether or not considering any additional levies to the Charter would be an amendment or a revision to the Charter.

**Mr. Yalamanchi** stated that he felt that this committee should get started, become active and begin dialogue and discussion.

**Mayor Barnett** felt that a meeting with Mr. Staran would help on the ramifications of these funds, and to help send the committee off with more direction.

**Mr. Pixley** echoed that he would welcome this from an educational perspective.

**President Hooper** indicated he believed that the non-tax items could be a 2008 issue. He felt the tax review of the Charter was a 2009 issue.

**President Hooper** moved on to Item B, the Single Trash Hauler, stating that it ranked second-highest priority and third-highest timeframe and as far as the combined group of Administration and City Council. He felt from a personal perspective it was an issue many of his District 3 constituents were concerned with.

**Mayor Barnett** indicated an RFP was done in 2003, and it came back to Council for a vote which failed four to three. He indicated he would provide that information for Council's review.

**Mr. Rosen** stated that a year and a half ago, Council reviewed this topic completely, with some professional help, and arrived at the conclusion that it is a philosophical problem.

**Mr. Webber** stated that while there are residents who wish for this to be done, there are others who do not want a single trash hauler. He indicated that several cities, including Rochester, provide this service very successfully. He mentioned he would like to explore the option of an Opt-Out for residents.

**President Hooper** stated an Opt-Out may not be feasible.

**Mr. Brennan** mentioned that this is an important issue that needs to be addressed. He suggested that the City needs a public hearing on it, so it can move forward with a decision.

**President Hooper** moved on to Item K, the Sump Pump Discharge Policy. He believed Mr. Rouse indicated during Council's orientation session that he was working on a Sump Pump Discharge Policy. He questioned whether it was feasible to have Mr. Rouse present a policy to Council in 2008.

**Mayor Barnett** stated he would check with Mr. Rouse and report to President Hooper when this report might be expected.

**President Hooper** indicated that all these issues were raised at one time or another. He indicated that Council will have to draw a line on the number of items they would be able to look at for 2008, and the rest would move to 2009.

**Mr. Rosen** indicated that four major priority items were addressed tonight. He thought Council could re-prioritize the remaining items, and possibly address one or two more this year, if they rate highly.

**President Hooper** indicated that some of these items could go concurrently.

**Mr. Yalamanchi** stated he thought Item E, SAD Policy Review and Funding was important. He recalled last year during budget discussions, Mr. Rouse indicated that he was contemplating putting something together and bringing it back to Council. He understood that it might be similar to the Sump Pump Discharge Policy where a policy would be developed and brought back to Council for review.

**President Hooper** agreed, and felt that this was the same with Item N, the Blight Ordinance, Article II. It was his understanding that this would also come back before Council soon.

**Mr. Yalamanchi** listed other items that would not require much work, such as Item O, the City Hall of Fame Plaques, and Item R, the Audit Committee.

**Mr. Brennan** stated that he recalled during Council Orientation that Ms. Jenuwine discussed the need for an Investment Committee (F).

**President Hooper** indicated that this committee was not a priority item. He wanted to see Items A (Police and Road Funding Committee), B (Single Trash Hauler), I (Non-Tax Review of Charter), K (Sump Pump Discharge Policy), and N (Blight Ordinance, Article II) be addressed this year. Item S (Charter Tax Review) would be a 2009 item, but would continue to be discussed this year.

**Mr. Yalamanchi** wanted to make sure Item E (SAD Policy Review and Funding) was added.

**President Hooper** concurred on Item E.

**Mr. Rosen** stated that with respect to I (Non-Tax Charter Review) and S (Charter Tax Review), he believed the next step for those would be a discussion with Mr. Staran. Those two items would then be broken out and a course set for each item.

**President Hooper** concurred and requested that Mr. Staran put together an overview on these two items.

This matter was Discussed.

## COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Environmental Oversight Committee:

**Mr. Rosen** reported the Committee discussed the Adams/Hamlin Development. There has been a meeting with Staff and the developer. The Developer will be submitting a new 381 Plan; the work plan to remediate the site.

### Master Thoroughfare Plan Committee:

**Mr. Rosen** reported that the Committee is in final review of the draft transportation plan. They are looking at a public meeting sometime in March. They also wanted to have a joint meeting with the City Council and Planning Commission to go over the final draft.

### Sister City Committee / Rochester:

**President Hooper** indicated that this Committee will be meeting very soon.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**Mr. Yalamanchi** stated he was impressed with the Cooperative Agreement with the multi-city Fire Departments item on the Consent Agenda. He felt it could be the first of many other functions of City government, where a partnership could

*be formed with surrounding local governments. He would like to see the Sister City Committee discussions follow along these lines. He commended the Fire Department for their efforts in this. Mr. Yalamanchi related his concerns on the Crooks Road and M-59 bridge deterioration. He requested that Mayor Barnett follow up on this with Senator Bishop and Representative Garfield and whomever else at the State he felt could assist on this. He also thanked the Mayor for initiating the Sound the Alarm campaign and requested the Council meetings run on the Government Access Channel on the weekends as well.*

**Mayor Barnett** indicated he would check the schedule and see if this could be done. He also reminded Mr. Yalamanchi that residents could find the meeting available on the web.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

*Monday, February 25, 2008, at 7:30 PM.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business before Council, President Hooper adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.*

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*GREG HOOPER, President  
Rochester Hills City Council*

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*JANE LESLIE, Clerk  
City of Rochester Hills*

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*MARY JO WHITBEY  
City Council Coordinator  
City Clerk's Office*

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