



# Rochester Hills

## Minutes - Draft

### City Council Special Meeting

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

*Vision Statement: The Community of Choice for Families and Business*

*Mission Statement: "Our mission is to sustain the City of Rochester Hills as the premier  
community of choice to live, work and raise a family by enhancing our vibrant residential  
character complemented by an attractive business community."*

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Monday, December 22, 2008

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

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In accordance with the provisions of Act 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, the Open Meetings Act, notice was given that a Special Rochester Hills City Council Meeting would commence at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 22, 2008, to consider for approval a permit for fireworks.

#### CALL TO ORDER

*President Hooper called the Special Rochester Hills City Council Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Michigan Time.*

#### ROLL CALL

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

#### Others Present:

*Bryan Barnett, Mayor  
Ron Crowell, Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director  
Jane Leslie, City Clerk*

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

*Mike Young, 2013 Oak Leaf Court, expressed his disappointment with the Snow Emergency Plowing Plan regarding the Willow Leaf cul-de-sac in his subdivision. He stated he went to work at 5:00 a.m. and returned home from work the next day at 3:00 a.m. to find the cul-de-sac still unplowed.*

#### LEGISLATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

*Mayor Barnett asked Mr. Young to come to his office to discuss the City's snow plowing schedule and commented further that he had received some other telephone calls along the same topic.*

## NEW BUSINESS

2008-0680 Request for Approval of fireworks display permit application; Ace Pyrotechnic Display, applicant

**Attachments:** [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Fire Department Memo.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

**Chief Ron Crowell** introduced Fred Hopper of Ace Pyro Technical Display and stated the following:

- A review of the company's experience working in Ypsilanti and Holly was conducted
- An insurance policy was purchased for this event and one line item on the insurance statement was revised to add "per occurrence"
- An inspection of the proposed site indicated it is on a 20-30 foot drop, angled away from the residences
- The proposed fireworks would be Consumer Grade fireworks unlike the grade used at Festival of the Hills
- Several neighbors were interviewed and no opposition was found
- Fire Staff is on duty

Council Members inquired about the following:

- Whether State or Federal license requirements are being met
- Hot sparks landing on leaves and residences leading to a fire hazard
- The timeframe of permit request
- The timeframe of pyrotechnical event
- The public notification requirement

**Mr. Hopper** responded that there is no Federal or State of Michigan requirement for a license, but stated that he is in possession of a Federal License. He described the fireworks travel 150 feet to 200 feet up in the sky and that it would be very unusual to have any hot sparks left to land after detonation.

**Chief Crowell** stated the request had been applied for one and-a-half weeks to two weeks ago but the initial process approval was given on Thursday, December 18, 2008. He noted that a fee for the Special Meeting was paid for by the applicant, and stated that no public notification requirement is necessary.

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

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

Enactment No: RES0442-2008

**Whereas**, Ace Pyrotechnic Display of Manchester, Michigan, is providing the fireworks display for 1979 Arthurs Way, Rochester Hills, Michigan; and

**Whereas**, Ace Pyrotechnic Display has provided the necessary insurance with the City of Rochester Hills; and

**Whereas**, the Rochester Hills Fire Department has no objection to the issuance of a fireworks permit providing their safety procedures are followed.

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council does hereby approve a permit for Ace Pyrotechnic Display to provide a fireworks display for 1979 Arthurs Way, Rochester Hills, MI, 48309 on January 1, 2009.

## ADJOURNMENT

*There being no further business before Council, President Hooper adjourned the meeting at 6:18 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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*CHRISTINE A. WISSBRUN  
Administrative Secretary  
City Clerk's Office*

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