

See Legislative File 2011-0003.

Presented.

Whereas, Lisa Cummins has been employed by the City of Rochester Hills for eight years, and has been the Purchasing Analyst for nearly four years; and

Whereas, Lisa worked diligently with all city departments and divisions in the procurement, evaluation, and decision making process of acquiring the best possible products and services; and

Whereas, Lisa actively does extensive research on the procurement of products and services to keep the city running effectively and efficiently and at the best possible fiscal value to the city taxpayers; and

Whereas, Lisa has lent her expertise and skill to implement employee wellness activities; and

Whereas, Lisa is a pleasure to work with, and is a prime example of a dedicated, hardworking employee whose focus is always on serving the best interests of the residents of our city.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that I, Bryan K. Barnett, Mayor of Rochester Hills hereby congratulate Lisa Cummins on being selected a 2010 Outstanding Employee, and express my thanks for her hard work and dedication to the City of Rochester Hills.

2011-0006 In Recognition of Bill Sauer for being selected a 2010 Outstanding Employee

See Legislative File 2011-0003.

Presented.

Whereas, Bill Sauer has been employed by the City of Rochester Hills for 15 years, and has been the GIS Manager for nearly ten years; and

Whereas, he worked diligently with DPS, Engineering, Building and other departments to craft the GBA computer program to the needs of city departments; and

Whereas, Bill is always willing to stop to answer a question or help solve a problem a fellow employee may be having; and

Whereas, the information and input Bill provides is invaluable to sound management decisions; and

Whereas, Bill performs his job duties with skill and grace, and is an asset to the MIS team.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that I, Bryan K. Barnett, Mayor of Rochester Hills hereby congratulate Bill Sauer on being selected a 2010 Outstanding Employee, and express my thanks for his hard work and dedication to the City of Rochester Hills.

(Mr. Pixley and Mr. Yalamanchi exited at 8:42 p.m. and re-entered at 8:47 p.m.)

2010-0557 Complete Streets Legislation Presentation; Chris Hackbarth, Legislative Associate, Michigan Municipal League, presenter

*Derek Delacourt, Deputy Director of Planning, reported that the State of Michigan recently adopted the Complete Streets Legislation, providing new tools for communities to use in road and street design. He stated that members of the Michigan Municipal League (MML) are here to provide a quick primer on the new legislation. He introduced MML representatives **Luke Forrest**, Project Coordinator, and **Heather Van Poucker**, Director, Information and Policy Research.*

Mr. Forrest explained that he and Ms. Van Poucker were in attendance tonight instead of Chris Hackbarth, MML's Legislative Associate, as Mr. Hackbarth recently accepted a position as a member of Secretary of State Ruth Johnson's staff and is no longer with the MML. He noted that his presentation would include discussion of the design paths that communities are pursuing and explained that Complete Streets conveys the planning mindset that not one size fits all for any thoroughfare or street in a community. He commented that the MML became involved in the development of this legislation to balance economic development opportunities with flexibility for communities in making the roadways safer and more friendly to multiple types of users such as walkers, cyclists, the disabled and those using public transportation. MML staff worked with the bill's sponsors and advocated for increased flexibility for home communities and coordination between cities and other road agencies such as county Road Commissions and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). He displayed a document which summarized the Complete Streets Legislation, and stated that since its passage, the State has established an Advisory Council and has been working with partners to put together training opportunities for cities and staff. He invited interested individuals to visit the Complete Streets Coalition's website at michigancompletestreets.org and the MML's website at mml.org and commented that the MML's Capital Conference on April 5 and 6 in Lansing will feature workshops and training opportunities regarding the legislation. He reported that over 20 communities have already adopted policy resolutions on Complete Streets and stated that funding opportunities exist in the forms of State and Federal enhancement grants and Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) expansion of funding eligibility for Community Development Block Grant dollars. He pointed out that the legislation requires counties and MDOT to consult with cities when planning a non-motorized project and provides another lever to bring agencies to the table.

Mr. Forrest highlighted two paths of action that communities have adopted:

- Sixteen communities have adopted a general statement of support, including the City of Midland, encompassing a resolution consisting of several paragraphs outlining the community's support for Complete Streets.*
- Six communities, including the City of Saline, have adopted an ordinance.*

He explained that rather than lay out in resolution all the different details of a Complete Streets Policy, most cities have opted for a planning process. He mentioned that Rochester Hills is well ahead of the majority of Michigan cities that have considered this, as the City already has a Pathway Plan and a Master Thoroughfare Plan, both of which are fairly detailed for non-motorized facilities. He suggested that the City could adopt a resolution and use its current plans as

the place where the specifics are laid out. He noted that communities are modeling their Ordinances to include an "out" when the execution of the Complete Streets plan is too burdensome in terms of cost.

Mr. Delacourt commented that the Administration would like Council input as to how to proceed. He pointed out that the Master Thoroughfare Plan will be up for review in a couple of years and stated that this Plan would be a logical place to include Complete Streets efforts.

Public Comment:

Scot Beaton, 655 Bolinger, commented that through the centuries, the grid pattern invented and drafted by Thomas Jefferson has evolved into the mile road system which has become the place for cars and trucks to travel at 45 miles per hour. He requested Council endorse the work of the Complete Streets Organization, noting that they are working toward evolving the mile road system away from merely a place where cars are driven to a place where people live as well.

Pablo Fraccarolli, 1263 Cobridge Drive, read a letter from John Gonway, Director of Advocacy from the Michigan Mountain Biking Association, in support of Complete Streets. He stated that one of the major factors in his decision to relocate his family to Rochester Hills is the area's proximity to parks and trails.

Council Discussion:

Mr. Yalamanchi commented that the Complete Streets Program provides a strong plan for development and expressed his thanks to the MML for being proactive. He suggested that Council consider adopting a resolution to give guidance to staff and concurred that the Master Thoroughfare Plan would be the place to implement the program. He noted that an Ordinance could encourage developers and commented that it could be a vehicle to recognize Complete Streets as part of the City's policies. He suggested that the Planning Department draft language to present to Council for consideration. He pointed out that opposition to the Washington Road Paving Project mounted in part because the project would change the character of the area.

Mr. Webber suggested that the additional samples of resolution and ordinance language examples provided tonight should be included for Council.

Mr. Rosen commented that roadway design has been heading in this direction for some time, citing the development of four-lane boulevards and sidewalks. He concurred that the Master Thoroughfare and Pathway Plans are the vehicles that the City should use, noting that the timing of a review of the City's Master Thoroughfare Plan is most likely three or four years out. He commented that a resolution of support directing the incorporation of Complete Streets into the Master Thoroughfare Plan and the Pathway Plan is a good idea.

Mr. Brennan suggested that a draft resolution should be considered at the

Planning Commission level before coming to Council.

President Hooper noted that staff would be directed to draft a resolution for Planning Commission consideration.

Presented.

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.

2010-0552 Approval of Minutes - City Council Special Meeting - November 8, 2010

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Resolved, that the Minutes of a Rochester Hills City Council Special Meeting held on November 8, 2010 be approved as presented.

2010-0553 Approval of Minutes - City Council Regular Meeting - November 8, 2010

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Resolved, that the Minutes of a Rochester Hills City Council Regular Meeting held on November 8, 2010 be approved as presented.

2010-0554 Approval of Minutes - City Council Regular Meeting - November 22, 2010

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Resolved, that the Minutes of a Rochester Hills City Council Regular Meeting held on November 22, 2010 be approved as presented.

2010-0555 Approval of Minutes - City Council Regular Meeting - December 6, 2010

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Resolved, that the Minutes of a Rochester Hills City Council Regular Meeting held on December 6, 2010 be approved as presented.

2010-0556 Approval of Minutes - City Council Regular Meeting - December 13, 2010

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.