



Rochester Hills

Minutes

City Council Regular Meeting

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*David J. Blair, Susan M. Bowyer Ph.D., Ryan Deel, Dale A. Hetrick, Stephanie Morita,
Theresa Mungioli and David Walker*

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, July 26, 2021

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - David Blair, Ryan Deel, Dale Hetrick, Stephanie Morita, Theresa Mungioli and David Walker

Absent 1 - Susan M. Bowyer

Others Present

*Bryan Barnett, Mayor
Leanne Scott, City Clerk
Henry Hall, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council
Joe Snyder, Chief Financial Officer
John Staran, City Attorney
Lee Mayes, Captain / Assistant Fire Marshall
Ken Elwert, Parks & Natural Resources Director
Allan Schneck, Public Services Director
Sara Roediger, Planning & Economic Development Director
Chelsea Ditz, Human Resources Director
Tim Hollis, Building Deputy Director*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Aye 6 - Blair, Deel, Hetrick, Morita, Mungioli and Walker

Absent 1 - Bowyer

COUNCIL AND YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC):

President Deel introduced Henry Hall, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC) Representative.

Mr. Hall shared that he is a sophomore at Rochester Adams High School. He stated the Youth Council will be attending the Festival of the Hills on August 11, 2021; they will be handing out animal feed and selling socks for the bounce houses. He announced that the 2021-2022 Youth Council Orientation and Meet and Greet will be held on August 13, 2021 and the Swearing In Ceremony will be held on August 16, 2021. He added that the Youth Council will also attend the Mayor's State of the City Address on August 25, 2021 and the Brooksie Way Half Marathon Event on September 26, 2021.

Ms. Mungiolli shared that the City is always looking for new people to get involved and engage in the community. She stated anyone interested should go to the City's website and fill out a questionnaire about the committee(s) that interest them.

Paint Creek Trailways:

Mr. Walker mentioned the Paint Creek Trail Labor Day Bridge Walk will be held on Monday September 6, 2021. He stated participants will meet at Rochester Park at the Kiwanis Pavilion at 9:00 a.m. He noted that he is also on the fundraising committee for this event and encouraged anyone interested in donating to visit www.paintcreektrail.org.

He announced the Summer Soiree will be held at the OPC on August 20, 2021 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. He explained that this event is a strolling dinner with live music, and raffles that benefit the Meals on Wheels program.

PRESENTATIONS

2021-0295 Sheriff Bouchard provides update on the Oakland County Sheriff's Office and presents his recommendation for additional positions to the substation

Attachments: [072621 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[SUPPL Presentation 07292021.pdf](#)

Sheriff Bouchard, along with Captain Wilson, Major Christopher Wundrach and Gaia Piir from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, stated he is always pleased to hear that the City of Rochester Hills is rated the top safest city in the state. He expressed that the Sheriff's Office continues to look at ways they can stay ahead of new trends in a cost effective way. He shared that the City has been a valued partner with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office for almost half a century. He added that since 2015, twenty-one full time firefighters have been

added to the Fire Department. He commended the City's commitment to public safety and excellent service in the City.

He recommended that the City of Rochester Hills add a Directed Patrol Unit (DPU) that would consist of four to five officers. He pointed out that Rochester Hills is the fourth largest city in Oakland County and the only City that does not have a special unit that can target trends quickly. He shared that the current substation has 60 sworn personnel that allows .08 officers for every 1,000 residents in the City. He explained that the rate of full-time law enforcement officers in cities in the Midwest with a population of 50,000 to 99,999 is approximately 1.5 officers per 1,000 residents. He mentioned that Troy has 10,000 more residents but also has 47 more officers than Rochester Hills, and 1.27 officers per 1,000 residents.

He stated Rochester Hills is a very safe City, but the Sheriff's Office likes to be proactive and wants to make sure the City stays safe. He explained that The Directed Patrol Unit (DPU) is data driven to analyze criminal trends and can quickly respond to calls in order to allow increased protection for businesses and residents. He suggested adding one detective sergeant and three patrol detectives to form the DPU for the City of Rochester Hills. He mentioned that Pontiac has added two Directed Patrol Units and their crime numbers have decreased since adding the new unit.

Sheriff Bouchard encouraged Council to consider adding the four personnel to create the DPU in order to remain proactive in the City.

Mr. Lee Zendel, 1575 Dutton Rd, stated he had spent years in the early 2000's stressing the need for a full-time fire department, and Council finally agreed to hire full time firefighters. He pointed out in the early 2000's it would take some time for deputies to show up at an incident and large sections of the city could lack any police presence. He stated the City has grown since early 2000 and he believes the City could use up to ten more officers.

Ms. Mungoli thanked Sheriff Bouchard and his team. She questioned how the trends would be identified and how quickly this unit could respond to those trends. She further inquired whether this extra expense would fall in the current millage rate, and if funding would be available for this.

Sheriff Bouchard stated the DPU can respond the next day. They can change their deployment from marked to unmarked, and from surveillance static positioning to moving. He stated DPU typically work as investigators and they work with the Detective Bureau in the City and with the analysts in the County Headquarters. He responded that Council knows their budget better than he does, and that every city does their budget differently.

Ms. Mungoli asked how soon he would like this Directed Patrol Unit created.

Sheriff Bouchard stated as soon as they get the approval they will begin the hiring process. He stated law enforcement is facing challenges currently with hiring personnel.

Mr. Walker thanked the Oakland County Sheriff's Office for the hard work they do in the City. He questioned if personnel were to be added, what type of equipment would be needed to accommodate them.

Sheriff Bouchard responded the personnel come all-inclusive and would have all the equipment needed, including a vehicle.

Mayor Barnett stated the Council recognizes that the residents appreciate the Oakland County Sheriff's Office and their commitment to keeping the City safe. He added that Rochester Hills is leading as one of the safest cities in Michigan and number nine in the country. He explained from a fiscal standpoint, the City was able to maintain its safe community all while spending the least amount of money to achieve that status. He stressed that the Sheriff's leadership has been exceptional, not just in the county but in Rochester Hills and nationally as well. He stated a survey done with Oakland University every other year shows that 99% of people feel safe in their homes, 98% of people feel safe in their neighborhood, and 97% of people feel safe in their city. He stated that is where it starts, if you do not feel safe where you live, then nothing else matters. He expressed his appreciation for Sheriff Bouchard.

Sheriff Bouchard stated without the Mayor, City Council, and the Community this partnership would not be possible. He also urged residents to call the Sheriff's Department if something feels out of the ordinary. He explained that many cities do not respond to every call that comes into dispatch, however, Oakland County responds to every call that is received.

President Deel thanked Sheriff Bouchard and his team for the presentation tonight. He stated Council's top priority is the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and he is very proud that the City is one of the safest places to live thanks to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

Presented.

2021-0262 Presentation of Seven-Year Financial Forecast - Fiscal Years 2022-2028; Joe Snyder, CFO, presenter

Attachments: [072621 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[7-Year Financial Forecast \(2022-28\).pdf](#)
[Presentation.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(\).pdf](#)

Joe Snyder, Chief Financial Officer, presented the City's Seven-Year Financial Forecast for 2022-2028. He explained this plan is developed for the City to be better prepared for the future, get ahead of issues, to be pro-active instead of re-active, and to make better long term decisions. He stated this forecast is not a budget or policy recommendation. He shared that the goal of this presentation is to show the financial projection to Council so they are able to make educated decisions. He noted the following key assumptions regarding Revenues and Expenditures, stressing that conservative estimates are utilized:

- The taxable value revenue last year was projecting 2.5 percent increase for fiscal year 2022 and is now projecting at a 3.1 percent increase for 2022.

- From 2023-2028 revenue is projected to increase 2.5 percent each year. This is based upon estimated rate of inflation and modest development growth.
- State-shared revenue last year was projected to be down 20 percent due to COVID, he expressed that the actual state-share revenue for 2020 was only down 0.5 percent. He expressed 2021 has been coming in stronger than anticipated. He explained interest rates are still currently low; the projected increase for state-shared revenue is .25 percent each year.
- Act 51 Revenue is revenue received for major roads and local streets. Originally this was projected for 2020 to be down 13 percent and 2020's actual revenue was up 0.9 percent which is well above the 2019 pace.
- There are two additional full-time employees added to the City personnel. These positions were originally part-time so it does not have a large impact on the overall financial plan. Most expenditure projections are consistent with prior year projections.
- The Older Person's building millage expired in 2021. This will decrease the millage by .1660, the voters will get to vote on repurposing this millage to a parks/facilities millage. This millage repurpose has not been voted on yet, therefore, it is not included in tonight's forecast.

Mr. Snyder noted that based on these assumptions, the Fund Forecasts are conservative and include the following:

- General Fund revenue is fairly steady with long term growth anticipated. Thirty-nine percent revenue is from property tax, 26 percent revenue is from state-shared revenue, and 35 percent revenue from all other revenue.
- General Fund expenditures consist of 47 percent for personnel, 29 percent transfers-out, and 24 percent other expenditures. In 2019 the Governmental Funds Balance Policy was implemented requiring 70-80 percent target fund balance to the General Fund. Therefore, in 2019 there was a large transfers-out to the General Fund to get to the target of 80 percent. He stated in 2020 the General Fund grew because of the CARES act revenue received. He exclaimed the long term General Fund is in excellent shape.
- The Capital Improvement Fund can help fund various projects throughout the City including roads, storm water, and the General Fund if needed. In 2019, it helped to fund the Auburn Road Corridor project, as well as Innovation Hills. In 2020, this fund was used to replace the Dairy Barn Museum roof and Innovation Hills Playground Phase I. This year the Capital Improvement Fund will be used for Innovation Playground Phase II and the ranger station, as well as the Borden Park Office. In 2022 and beyond the Capital Improvement Fund is projected to provide funding for a variety of projects in the Capital Improvement Plan. The key to this fund is to utilize the funds in the best way possible, by developing a Capital Improvement Plan to specifically designate these dollars. Each project in the Capital Improvement Fund receives a rating score and is then prioritized by their rating. This fund will never go negative, if the Capital Improvement Fund does not have the funds to complete a project, the project will not get done until the funds are available. The Capital Improvement Fund will be the primary beneficiary of the parks facility millage. If that millage is passed, the millage dollars would be the main source for the parks, and would release some of the burden the Capital Improvement Fund has for the parks.
- Major Road Revenue Fund's primary source of revenue is from Act 51 bringing in 87 percent. Major Road expenditures are determined by the amount

of capital road projects scheduled for each year. The City usually comes in under budget on operating expenses. There are a number of road projects currently happening including Hamlin Road between Adams and Crooks, as well as Butler Road, and the Avon, Dequindre and 23 Mile Road project. Next year in 2022, road projects include Auburn Road from Rochester to Culbertson and Old Perch and Waterview. In 2023, projected road projects include Barclay Circle and Avon Industrial. In 2024, the Drexelgate project is scheduled and in 2026, Adams Road widening from Hamlin to Walton is projected. At the end of fiscal year 2020 Major Road expenditures are approximately \$13.5 million dollars.

- The Local Street Fund has a diversified revenue, with incoming revenue received from taxes, local millages, and Act 51 gas tax. Local Street expenditures are usually 10 million a year with 5 million spent in capital expenses and 5 million spent in operating expenses. The General Fund transfer-in to the Local Street Fund will be set to maintain a fund balance target of 25 percent each year.

- The Fire Operating Fund's primary source of revenue is the fire millage. The revenue in this fund is forecasted to remain constant, at approximately 13 million in revenue each year. Fire Fund expenditures are fairly consistent each year, around 13 million, with the bulk expense for personnel. The Fire Capital Fund includes all fire equipment and apparatus replacements over the next seven years and has a positive fund balance through 2030. In 2028, the Fire Department is projected to replace five ambulances and a 75 foot ladder truck.

- The Special Police Fund's major revenue is for taxes bringing in approximately 91 percent. Police Fund expenditures are consistent, around \$10 million dollars a year. Ninety-six percent of the Police Fund expenditures are for the Oakland County Sheriff's contract that includes 60 officers in this forecast. The police millage will be adjusted each year to accommodate changes and maintain the 25 percent fund balance target range. This fund is in good long term status.

- The Comprehensive Fund Balance Policy helps the City to determine the amount of reserves held in each operating fund and how those fund balances can help determine how much funding can be supported in the City's Capital Fund. Mr. Snyder thanked Council for their support in developing a Comprehensive Funds Balance Policy, and stated it is working very well to set parameters to guide the City in the future.

- The City's long term approach allows for constant monitoring and adjusting of funds as needed. He stated he is pleased with the City's financial position and long term forecast.

Mr. Hetrick inquired about the Capital Improvement Fund and how this fund is projecting a sharp decline over time, however, the number of capital projects remains consistent. He requested more insight on the 2025-2027 years and the funding for the Capital Improvement Fund and scheduling Capital Improvement Projects.

Mr. Snyder stated the projects from the Capital Improvement Plan were budgeted based on the priority ranking. He explained that if there was not enough money for projects they would get deferred out, and anything past 2025 on the Capital Improvement Plan is considered long term.

Ms. Mungoli asked about the re-purpose of the millage to parks facilities only

and not to "operations". She also inquired about the additional personnel that Sheriff Bouchard is requesting and how this would be funded, and if a proposal would be coming before Council.

Mr. Snyder stated the re-purposing of the OPC millage is for park facilities only, not operations. He also stated the Police Fund balance could decrease to 20 percent instead of 25 percent to accommodate the additional personnel. The way the fund is set now is the General Fund supports any police needs. He explained as police needs go up, the General Fund goes down, therefore ultimately the new personnel would be funded through the General Fund.

Ms. Mungoli mentioned that the police millage is set to expire in 2025 and questioned, if this millage renews whether it could generate additional funds that could be used to fund the DPU personnel.

Mr. Snyder responded that the extra police personnel would raise the overall City millage; however there is room in the General Fund to work with if Council decides to approve the DPU request.

President Deel expressed how helpful the Seven-Year Forecast is prior to moving into the budget meetings. He thanked Mr. Snyder and his team for all of their efforts this past year with the pandemic. He stated things look positive moving forward.

Presented.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2021-0263 FY2021 2nd Quarter Budget Amendments

Attachments: [072621 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[2nd Qtr BA Overview.pdf](#)
[2nd Qtr BA Details.pdf](#)
[Public Hearing Notice.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(\).pdf](#)

Joe Snyder, Chief Financial Officer, presented the City's Second Quarter 2021 Budget Amendments. He explained in total, the second quarter budget amendments propose to increase total revenues by \$9.3 million, increase total expenditures by \$4.2 million, resulting in a net impact on citywide fund balances to the positive of \$5.1 million.

He spoke about the changes to the City's revenue that included the following:

- \$2.2 million of the 9.3 total revenue increase is due to improved revenue projections including state shared revenue and Act 51 Gasoline Tax.
- \$3.1 million of increased revenue is from the first of two tranches of the City's American Rescue Plan Act Funding (ARPA).
- \$4 million is an increase from transfers-in from other City funds.

The expenditure amendments for the second quarter included:

- \$4.2 million increase in operating expenditures are proposed to decrease by 170,000 dollars. This decrease is due to reductions in City operating expenses citywide and there are more to come as the year progresses.
- There was a \$360,000 increase in capital projects, based on capital projects already awarded and revised project estimates.
- The largest expenditure is \$4 million of transfers-out into other City funds to comply with the City's fund transferring policy.

Mr. Snyder explained more about the American Rescue Plan Act Funding (ARPA) the City will receive:

- The city has received the first of two ARPA tranches in the amount of \$3.1 million the second \$3.1 million will be received July 2022.
- Administratively there will be a separate and individual ARPA fund to track the use of ARPA dollars.
- As opposed to the CARES act that was more of a traditional refunding policy. The ARPA funds are being delivered to communities up front, with the communities being responsible to use these funds within the parameters of the ACT. There is time to come up with a strategic plan for these funds, the policy requires funds to be used by December 31, 2024.
- The City is monitoring how the state and county will allocate their ARPA funds, so the City can form a plan for their funds that would not duplicate or compete with the state or county. The City is hoping to hear more concrete plans from the state and county within the next few months. The proposal to discuss the ARPA funds plan in the City will then come in front of City Council. He is hoping to bring this discussion to Council in the fourth quarter of this year.

President Deel Opened the Public Hearing at 8:16 p.m. Seeing No Public Comment, President Deel Closed the Public Hearing at 8:17 p.m.

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

Aye 6 - Blair, Deel, Hetrick, Morita, Mungioli and Walker

Absent 1 - Bowyer

Enactment No: RES0175-2021

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, the Public Hearing for the proposed FY 2021 2nd Quarter Budget Amendments was noticed on July 8, 2021; and

Whereas, the proposed FY 2021 2nd Quarter Budget Amendments were available for public viewing beginning on July 16, 2021; and

Whereas, at its July 26, 2021 meeting City Council held a Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2021 2nd Quarter Budget Amendments.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the following FY 2021 fund totals as amended:

TOTAL BUDGET SUMMARY	Current Budget	Change	Amended Budget
101 - General Fund	\$ 25,509,510	\$ 3,794,790	\$ 29,304,300
202 - Major Road Fund	\$ 11,066,940	\$ 244,900	\$ 11,311,840
203 - Local Street Fund	\$ 10,567,670	\$ (35,000)	\$ 10,532,670
206 - Fire Department Fund	\$ 13,092,410	\$ 27,710	\$ 13,120,120
207 - Special Police Fund	\$ 10,041,970	\$ -	\$ 10,041,970
213 - RARA Millage Fund	\$ 702,590	\$ 1,950	\$ 704,540
214 - Pathway Maintenance Fund	\$ 689,190	\$ 45,330	\$ 734,520
226 - Solid Waste Fund	\$ 164,000	\$ 21,690	\$ 185,690
232 - Tree Fund	\$ 701,230	\$ -	\$ 701,230
244 - Drain Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,565,100	\$ 4,500	\$ 1,569,600
265 - OPC Millage Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
299 - Green Space Fund	\$ 318,690	\$ -	\$ 318,690
331 - Drain Debt Fund	\$ 210,120	\$ -	\$ 210,120
369 - OPC Building Refunding Debt Fund	\$ 726,420	\$ 30,000	\$ 756,420
393 - Municipal Building Refunding Debt Fund	\$ 892,750	\$ -	\$ 892,750
402 - Fire Capital Fund	\$ 2,674,020	\$ (213,000)	\$ 2,461,020
403 - Pathway Construction Fund	\$ 421,130	\$ (166,580)	\$ 254,550
420 - Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 4,528,050	\$ 490,350	\$ 5,018,400
510 - Sewer Department	\$ 15,854,710	\$ (15,090)	\$ 15,839,620
530 - Water Department	\$ 21,028,340	\$ 7,940	\$ 21,036,280
593 - Water & Sewer Capital Fund	\$ 16,960,710	\$ (37,610)	\$ 16,923,100
595 - Water & Sewer Debt Fund	\$ 1,379,380	\$ -	\$ 1,379,380
596 - Solid Waste Fund	\$ 659,390	\$ -	\$ 659,390
631 - Facilities Fund	\$ 20,542,540	\$ 615,850	\$ 21,158,390
636 - MIS Fund	\$ 3,731,510	\$ -	\$ 3,731,510
661 - Fleet Fund	\$ 6,410,850	\$ (244,870)	\$ 6,165,980
677 - Insurance Fund	\$ 422,200	\$ -	\$ 422,200
736 - Retiree Healthcare Trust Fund	\$ 205,790	\$ -	\$ 205,790
752 - Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000
761 - Green Space Perpetual Care Trust Fund	\$ 337,710	\$ (33,320)	\$ 304,390
840 - Brownfield Revolving Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
844 - Brownfield Redevelopment Fund (Legacy)	\$ 310,650	\$ (140,960)	\$ 169,690
848 - LDFA Fund	\$ 890,890	\$ (180,180)	\$ 710,710
870 - RH Museum Foundation Fund	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100
GRAND TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$ 172,611,560	\$ 4,218,400	\$ 176,829,960

2021-0274 Rochester-Avon Recreation Authority's (RARA) proposed 2nd Quarter Budget Amendments to the FY 2021 Budget

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[2nd Qtr BA Overview.pdf](#)
[2nd Quarter BA Details.pdf](#)
[Public Hearing Notice.pdf](#)
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Joe Snyder, Chief Financial Officer, stated the Rochester/Avon Recreation Authority's (RARA) Second Quarter Budget Amendments propose to increase total revenues by \$124,000 and to increase total expenditures by \$122,000, resulting in an increase of \$2,000. He noted that the City worked with RARA to develop a conservative budget because it was unknown how long COVID would impact RARA activities. He shared that things got back to normal better than initially anticipated.

He stated the increase in revenues were based on summer camps, youth sports, educational and special events. Additionally, they had an increase in revenues from building rentals, including Applied Fitness Solutions that will be renting a portion of their building.

Mr. Snyder explained the increase in expenditures includes \$54,000 from operating expenses, primarily due to running the youth sports, summer camps, educational and special events. There is also \$68,000 in capital projects that includes new signage and two new HVAC units that are anticipated to be installed in 2022.

He stated RARA ended fiscal year 2020 with a Fund Balance of \$539,000 which is 32 percent of fund balance coverage. The end of fiscal 2021 RARA is anticipating an additional \$5600 to Fund Balance and will end the year with \$540,000 total. The second quarter amendments have been approved by the RARA board.

President Deel Opened the Public Hearing at 8:21 p.m. Seeing No Public Comment, President Deel Closed the Public Hearing at 8:22 p.m.

President Deel thanked Mr. Snyder for this report and expressed how pleased he is to see where RARA stands today given the pandemic and having to close many of their facilities for a period of time last year.

Ms. Munglioli expressed her appreciation for Mr. Snyder's support and mentioned at some point RARA will look for capital improvements on their facilities to provide air conditioning to allow the buildings to be used all year.

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

Aye 6 - Blair, Deel, Hetrick, Morita, Munglioli and Walker

Absent 1 - Bowyer

Enactment No: RES0176-2021

Whereas, the Public Hearing for the proposed RARA FY 2021 2nd Quarter Budget Amendments was noticed on July 8, 2021; and

Whereas, the proposed RARA FY 2021 2nd Quarter Budget Amendments were available for public viewing beginning on July 16, 2021; and

Whereas, at its July 26, 2021 meeting City Council held a Public Hearing on the proposed RARA FY 2021 2nd Quarter Budget Amendments.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the RARA FY 2021 fund total as amended in the amount of \$1,887,920.

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

2021-0145 Request that Council delists the locally designated historic district located at 1021 Harding Ave., Paul Miller, Applicant

Attachments: 072621 Agenda Summary.pdf
Letter to Delist.pdf
Letter Connolly.pdf
Minutes CC 051021.pdf
051021 Agenda Summary.pdf
Adopted Final Report 1021 Harding.pdf
Engineering Report.pdf
Memo Kapelanski 041521.pdf
Email Connolly 042921.pdf
Minutes HDSC 011421.pdf
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051021 Resolution.pdf
Resolution ().pdf

Sara Roediger, Planning and Economic Development Director, stated the applicant was before Council late last year requesting to delist their home as a historic property. She noted that the Historic District Study Committee recommended to keep the home as a historic designation. She pointed out at that time, the applicant was working on the sale of his property; therefore things were put on hold. She stated that the applicant is here tonight to request Council consider delisting the property as a historic property.

Mr. Miller stated he is requesting that his house be delisted as historic. He shared that this home has been in his family for almost 50 years and there is a great emotional attachment for him. He expressed he would do anything he could to avoid delisting this property and selling it. He explained his ex-wife, Kimberly Whitiker, a home assessor, her mother, Dianne Gouin, a realtor, and his son, Jackson Miller, will speak on his behalf as this is a very difficult request for him.

President Deel stated the last time this item was before Council there was a potential buyer for this property. He questioned if this property is currently listed, how it is listed and what the listing price is.

Ms. Whitiker responded it is currently listed on the Multiple Listing Service and there is a large sign on the property.

Ms. Gouin added it is listed as residential historic property and that it is a vacant property. She stated the price is listed two different ways; the house and one parcel is listed for \$300,000, or the entire parcel for \$825,000.

Ms. Whitiker explained the property could be split regardless of the historic designation, based on the zoning and current size. The price was based on market sales in the area.

President Deel inquired whether there are other historical homes that are comparable to the \$800,000 figure.

Ms. Whitiker stated this investment is a large undertaking for anyone that is interested in this property. She pointed out that they realize this is a large expenditure, however, if an investor is willing to buy the house they are selling it

at vacant land value. She mentioned that they have not been able to get an investor who is interested in purchasing at the price listed.

President Deel questioned what this property is currently assessed at by the City.

Ms. Roediger stated the entire parcel was evaluated by the City Assessor at approximately \$300,000. She also clarified that splits are permitted from a zoning stand point, however, the entire parcel is historic so even if it is split any split parcels will still be part of the historic designation.

Mr. Walker stated it is tragic when a lifelong home burns and he expressed his condolences. He explained normally homeowner's insurance would assist with a tragedy like this. He also mentioned there was an engineer letter from 2019 that stated the home could be restored, but it would be costly. He questioned if that letter was viewed by the applicant and if they agree with the engineer.

Mr. Miller responded that when the house burnt down there was a lapse in the homeowner's insurance. He clarified that the engineer report was to show the City that the structure was still sound and would not be a danger to anyone. He stressed that the repairs needed to make the home livable would be quite extensive and a large investment.

Mr. Walker expressed there was an individual recently that was at the last meeting that wanted to purchase this property and restore the home and keep the historic designation. He questioned whether those negotiations fell apart.

Ms. Gouin responded that, the previous interest in purchasing the property did not work out. She stated they are listing this property at current land value.

Mr. Walker stated this property sits in the middle of green space and the Council is sensitive to how this property would be developed in the future. He mentioned that the listing for this parcel and/or the split does not show anything that references historic designation and that is concerning to him.

Ms. Gouin replied there is an additional listing for the house that is listed as historic residential. She added when people call and inquire about this property, she makes them aware of the situation. She stated the residential listing states the home is in a historic designation.

Mr. Walker summarized that there was no homeowner's insurance, on the property, and although it is feasible to renovate it would be costly, so the decision is to sell the property as vacant land.

Ms. Whitiker stated the decision is to sell the property for no more than what the vacant land is worth. She mentioned Mr. Miller has been on the City's Historic Committee and would sell his home under value to see it restored.

Ms. Morita clarified that Council needs to consider whether or not there is economic hardship, the likelihood of restoration, unsafe conditions, and the overall health, safety, and welfare of the community in order to make a decision

on this request. She questioned whether City staff has looked at this property in its current condition today and if they believe it can be repaired and remain safe.

Ms. Roediger stated the Planning Department has been in discussion with the Building Department and Code Enforcement in regards to stabilizing the building in order to prevent further damage.

Tim Hollis, Building Deputy Director, stated the Building Department has not been in the residence recently.

Ms. Morita stated the engineering report is dated 2019. She questioned if there is any new information from City staff or another engineer that states the property cannot be repaired, or is unsafe and needs to be torn down because it effects the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

Ms. Roediger stated there is no new information from City staff or an updated engineering report.

Ms. Morita stated she normally is not in favor of designating historic districts, and if she had appropriate information to override the recommendation of the Historic Districts Study Committee (HDSC), she would be in favor of the applicant's request; however, she does not have the necessary information needed to consider this tonight. She stated the Council needs information that meets the standard to override HDSC and delist this property. She suggested the applicant go back to the engineer and assess the property again and provide comprehensive information on the cost of repairs and whether this property can still be repaired.

Ms. Whitiker stated the HDSC has done an amazing job however, they based their recommendation on a narrow scope that contained three questions:

- 1)- Was it put on the historic list correctly?
- 2)- Is it still pertinent to the community?
- 3)- Does it still look historic?

The property met the requirements of all three questions; therefore, it was recommended to be listed as historic. She mentioned several members of the HDSC had said if it was anything other than those three questions than it should be delisted.

Mr. Hetrick inquired about the zoning of this parcel. He concurred with Ms. Morita stating that Council does not have enough information to override the recommendation from the HDSC. He pointed out that Council needs to know the current state of the home and whether it can be repaired.

Ms. Whitiker stated the fact that no one wants to purchase this property should be reason enough to prove financial hardship.

Ms. Morita recommended postponing this item until September to allow the applicant an opportunity to get everything in order to prove the building cannot be fixed or it would be too costly to fix.

Mr. Terry Connolly, 5984 Southgate, stated he still has an interest in purchasing this property. He stated some past information in the packet misrepresented him and his intentions. He would like to purchase this property and redevelop and renovate this historic property.

Mayor Barnett stated the dynamics here tonight are unique. He has known Mr. Miller a long time and stated he has been an advocate for this city for a long time. He was sad to see what happened to this home and the challenges that have been faced with this tragedy. He explained that there is an individual that is interested in trying to save the property and although he does not know the details of the negotiations between Mr. Connolly and Mr. Miller, there is interest in restoring this home and not delisting the historic designation. He stated this request is unique because there has never been a situation where the owner has spoken out that they want to restore their house. He would like to make sure that every avenue is pursued to save this house if possible.

Ms. Mungoli questioned if the historic designation property remains and the property is split into three parcels, if all properties retain the historic designation. She also inquired about the limit of structures that can be built on each parcel.

Ms. Roeder responded that currently this is one parcel; if however was split into three, all three parcels would remain historic. She explained that historic structures can be built on these parcels as long as they meet specific qualifications and are reviewed by the Historic District Commission. She mentioned the density of the parcels is regulated by the underlying zoning, the appearance is regulated through the historic district.

Ms. Mungoli questioned the lot split process. She inquired whether the historic designation could be prohibiting buyers from purchasing this property.

Ms. Roeder replied the lot split process goes through the Assessing Department, and is reviewed by the Building Department, Planning Department, and Engineering Department, to make sure the proposed lot meets all the ordinance requirements. She stated it is very likely that the historic designation is prohibiting sales, she also mentioned the current home cannot be demolished because it is listed as historic.

Mr. Blair stated the family stated there was no insurance on the home when it burned and he believes that meets the financial hardship requirement. He suggested the applicant provide additional documentation to support the financial hardship and not being able to afford the repairs.

A motion was made by Mungoli, seconded by Morita, that this matter be Postponed until the October 25, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 6 - Blair, Deel, Hetrick, Morita, Mungoli and Walker

Absent 1 - Bowyer

Enactment No: RES0113-2021

PUBLIC COMMENT for Items not on the Agenda

Mr. Glenn Moore, 145 Livernois, stated many entrepreneurs are taking advantage of City ordinance loopholes. He referred to Ordinance 138.4.440, subsection two regarding the separation requirements between group homes. He expressed his opinion that clustering affects the health and welfare of neighboring residences, as well as increases traffic. He requested an update to Ordinance 138.4.440, eliminating the seven bed minimum. He also spoke about the City budget, noting the entire revenue is from property taxes. He expressed that inflation is about to rise and mortgages are being paid by support money from the government. He stated that once that support runs out, many people are going to stop paying their property taxes.

Mr. Lee Zendel, 1575 Dutton, stated he has a number of comments and questions about the Borden Park rangers building. He is concerned the grand total for this building could be higher than the estimated cost, which would be over \$812 a square foot. He mentioned the overall cost was stated to be high because of the cost to construct the restrooms. He pointed out that if the restrooms were to be eliminated from the building, the cost of the project would still be over a million dollars. He questioned if this project will go out for bid and whether the proposal will include very detailed costs.

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.

2021-0298 Approval of Minutes - City Council Regular Meeting - May 24, 2021

Attachments: [CC Regular Meeting Minutes 052421.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0177-2021

Resolved, that the Minutes of a Rochester Hills City Council Regular Meeting held on May 24, 2021 be approved as presented.

2021-0296 Request for Approval of FY 2022 Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) Municipal Community Credit Contract between SMART and the City of Rochester Hills in the amount of \$69,806.00

Attachments: [072621 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[MCCC Contract.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0178-2021

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the transfer application for the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) for Fiscal Year 2022 Municipal Community Credits to the Older Persons' Commission as presented.

Further Resolved, that the Mayor is authorized to execute and deliver the transfer agreement on behalf of the City.

2021-0299 Request for Approval of a Fireworks Display Permit for Great Oaks Country Club event, to be held at 777 Great Oaks Blvd, on Friday August 6, 2021

Attachments: [072621 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Display Permit Approval.pdf](#)
[Application for State Permit.pdf](#)
[Pyrotechnic Application.pdf](#)
[Insurance.pdf](#)
[Site Plan.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0179-2021

Whereas, Zambelli Fireworks Mfg, Co. has submitted an application for fireworks display; and

Whereas, Zambelli Fireworks Mfg, Co. has provided the necessary documentation requested through the permit application process; and

Whereas, the Rochester Hills Fire Department has received and reviewed the submitted documentation for compliance of necessary codes and standards associated with public fireworks display;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council does hereby approve a permit for Zambelli Fireworks Mfg Co. of Warrendale Pennsylvania, to provide a fireworks display for the Great Oaks Country Club event, located at 777 Great Oaks Blvd on Friday August 6, 2021, subject to the following conditions:

1. The display shall be in conformance with the 2018 Edition of NFPA 1123, and the 2006 International Fire Code.
2. During the firing of the display, all personnel in the discharge site shall wear head protection, eye protection, hearing protection, and foot protection and shall wear cotton, wool, or similarly flame-resistant, long-sleeved, long-legged clothing.
3. No smoking shall be allowed in the discharge area where fireworks or other pyrotechnic materials are present.
4. No person shall be allowed in the discharge area while under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, or drugs that could adversely affect judgment, movement, or stability.

5. Subject to onsite inspection the night of the display.
6. Great Oaks staff will be responsible for crown control and maintaining security of the required fall out area.

Passed the Consent Agenda

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

Aye 6 - Blair, Deel, Hetrick, Morita, Mungioli and Walker

Absent 1 - Bowyer

The following Consent Agenda Items were discussed and adopted by separate Motions:

2021-0297 Approval of Minutes - City Council Regular Meeting - May 10, 2021

Attachments: [CC Regular Meeting Minutes 051021.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(\).pdf](#)

A motion was made by Morita, seconded by Mungioli, that this matter be Adopted as Amended by Resolution revising "enforceable by law" to "enforceable as law" on page 20 . The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 6 - Blair, Deel, Hetrick, Morita, Mungioli and Walker

Absent 1 - Bowyer

Enactment No: RES0180-2021

Resolved, that the Minutes of a Rochester Hills City Council Regular Meeting held on May 10, 2021 be approved as amended/presented.

LEGISLATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

President Deel addressed Mr. Moore's comments about the budget and stated he has the utmost confidence in Mr. Snyder's seven year forecast and recommendations. He also responded to Mr. Zendel stating that his concerns about the Borden Park rangers building is not on tonight's agenda, but the Council will take his comments into consideration when this item comes before them in the future.

Mr. Walker stated the Julie Tourangeau State Farm Ribbon cutting was on July 22, 2021 in the new Auburn Road Corridor in the Brooklands. He mentioned this is a wonderful area in the city and encouraged people to visit the area. He thanked Ms. Tourangeau for bringing her business to Rochester Hills.

Ms. Morita thanked the Fire Department for their quick response to a fire in her home. She explained that while they were not home, lightning struck the fire alarm. She stated the Fire Department responded promptly and she stated

they were fortunate it was a false alarm and no one was hurt.

Mayor Barnett made the following announcements:

- The Play Ball Event was last week at Borden Park this was a great opportunity to teach kids about baseball.
- Thursday August 5, 2021, is the Grand Re-Opening of the Dairy Barn starting at 6:15 p.m. This is opened to the community to explore the new building and renovations done at the Dairy Barn.
- He announced the Innovation Hills Ribbon Cutting will be on Monday, August 16th at 1:00 p.m.
- The Festival of the Hills will be held on August 11, 2021 at 9:36 pm at Borden Park.
- The State of the City Address is scheduled to be held on August 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Innovation Hills.
- The Distinguished Budget Award has been awarded to Joe Snyder for another year. He recognized the great work that Mr. Snyder and his team does for the City.
- He explained the Road projects that are going on throughout the city. He mentioned the weather has been challenging with the road projects but the City is still moving forward.
- The Tons of Trucks Event is scheduled for Saturday, July 31, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at Borden Park.
- He recognized Oakland University Student Katherine Nye who is competing in the Olympics, in the USA Weightlifting Team.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney John Staran had nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2021-0289** Request to authorize a five (5) year extension of the Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC) lease of the building located at 1115 W. Avon Road

Attachments: [072621 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[CRWC Lease.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(\).pdf](#)

Tim Hollis, Building Deputy Director, explained this item is a request to authorize a five-year extension of the lease to the Clinton River Watershed Council. He noted that they have been a tenant at this location since 2011. He explained that the monthly rent was recommended by Assessing Director, Laurie Taylor, based on market rate and an estimate of future inflation.

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

Aye 6 - Blair, Deel, Hetrick, Morita, Mungioli and Walker

Absent 1 - Bowyer

Enactment No: RES0181-2021

Resolved, the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a five-year extension on the Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC) lease for the building located at 1115 W. Avon Road.

- 2019-0052** Request for Purchase Authorization - PARKS: Increase to the blanket purchase order for preliminary engineering services for the development of the Innovation Hills Playground Area in the amount of \$18,000.00 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$216,650.00; Spalding DeDecker Associates, Rochester Hills, MI

Attachments: [072621 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Proposal.pdf](#)
[021119 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Spalding DeDecker Estimated Fee Schedule.pdf](#)
[Spalding Playground Proposal.pdf](#)
[021119 Resolution.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(\).pdf](#)

Ken Elwert, Parks and Natural Resources Director, stated the request tonight is for additional engineering for the playground tree tunnel and structure. He mentioned that this contract was originally done in 2019 and there have been adjustments made since then.

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

Aye 6 - Blair, Deel, Hetrick, Morita, Mungioli and Walker

Absent 1 - Bowyer

Enactment No: RES0182-2021

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes an increase to the blanket purchase order for preliminary engineering services for the development of the Innovation Hills Playground Area to Spalding DeDecker Associates, Rochester Hills, Michigan in the amount of \$18,000.00 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$216,650.00.

- 2020-0564** Request for Purchase Authorization - DPS/GAR: Increase to the blanket purchase order for water meters and equipment in the amount of \$595,000.00 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$890,000.00 through December 31, 2022; ETNA Supply Company of Grand Rapids, MI

Attachments: [072621 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[011121 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[ETNA 2021 Pricing.pdf](#)
[011121 Resolution.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(\).pdf](#)

Mr. Schneck, DPS Director, requested Council approve a request to allow an increase to an existing purchase order for the purchase of water meters and equipment. He explained this industry has been adversely affected due to COVID. He mentioned that the water meters have technology in the water meters and the system is aging and as this happens, repairs and replacements are necessary, as well as new build construction that require meters and reading equipment.

Ms. Mungoli thanked Mr. Schneck in being proactive in seeking out stable prices. She encouraged City staff to look at current contracts and lock in pricing regarding supply chain contracts, as she believes there will be more contracts before Council being challenged in the future.

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

Aye 6 - Blair, Deel, Hetrick, Morita, Mungoli and Walker

Absent 1 - Bowyer

Enactment No: RES0183-2021

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes an increase to the blanket purchase order for water meters and equipment to ETNA Supply Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan in the amount of \$595,000.00 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$890,000.00 and extend the cancel date through December 31, 2022.

2021-0288 Request for Purchase Authorization - DPS/ENG: Contract/Blanket Purchase Order for Wastewater Pipeline Condition Assessment, Documentation and Inspection Result Services in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,676,500.00; RedZone Robotics, Inc., Warrendale, PA

Attachments: [072621 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Cost Proposal.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(\).pdf](#)

Mr. Schneck expressed the importance of knowing the condition of assets, especially the sanitary sewer collection system. He stated the City has approximately 350 miles of sanitary sewer collection system, and there is part of this piping system that is inaccessible by the current equipment the City owns. He explained that the purchase of this equipment will allow them to rate the condition of the piping and 6000 manholes. He noted that autonomous robots are put into the structures, retrieve information, and then are pulled back out.

President Deel stated that this is very timely and he is glad that the City is being proactive to make sure the sanitary sewer system is properly maintained.

Mr. Blair questioned what the shelf life is on the information gathered from this equipment.

Mr. Schneck responded they do apply deterioration curves based upon the condition of the sewers. He explained at the very least these reports would last five years, and with the data the necessary repairs can be incorporated into the Capital Improvement Plan, bringing the condition of the pipe service to thirty to forty years of service.

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

Aye 6 - Blair, Deel, Hetrick, Morita, Mungioli and Walker

Absent 1 - Bowyer

Enactment No: RES0184-2021

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a contract/blanket purchase order for Wastewater Pipeline Condition Assessment, Documentation and Inspection Result Services to RedZone Robotics, Inc., in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,676,500.00 and further authorized the Mayor to execute a contract on behalf of the City.

Further Resolved, that the City's acceptance of the proposal and approval of the award of a contract shall be contingent and conditioned upon the parties' entry into and execution of a written agreement acceptable to the City.

2021-0279 Strategic Planning and Policy Review Committee's Recommendation to City Council

Attachments: [072621 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[2022 City Council Strategic Goals & Objectives \(Redlined\).pdf](#)
[2022 City Council Strategic Goals & Objectives.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(\).pdf](#)

Joe Snyder, Chief Financial Officer, presented the City Council's Strategic Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2022. He stated that on July 7, 2021 City Council Strategic Planning and Policy Technical Review Committee consisting of Mrs. Morita, Dr. Bowyer, and President Deel, met to review and discuss the City Council's Strategic Goals and Objectives for 2022. He explained receiving the goals and objectives for the upcoming year provides important feedback and direction to City staff and leads into administration's strategic development of the upcoming three-year budget. He added this is a multi-year action plan for accomplishing the specific objectives listed in pursuit of achieving the specific goals.

President Deel expressed his appreciation of the City's processes and the guidance and direction this strategic plan offers.

Ms. Mungioli inquired about Goal 5, Objective 4 and the wildlife population. She noted that she would like something stated about invasive species that could also impact the community. She also questioned Goal 8, Objective 4, stating she would like to take a look at the 300 foot rule of notifying property owners. She also mentioned with having a new IT Director in the City, implementing an IT Strategic Plan could be beneficial. She noted with the City having several virtual and software investments she would like to see a more cohesive plan with costs and lifespan of equipment.

Mr. Hetrick stated the City Council Strategic Goals and Objectives aligns with the budgeting process and helps the City move forward. He explained the Parks Strategic Plan was very timely when Mr. Elwert came onboard and he believes an IT Strategic Plan makes good sense as well to make sure the IT funds are allocated appropriately now and for the future.

Ms. Morita thanked Mr. Hetrick for recognizing the importance of the Parks Strategic Plan as this was a goal of the City Council Strategic Planning and Policy Technical Review Committee. She explained that with the millage expiring the committee felt it was important to look into the Parks budget and make sure the funding was available to maintain these new assets. She added having sustainability and a planning document is important to see when things need to be replaced. She also expressed the importance of making sure all the City employees feel valued, regardless of what department they work in, and that the working conditions are safe and comfortable. She referred to Ms. Mungioli's comments about the 300-foot notification and stated if Ms. Mungioli wants to require developers to provide more notification than what they are required to provide by statute, she recommended Mr. Staran looking into that request. She replied to Ms. Mungioli's invasive species comment regarding Goal 5 stating this goal was specifically meant to deal with the deer population and the Deer Management Advisory Committee (DMAC). She stated the wording was changed on this goal several years ago to make it broader than just deer population and to include other types of animals. She feels the invasive species concerns could be looked at over the next year and added as a separate goal for next year's strategic plan.

Ms. Mungioli responded there has been education and bids from vendors coming in to spray invasive species. She explained she would like to see education for homeowners not just limited to wildlife but including plant life as well. She also shared that the 300-foot rule may take more work but she feels speaking out now might get the ball rolling in the right direction.

Ms. Morita mentioned changing the 300-foot rule requirement would be very complicated and stated Mr. Staran would need to look into this request.

Ms. Mungioli added she would like to amend the motion to include an IT Strategic Plan under Goal 8. She explained she does not want to wait another year or two for a comprehensive IT Plan and would like this incorporated in the strategic plan.

Ms. Morita responded Goal 8 is Community Trust and Participation, and she does not feel that is an appropriate place to add an IT Strategic Plan. As such, she stated she was not willing to amend the motion.

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

Aye 5 - Blair, Deel, Hetrick, Morita and Walker

Nay 1 - Mungioli

Absent 1 - Bowyer

Enactment No: RES0185-2021

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council establish the following as its Fiscal Year 2022 Goals and Objectives:

1. GOAL: PUBLIC SAFETY

Protect the residents, businesses, and visitors of Rochester Hills by providing high quality public safety.

Continue to monitor Fire's Funding Structure to ensure long-term viability.
Continue to implement the Fire Department Strategic Plan.
Continue to examine current levels of police service for effectiveness and efficiency.

GOAL: FISCAL MANAGEMENT

Establish policies for fiscal responsibility that ensure short and long-term prosperity through effective fiscal planning and efficient management of taxpayer assets.

Continue the policy of conservatively forecasting revenues, expenses, and critical factors for up to the next seven years on a rolling basis. Continue long-term strategic analysis of the years beyond.

Continue to adopt a three-year budget plan.

Monitor the efficiency and effectiveness of the City's internal financial controls to provide proper safeguarding of the City's assets.

GOAL: INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT

Provide reliable, safe, and effective infrastructure (roadways, utilities, buildings, etc...) throughout the City.

Continue neighborhood storm water education programs (including HOA leadership).

Continue sump pump discharge inspection program (sanitary vs. storm drain).

Review condition of existing City facilities to ensure they are aesthetically pleasing and optimize administrative efficiency so that both our residents and employees feel valued.

Continue cross connection education and enforcement program.

GOAL: ECONOMIC / TAX BASE

Retain investment, maintain the tax and employment base, support redevelopment, and uphold high property values in the City.

Continue to attract and retain businesses. This includes businesses that focus on R&D, High-Tech, and other types of businesses, including small businesses.

Continue to enforce policies and ordinances for the maintenance of existing residential and commercial buildings.

Continue implementation of the Auburn Road Corridor Redevelopment Plan.

Support diversification of available housing stock, including the encouragement of mixed-use properties.

GOAL: COMMUNITY / NEIGHBORHOODS

Protect the family-oriented community from adverse events and conditions by strategic planning and proactive management in all aspects of municipal governance.

Maintain a comprehensive notification system to alert residents of emergency situations.

Maintain and improve relationships with homeowner associations/neighborhoods to further neighborhood stability to make the community a better place to live.

Continue to implement code enforcement/blight ordinance effectively to preserve existing neighborhoods.

Continue to evaluate and make recommendation(s) to reduce the adverse impact of wildlife population in the City, and educate HOA leadership and homeowners.
Develop an annual new resident welcome informational session to provide basic information regarding ordinance requirements for home maintenance and usage.

GOAL: CITY WORKFORCE

Attract and retain qualified, responsive, and innovative workforce.

Continue to offer competitive compensation and benefit programs.
Encourage and support training and continuing education to retain and maximize talent.
Use social media and other targeted outlets to attract best prospects, including diverse candidates.
Build a pipeline of skilled workers through proactive partnerships and internship programs.
Provide diversity, equity, and inclusion in the hiring and promotion process, and within the City's workforce culture.

GOAL: EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

Provide clear policy direction to Administration for the execution of City programs and services to ensure the efficient use of taxpayer funds.

Encourage administration to identify grants and/or opportunities to share project costs with other agencies.

Annual review and update of Emergency Operating Plan by staff and City Council.

Promote cooperative purchases with other communities, i.e. MITN.

Explore opportunities for new public/private partnerships, and possibilities for consolidation of City services.

GOAL: COMMUNITY TRUST & PARTICIPATION

Promote effective communication between City Council, administration, residents, businesses, and visitors so that decisions reflect the community's desires and expectations.

Utilize technology to further enhance communication with residents, and allow for online delivery of certain services.

Maintain and improve openness and transparency in conducting City business by way of cable broadcast and web cast of City Council meetings, and accessibility to City documents.

Acknowledge and promote diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Continue notification of new developments to ensure that neighboring property owners are advised.

Continue the policy of bi-annual public input via a community survey.

Involve youth in leadership growth and in the development of City's future by way of encouraging their participation on the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council.

GOAL: RECREATION, PARKS, CULTURAL

Preserve the City of Rochester Hills' natural resources and recreational character.

Conduct a detailed examination of the near-term and long-term funding needs of the parks to ensure the City has the ability to maintain the parks appropriately.
Create and adopt a Parks Strategic Plan which includes funding, planning, maintenance, and staffing needs.
Review the short and long-term needs of the park system to promote the City's quality of life, and provide a plan to meet those needs, including funding.
Examine alternate funding sources for park development.
Continue maintenance program of acquired Green Space and natural feature City owned property.

GOAL: ENVIRONMENT

Promote conservation of water, electricity, etc.

Support green initiatives and resource efficiencies.
Review potential for the expansion of green programs within the City, and encourage vendor participation.
Continue education on and enforcement of the City's Automatic Irrigation Systems ordinance.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE - Regular Meeting - Monday, August 16, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Council, it was moved by Mungioli and seconded by Hetrick to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 p.m.

RYAN DEEL, President
Rochester Hills City Council

LEANNE SCOTT, MMC, Clerk
City of Rochester Hills

AMBER BEAUCHAMP
Administrative Coordinator
City Clerk's Office

Approved as presented at the September 13, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting.