



Rochester Hills Minutes

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City Council Regular Meeting

*Susan M. Bowyer Ph.D., Kevin S. Brown, Dale A. Hetrick, James Kubicina,
Stephanie Morita, Mark A. Tisdell and Thomas W. Wiggins*

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

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

Monday, May 16, 2016

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

President Tisdell called the Regular Rochester Hills City Council Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Michigan Time.

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Susan M. Bowyer, Kevin S. Brown, Dale Hetrick, James Kubicina, Stephanie Morita, Mark A. Tisdell and Thomas W. Wiggins

Others Present:

*Bryan Barnett, Mayor
Tina Barton, City Clerk
Alan Buckenmeyer, Parks Operations Manager
Sean Canto, Chief of Fire and Emergency Services
Dan Christ, City Attorney
Bill Cooke, Fire Inspector
Scott Cope, Director of Building and Ordinance Compliance
Ken Elwert, Director of Parks and Forestry
Bruce Halliday, Fleet Manager
Ed Leafdale, General Foreman
Pam Lee, City Accountant
Keith Sawdon, Director of Finance
Allan Schneck, Director of DPS/Engineering
Leanne Scott, Deputy Clerk
Katharine Smyth, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Representative*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Eagle Scout Matthew Schlitters

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Aye 7 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Kubicina, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

COUNCIL AND YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC):

President Tisdell introduced Katharine Smyth, RHGYC Representative. He stated that she is a student at Adams High School and is on the Basketball Team, Track Team and plays in the school band. He noted that she will be attending the University of Michigan next fall.

Ms. Smyth reported that last weekend the RHGYC members volunteered at the Back to the Beach Half Marathon at Stony Creek Metro Park. She mentioned that the Helping Hands Committee finished a very successful clothing drive, partnering with Brooklands, McGregor, North Hill, Meadowbrook, Long Meadow and Hugger Elementary Schools to collect clothing to benefit the Rochester Area Neighborhood House. She stated that RHGYC members are participating in voter registration drives at the High Schools.

She reported that the RHGYC members are gearing up for their annual 5K Walk/Run to be held on Saturday, June 11, 2016 at Bloomer Park to benefit Rainbow Connection's efforts to fulfill the wish of fellow student Sam Kell. She noted that online registration is currently open with a link to registration and more information available on the RHGYC web page at rochesterhills.org.

Rochester Auburn Hills Community Coalition (RAHCC):

Vice President Morita announced that the RAHCC is currently seeking board members. Interested individuals can contact her for more information. She commented that the RAHCC is a great organization providing support to area youth to prevent drug and alcohol abuse.

Rochester Hills Museum Foundation:

Vice President Morita reported that the Museum Foundation recently held the Broomfield Leadership Dinner last week which featured Mary Kramer of Crain's Detroit Business.

Older Persons' Commission (OPC):

Mr. Hetrick announced that the OPC's 5K to benefit their Meals on Wheels program is coming up on June 4, 2016.

RECOGNITIONS

2016-0211 Proclamation in Recognition of Eagle Scout Matthew Schlitters

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[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Mayor Barnett introduced Eagle Scout **Matthew Schlitters**. He expressed his

appreciation to Matthew for his Eagle Scout project which encompassed completing an inventory of 3,500 bricks at Veterans Memorial Pointe. He noted that the City is proud of the Scouting programs in the community, and many Eagle Scout projects have been completed in the city. He read the proclamation recognizing Matthew Schlitters.

Mr. Schlitters stated that it was a great honor for him to undertake the project. He commented that the Scouting program has taught him how to be a good person and the value of service. He expressed his thanks to Ed Leafdale and his parents for their support.

Presented.

Whereas, young men, who master scouting skills, dedicate their efforts to upholding the Boy Scout Pledge, and serve their community with honor, can attain the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Scouting; and

Whereas, Matthew Schlitters is a member of Boy Scout Troop 298 and completed his Eagle Scout Project at Veterans Memorial Pointe; and

Whereas, Matthew inventoried the 3,500 bricks that have been engraved and installed at Veterans Memorial Pointe. Because of his hard work, this information will now be available on the city website for the first time. This project will mean so much to those who are looking for their loved ones' bricks at Veterans Memorial Pointe.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Mayor and City Council of Rochester Hills proudly recognize Eagle Scout, Matthew Schlitters, and express gratitude for all of his hard work and offer our best wishes for his future success.

2016-0212 Proclamation in Recognition of William "Ed" Leafdale

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[Suppl Proclamation - Rep Bishop.pdf](#)
[Suppl Proclamation - State Rep Webber.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Mayor Barnett commented that there are very few individuals that are not only good employees, but great people. He stated that **Ed Leafdale**, General Foreman, is one of those people; and he noted that it has been a privilege to work with him over his 42 year career with the City of Rochester Hills. He stated that he has done a great job at the Department of Public Services, and has done his work with compassion. He mentioned that he has worked with numerous Eagle Scouts and Veterans in the community over the years. He stated that the City of Rochester Hills has been incredibly blessed to have Ed Leafdale serve it for the past 42 years. He read the proclamation honoring Mr. Leafdale.

Mr. Leafdale stated that it is an honor to be in attendance this evening. He commented that this has been a dream job for him. He noted that his father was once a General Foreman for the City of Troy; and he was taught that even under adverse conditions, you stay with your crew. He stated that he worked with his brother, Bud, at the City as well. He introduced his family in attendance including his wife, Debbie, who recently retired after 30 years of teaching. He expressed his

appreciation to the City employees in attendance this evening. He credited Joni Ogg for helping him over the years.

Council expressed their congratulations to Mr. Leafdale.

Mayor Barnett noted that signed proclamations honoring Mr. Leafdale were received from Congressman Mike Bishop and State Representative Michael Webber.

Presented.

Whereas, on October 5, 1974 Ed married his beautiful wife Debbie and together they raised their daughters, Holly and Jaime. Ed and Debbie have also been blessed with two amazing grandchildren, Jayden and Ava; and

Whereas, during his career with the Department of Public Services, Ed worked side by side with his brother Bud, and together they set the standard for professionalism; and

Whereas, Ed has always been known for being an invaluable member of our city team and an honorable and loyal friend. Ed's personnel file is overflowing with letters and thank you notes from residents commending him for consistently going beyond the call of duty. In addition, Ed is known far and wide as the hero of lost dogs and trapped ducks; and

Whereas, over the years, Ed has received numerous accolades for his outstanding service as both an employee and a member of our community. Some of the recognitions Ed has received are Employee of the Year, Rochester Hometown Parade Grand Marshall, Veteran of the Year, and Outstanding Commander for the 5th District; and

Whereas, Ed was the force behind the creation and expansion of Veterans Memorial Pointe. Through hard work and dedication, Ed was instrumental in creating a beautiful place designed for reflection and recognition of the veterans who serve and have served our country. The lovely and peaceful Memorial Pointe is a place of honor and an opportunity for others to become a part of something lasting and special through the Memorial Brick program; and

Whereas, Ed has helped many Eagle Scouts earn their badge by supervising projects throughout the city. The projects are one of the final steps necessary for Scouts to earn the highly esteemed rank of Eagle Scout. At the same time, our residents and visitors enjoy these projects, and the City of Rochester Hills is made better because of them.

Be It Resolved, that, the Mayor and the City Council of Rochester Hills, on behalf of the Department of Public Services and all city employees, hereby congratulate Ed Leafdale and thank him for his unwavering commitment to our residents and community throughout the years.

2016-0213 Proclamation in Recognition of Building Safety Month

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Mayor Barnett read a proclamation recognizing Building Safety Month and presented it to **Scott Cope**, Director of Building/Ordinance Compliance.

Presented.

Whereas, through our continuing attention to building safety, we enjoy the comfort and peace of mind of structures that are safe and sound; and

Whereas, the dedicated members of the International Code Council, including building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers and others in the construction industry, develop and enforce codes to safeguard Americans in the buildings where we live, work, play and learn; and

Whereas, the International Codes, used by the City of Rochester Hills include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters that can occur, such as snowstorms, hurricanes, tornadoes, wild land fires and earthquakes; and

Whereas, Building Safety Month, is an excellent opportunity to educate the public by increasing public awareness about Building Safety and the role fire prevention officials, local and state building departments and federal agencies have in protecting lives and property; and

Whereas, we ask all Americans to consider projects to improve building safety at home and in the community, and to recognize all building safety and fire prevention officials for the important part that they play in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Mayor and City Council of Rochester Hills proudly recognize May 2016 as Building Safety Month in the City of Rochester Hills. Accordingly, our citizens are encouraged to join their fellow Americans in participating in Building Safety Month awareness by assisting in efforts to improve building safety.

PRESENTATIONS

2016-0192 Presentation of the 2016 Earl Borden Award

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Brian Dunphy, Chairperson of the Historic Districts Commission (HDC), stated the Earl E. Borden Historic Preservation Award was created in 1989 by the HDC and honors Earl Borden, the first Mayor of Rochester Hills, who helped to obtain the Van Hoosen Farmhouse for use as a City-owned museum. Earl Borden helped to create the Historic Preservation Ordinance, including designated Historic Districts and the Historic Districts Commission.

He explained that the HDC may present two types of awards. The Historic Preservation Award recognizes buildings or structures that serve as outstanding examples of historic preservation, architectural integrity, and adaptive reuse. The Preservation Leadership Award recognizes individuals or organizations who have made outstanding efforts to support historic preservation in the greater Rochester Hills community. These awards are tangible signs of the City's commitment to historic preservation. They help reaffirm the role that history plays in the quality of life. History and the commitment to preserve it help to make Rochester Hills a great place to live and work.

He invited Council, the Mayor, and HDC members in attendance to join him in presenting the award to Oakland University for the restoration and adaptive

reuse of the barn at the entrance to the Meadow Brook Amphitheatre on Walton Boulevard. He explained that the two barns that once stood at the entrance had fallen into disrepair over the years and the University could only salvage one. The Michigan Barn Preservation Network became involved as well as a professional barn specialist to elevate the barn, put in a foundation, pour a cement floor, install a new roof, replace the missing cupola and add a fresh coat of paint. He commented that the barn should now survive for another 50 to 100 years. He stated that it is also an example of adaptive reuse as it serves as a billboard for the community. Some of the University's advertising budget was used to preserve the barn, which now sports the Oakland University name.

He presented the award to **Geoff Upward**, Executive Director of the Meadow Brook Estate.

Mr. Upward extended his thanks to the City, noting that it is a great honor for the University to accept the award. He stated that while the University is known for the new buildings it constructs, they take good care of their historic assets.

President Tisdell noted that Oakland University has received the Historic Preservation Award previously for Meadow Brook Hall. Other recipients include Yates Cider Mill, the Rochester Hills Museum for the readaptive use of the Van Hoosen Farm Dairy Barn and the Calf Barn, and the citizens of Rochester Hills for passing the Open Space Millage.

Presented.

2016-0189 Request for Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) presented by the audit firm of Plante & Moran, PLLC

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Lisa Manetta, Plante & Moran PLLC, introduced **Joe Heffernan**, Audit Partner at Plante & Moran, and **Amanda Konstandas**, lead in charge for the Rochester Hills audit team. She noted that tonight's presentation for the Comprehensive Financial Audit Report (CAFR) for the year-ended December 31, 2015 is very positive as the City continues to be in a very solid financial position.

She stated that the audit went very smoothly this year; and she commented that this is a testament to the efforts to Keith Sawdon, Finance Director, and Pam Lee, City Accountant, and the Finance Team. She noted that the document itself is produced entirely by City Staff; and Plante & Moran's task is to audit the underlying numbers for accuracy and to verify that all appropriate financial statement disclosures are included in accordance with regulations and standards applicable to governmental entities. She noted that she is pleased to report that Plante & Moran has an unmodified opinion that the financial report is properly stated in all material aspects and complies with those standards. She mentioned that this is the highest level of assurance that Plante & Moran can give.

She commented that Plante & Moran provides a perspective based on its experience with other governmental entities. She stated that as revenues have stabilized over the past few years, legacy costs, including the cost of providing pension and health care benefits to retirees, significantly affects communities. At the City of Rochester Hills, these liabilities have been identified and measured and have been funded. In addition, investment in capital was put on hold for many communities; and now that revenues have stabilized, communities are looking for ways to address capital needs. While Rochester Hills scaled back expenditures for some years, these expenditures were incorporated into long-term planning. In 2015, the City started the investments again at a higher level to address the necessary improvements to infrastructure, roads and facilities.

Ms. Manetta stated that the result was a decline in Total Fund Balance for planned expenditures; however, she noted that recurring revenues for Rochester Hills exceed recurring expenditures. There is a structural surplus in the budget while addressing capital expenditures and legacy costs, as opposed to a structural deficit that many communities continue to address.

Ms. Konstandas reviewed the presentation, providing an overview of all Revenues, Expenses, and Fund Balance for the year. She stated that while Fund Balance decreased, its use was to address capital needs. She noted that there is a healthy level of Fund Balance.

She reviewed Governmental Revenues, pointing out that the largest source of revenue for the City is in property taxes. Property Tax Revenues increased this year as a result of the voter-approved Fire Millage. The second largest source was from State sources, including State Shared Revenue and Act 51 Revenue. The third largest source of revenue is the charge for services, including fees and charges.

The largest portion of the City's expenditures is in Public Safety. The second largest was Capital Outlay. Capital Outlay dipped in 2010 through 2013 and has increased back to 2008 levels for 2015. Fire Station improvements and road projects were the largest components of Capital Outlay.

Mr. Heffernan noted that the reinvestment in infrastructure by Rochester Hills is far above from most communities; as other communities must first grapple with pension and legacy costs before focusing on capital reinvestment.

Ms. Konstandas reviewed Governmental Funds and the allocation of Fund Balance. The main source of Fund Balance are legally-restricted funds. The largest restrictions are from property tax millages and Major and Local Road Act 51 monies received.

She reviewed the Water and Sewer Fund Activity, noting that the fund is operating at a healthy level. Revenue is above expenditures, showing that the City is appropriately setting water and sewer rates each year.

Ms. Manetta reviewed the Report to City Council as of December 31, 2015, noting that any time Plante & Moran finds an opportunity for its clients to improve their

internal controls, it brings it to the client's attention. Through the course of this year's audit, a few adjustments were required to be made to the books and records for complex transactions. As a result of that, processes were reviewed with respect to these complex transactions and recommendations for additional actions and steps were made. There were no concerns regarding day to day transactions.

The report noted that the audit process was very smooth and was performed according to the planned scope with no surprises. There were no significant changes to the City's accounting practices or new standards required to be implemented this past year. There were no significant difficulties or disagreements with management. Any misstatements were identified and were corrected in the CAFR. She stated that the result is a very clean report on the audit process.

She explained that the final section of the report includes legislative and other updates that the City should be made aware of. After five years of decline, 2015 was the third year of modest revenue increases. She stated that it is encouraging to see the large revenue sources stabilize after a major reset to the tax base. She stressed that the City made significant efforts during those declining years to resize itself to adjust those expenditures to meet the new revenue. On an ongoing basis, recurring revenues exceed recurring expenses, allowing the City to provide services to its residents while maintaining financial health.

During 2015, steps to reduce or contain costs while advancing priority initiatives included the creation of the North Oakland County Water Authority to jointly contract for water services with other communities, the establishment of the Green Space Trust to preserve funds in perpetuity related to a very important city initiative, and a significant investment of over \$10 million in the City's roads. She stated that the City is in a strong financial position.

She pointed out that there were no further changes to the legislation surrounding Personal Property Tax in 2015. Legislation was drafted to establish the Local Community Stabilization Authority (LCSA) to reimburse lost revenues to communities; and she noted that the State still fully expects utilize a fairly complex calculation process to arrive at the reimbursement amounts requested by communities.

Mr. Heffernan cautioned that this does not mean that each city will receive the same dollars that it would have received if the Property Tax reduction had not happened. He explained that some shortcuts were written into the law for computations that may cost the City some revenue reimbursement.

Ms. Manetta reviewed the management of Federal Grant Programs, noting that for the last several years the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been working to codify and combine all the various sources of guidance on administering and auditing Federal funds. Those new rules were effective starting in 2015, and include new audit requirements. She explained that the threshold to trigger a specific audit was increased from \$500,000 to \$750,000. The rules for administering grants still apply.

She explained that Public Act 298 of 2012 allowed the Michigan Department of Transportation to conduct performance audits to review and investigate how Act 51 monies are being used. The State issued notices that they would be expecting communities to have their external auditor perform those audits for the year-end December 31, 2016. Plante & Moran is currently in the process of developing programs to conduct those audits and will be in touch with the City as the programs are formalized. She commented that this would be a good time to review procedures and how expenditures are documented.

She stated that there two new standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB 74 and 75) for accounting for Post Employment Benefits such as Retiree Health Care that will be in place starting in 2017 and 2018. These standards require expanded disclosures related to the terms and types of benefits offered under these benefit plans, along with greater explanation with respect to assumptions and methods used by actuaries to calculate liabilities and quantify them. GASB 75 requires communities to get that actuarially-calculated liability as of the end of their fiscal year and compare that to the market value of their assets at that same date. Any underfunding or overfunding at that period of time will be recorded in the City's financial statements on the full accrual basis. For communities that have a very significant liability, this will greatly impact their statement of net assets reflecting in some cases a multi-million dollar liability. Rochester Hills will still need to go through the calculations and include the disclosures. The last actuarial report showed the liability at around \$2 million and actually overfunded; therefore, this will have a much less significant impact on the financial statements.

Mr. Heffernan stated that many councils and county commissions are dealing with this problem as they have defined benefits. Rochester Hills, however, has a defined contribution and their pension is zero. While the State has required pensions to be funded, it did not do so with Retiree Health Care; therefore, other communities are vastly underfunded.

Ms. Manetta noted that Plante & Moran will give Council a presentation on governmental accounting at the end of June.

Public Comment:

Lee Zendel, 1575 Dutton Road, stated that the City's Finance Director, Keith Sawdon, should receive acknowledgement for bringing the City to a multi-year budget process with long-range financial forecasts. He commented that at a time in American history when all too many cities are deeply in debt with huge unfunded liabilities and cutbacks in city services, Mr. Sawdon's guidance has enabled the Mayor together with Council to grow our City services and infrastructure while staying financially strong. As a result, this City is enjoying a AAA rating. He commented that Mr. Sawdon will be greatly missed in his retirement.

Council Discussion:

Mr. Kubicina expressed his thanks to the Plante & Moran staff for their presentation. He noted that he is proud of the City and where it stands today. He commented that previous Councils along with Mr. Sawdon and the Administration should be credited for their planning for the future. He commented that the City's capital investment is like no other.

Dr. Bowyer thanked Mr. Sawdon for his efforts to keep the City where it needs to be to fund itself for the future, and stated that he will be sorely missed. She expressed her appreciation to Pam Lee, City Accountant, for her efforts in putting the audit together.

Mr. Hetrick concurred in thanking Mr. Sawdon for his efforts, and stated that he will be missed. He commented that it is important that the City has the auditor's highest level of assurance of its efforts, and that the City has addressed its liabilities. He stated that this points to the good work of Mr. Sawdon and others in the Fiscal Department.

Mayor Barnett noted that the CAFR shows that the City has a fantastic team. He pointed out that a good team requires a Council to help execute the plan and give direction and guidelines. The City's investment in infrastructure is important; and he noted that almost every east-west and north-south road in the City has been improved over the past five years, with only a couple of exceptions. He stated that this requires teamwork from the residents as well, as they partner with the City in items such as the Fire Millage, the Green Space Millage, and support for the Oakland County Sheriff's Deputies. He noted that the City has the resources it needs to make the decisions that keep it one of the top ten places to live in America. He commented that the residents' money is managed well here, and he noted that the City is in the top two percent of communities in the state of Michigan for financial stability.

President Tisdell commented that there were many difficult decisions and choices made by previous Council Members; and this Council has vowed to protect their results.

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

Aye 7 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Kubicina, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0114-2016

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby acknowledges receipt of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) from the Administration and the auditing firm of Plante & Moran, PLLC for the 2015 Fiscal Year.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

2016-0209 Acceptance for First Reading - An Ordinance to amend Sections 54-741 through 54-745 of Article XII, Utilities, of Chapter 54, Fees, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, to modify water and sewer rates and fees, repeal conflicting Ordinances, and prescribe a penalty for violations

Attachments: [060616 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Ordinance.pdf](#)
[051616 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Water & Sewer Tech Review Resolution.pdf](#)
[051616 Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Keith Sawdon, Director of Finance, explained that the Water and Sewer Technical Review Committee met April 27, 2016, and reviewed various rate scenarios. He commented that rates are reviewed with the idea of generating enough revenue to cover expenses. The Committee reviewed three options, including setting rates to break even for the rate year 2016 through 2017, holding rates steady, or looking at rates on a multi-year basis to keep rates manageable for the City's users. The Committee chose as they have in the past several years to look at the multi-year approach.

He noted that under the option proposed, the Water Commodity rate would rise to \$5.70 per unit (100 cubic feet), a 7.1 percent increase. The Sewer Commodity rate would rise to \$5.60 per unit, an increase of 4.3 percent. The Committee proposes a slight increase in the Customer Charge used for billing, meter reading, and paperwork from \$5.80 per bill to \$6.00 per bill (\$3.00 for water, and \$3.00 for sewer), an increase of 3.4 percent. The Sewage Non-Metered Flat Rate customer, with no water service and based on an average customer using 12 units, will see their bill move to \$67.20 per billing, or a 4.3 percent increase. He noted that the Industrial High Surcharge Rate and the Non-Residential Industrial Surcharge for Waste Control are pass-through rates from the Detroit Water and Sewerage System. The Industrial High Surcharge increases on average by 3.0 percent, and the Non-Residential Surcharge increases by 2.7 percent.

He commented that overall the residential user of 12 units per billing cycle will see their bill rise from \$134.08 to \$141.60, an increase of \$7.52 or 5.6 percent. The flat rate sewer customer's bill will increase from \$67.34 per bill to \$70.20 per bill, an increase of \$2.86 or 4.2 percent.

Mr. Wiggins questioned why the rate increases are required.

Mr. Sawdon responded that there are three or four components to a rate, including a review of last year. He explained that the City receives notice from the provider what the rate will be going forward, partly based on consumption. He commented that basing unit price on consumption is difficult, as it is difficult to predict what the customers will consume. He noted that the City has seen consumption drop every year since 2007. He pointed out that in Fiscal Year 2015, the water system did lose money; and part of the rate calculation for the coming year is to recapture that loss. He explained that the loss was not because rates were not set high enough, but resulted from volumes that did not meet the expectations. He stated that the City has to cover what it did the year before; if there had been a surplus the City would reduce rates.

He stated that the Great Lakes Water Authority buys the water through Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) and provides it to the City. He noted that the sewer service is purchased through the Oakland County Water Resource

Commissioner, who buys it from DWSD. Oakland County acts as an intermediary as the City does not have the capacity to fill any one interceptor on its own. He noted that the City is approximately 12 percent of the capacity of the Macomb-Oakland Interceptor.

Mr. Wiggins stated that it is important for residents to understand the rate process. He commented that less consumption would cause rates to increase, as DWSD passes on their costs to communities.

Mr. Sawdon added that even if the City bought no water and sent no sewer, it would still have bills to pay, as a significant component of the bill is fixed rates for fixed costs including debt service and infrastructure to be maintained.

Mr. Brown expressed his thanks to Mr. Sawdon, noting that rate setting is an incredibly complex discussion. He commented that the cold wet spring keeps usage down as lawns do not need to be watered, yet fixed costs continue.

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Wiggins, that this matter be Accepted for First Reading by Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Kubicina, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

Resolved, that an Ordinance to amend Sections 54-741 through 54-745 of Article XII, Utilities, of Chapter 54, Fees, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, to modify water and sewer rates and fees, repeal conflicting Ordinances, and prescribe a penalty for violations is hereby accepted for First Reading.

PUBLIC COMMENT for Items not on the Agenda

The following individuals spoke against the proposed Goddard School location on Auburn Road east of Dequindre, citing traffic concerns that currently exist in their neighborhoods and those which will be brought on by future development on Auburn.

Joe Wydeven, 3302 Connors Drive

Patrick Winters, 3651 Connors Drive

Joseph Alexander, 3549 Everett Drive

Harsha, 3518 Connors Drive

Shyam Kariat, 3454 Everett Drive

Jennifer Smith, 3238 Everett Drive

Syamkumar V. Kizhakkottayil, 636 Nawakwa Road

Don Vanarsdalen, 3777 Everett Drive

Jeff Lauth, 407 Johnathan Drive

Matt Kopera, 3562 Everett Drive

Ron Hanoudi, 3726 Hogan Circle

Lalith Myneni, 3610 Everett Drive

Sean Tominna, 3542 Connors Drive

Dharminder Mann, 3630 Hogan Circle

Arul Dhomnic, 3643 Hogan Circle

Vasan Ramani, 3619 Hogan Circle

Dave Hilger, 3261 Everett Drive

Wael AbuKamil, 3638 Connors Drive

Kevin Mihalec, 3643 Talbert Circle
Loay AbuKamil, 3662 Connors Drive
Juli Owczarek, 3547 Hogan Circle
Hark Buttar, 3451 Talbert Circle

Lee Zendel, 1575 Dutton Road, suggested that the residents concerned with traffic on main roads visit a meeting of the Road Commission for Oakland County, as they have control over traffic signals on main roads. He commented on the Michigan Court of Appeals ruling regarding the Don't Drill The Hills litigation, and noted that after that ruling, no one came to Council to speak regarding the denial of their appeal. He pointed out that the Shelby Township drilling site was abandoned and returned to what it was before.

Mayor Barnett responded to Public Comment regarding the proposed Goddard School, noting that many residents spoke about existing traffic challenges on Auburn Road and cut through traffic in their neighborhoods. He commented that these issues have not been brought to the Administration's attention before today. He stated that the Administration will need some time to monitor traffic movements, and would offer that directed speed patrols be put into place. He noted that the Engineering Department could review where speed humps might be warranted and effective. He pointed out that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) owns and controls Auburn Road, M-59 and Rochester Roads, and the City has no control or any ability to make changes to those roads.

He mentioned that the City has advanced \$75,000 to undertake a study of Auburn Road; and he noted that a public forum would be held at Reuther Middle School on May 26, 2016 to receive input on improvements that could be suggested to MDOT. He pointed out that the City is investing time and money to determine what can be done to improve that area. He stated that improvements cannot happen overnight, as funding needs to be secured and agreements made with property owners for right-of-ways and other items. He stated that the City has known that there is heavy traffic in that area; however, no one has reported problems with cut-through traffic until now.

Relative to the Goddard School, he noted that Council will not be voting on the Goddard School, as that project was approved at a Planning Commission meeting in February. He explained that it is a permitted use in a zoned B-2 commercial property and no change in zoning, variance or notification is required. He stated that to minimize the impact, the City will be required to work with MDOT to determine whether intersection improvements or widening can be undertaken of either John R or Auburn Road. He stressed that the City does not own the road that yielded most of the resident concerns being expressed tonight. He pointed out that limiting traffic movements within those streets will affect residents as well as they try to enter and exit their own neighborhoods. He stated that he is willing to sit down with residents to discuss things that could be done to mitigate concerns. He mentioned that he has already notified the Sheriff that extra patrols and speed carts are needed in those areas.

Dr. Bowyer stated that as District Representative, she understands that speeding and cut-through traffic is a problem in certain subdivisions. She noted

that Cumberland Hills paid their share for speed humps to be installed. She mentioned that every time extra patrols are utilized in her subdivision, the reports from their actions note that almost everyone stopped for speeding is a resident of that particular subdivision. She added that she is on the Auburn Road Corridor Study committee, and noted that input in the area is desired for Dequindre to Culbertson as well as throughout the entire length.

She mentioned that Council reviewed the Goddard School property to determine whether it warranted potential historic status; and stated that the review was not whether it would be developed.

Mr. Brown expressed his appreciation to the residents for waiting through multiple presentations to speak. He encouraged residents to voice their concerns regarding cut-through traffic and other problems as these items present themselves.

Mayor Barnett noted that he was informed that MDOT is planning some intersection improvements to Auburn and John R, Auburn and Culbertson, and Auburn and Livernois in 2017. He noted that MDOT tries to minimize entry to trunkline roads and would not allow an entrance to Auburn Road as it was too close to the next intersection. He suggested that the subdivision presidents in attendance leave their contact information with him.

Mr. Hetrick expressed his appreciation to the residents for their dialogue. He encouraged residents to review their options on traffic calming devices, and to attend the Auburn Corridor Study meeting to provide input.

Mr. Wiggins thanked those in attendance for having a respectful tone in addressing Council, noting that it makes it easy for Council to understand what the residents are trying to accomplish. He commented that his district is adjacent to that area and understands the traffic issues. He encouraged interested individuals to attend next week's forum to provide input, and noted that parking and traffic are concerning issues. He stated that residents should email questions to Council.

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.

2016-0217 Approval of Minutes - City Council Regular Meeting - May 2, 2016

Attachments: [CC Min 050216.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0115-2016

Resolved, that the Minutes of a Rochester Hills City Council Regular Meeting held on May 2, 2016 be approved as presented.

- 2016-0188 Request for Approval of Fireworks Display Permit Application for the Festival of the Hills event, to be held at Borden Park on Wednesday, June 29, 2016

Attachments: [051616 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Fire Department Memo 042216.pdf](#)
[Rochester 2016 Site Plan.pdf](#)
[Application For State Permit Rochester 16.pdf](#)
[Pyrotechnic Application Rochester 16.pdf](#)
[MSDS Sheet 1.3G.pdf](#)
[WFDI 2015 ATF License.pdf](#)
[Rochester Hills Certificate 16.pdf](#)
[Rochester Hills Auto Liability 16.pdf](#)
[Rochester Hills Primary Noncontributory 16.pdf](#)
[Rochester Hills Additional Insured Endorsement 16.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0116-2016

Whereas, Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. of Kawkawlin, Michigan has been selected through a competitive bid process for their safety record and the size of their show; and

Whereas, Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. has provided the necessary insurance with the City of Rochester Hills named as also insured; and

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

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council does hereby approve a permit for Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. of Kawkawlin, Michigan to provide a fireworks display for the Festival of the Hills event at Borden Park on Wednesday, June 29, 2016.

- 2016-0198 Request for Purchase Authorization - FACILITIES: Blanket Purchase Order/Contract for Architectural/Engineering Services for Fire Station #4 in the amount not-to-exceed \$45,000.00; Sidock Architects, A Sidock Group Company, Novi, MI

Attachments: [051616 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Cost Proposal Tabulation.pdf](#)
[Proposal Tabulation.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0117-2016

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a Blanket Purchase Order/Contract for Architectural/Engineering Services for Fire Station #4 to Sidock Architects, A Sidock Group Company, Novi, Michigan in the amount not-to-exceed \$45,000.00 and further authorizes 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.

- 2016-0203** Request for Purchase Authorization - FACILITIES: Blanket Purchase Order/Contract for Construction Management Services for Pre-Construction Phase Fire Station #4 in the amount not-to-exceed \$10,000.00; George W. Auch Company, Pontiac, MI

Attachments: [051616 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0118-2016

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a Blanket Purchase Order/Contract for Construction Management Services for the pre-construction phase for Fire Station #4 to George W. Auch Company, Pontiac, Michigan in the amount not-to-exceed \$10,000.00 and further authorizes 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.

- 2016-0200** Request for Purchase Authorization - PARKS: Blanket Purchase Order/Contract for Landscape Architectural Design Services for the development of Riverbend Park in the amount not-to-exceed \$60,000.00; DesignTeam Plus, LLC., Birmingham, MI

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[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0119-2016

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a Blanket Purchase Order/Contract for Landscape Architectural Design Services for the development of Riverbend Park to DesignTeam Plus, LLC., Birmingham, Michigan in the amount not-to-exceed \$60,000.00 and further authorizes the Mayor to execute the agreement 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.

- 2016-0199** Request for Purchase Authorization - PARKS: Blanket Purchase Order/Contract for Engineering Services Riverbend Project Development in the amount not-to-exceed \$10,000.00; Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc., Bloomfield Hills, MI

Attachments: [051616 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0120-2016

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a Blanket Purchase Order/Contract for Engineering Services for Riverbend Project Development to Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc., Bloomfield Hills, Michigan in the amount not-to-exceed \$10,000.00 and further authorizes the Mayor to execute an agreement on behalf of the City.

Passed the Consent Agenda

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

Aye 7 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Kubicina, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

LEGISLATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

Dr. Bowyer announced that National Trails Day is June 4, 2016. The Paint Creek Trail will have a garlic mustard pull that day from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All ages are welcome, and if individuals register online ahead of time at Paint Creek Trail.org they will receive a T-shirt and lunch. For National Trails Day, the Clinton River Trail will also have tents out serving hot dogs and providing water near the Walmart at Leach Road and Adams. She noted that the deadline for submission of the Rochester Mural Artwork contest on the grounds of Rochester College next to the trail is May 28, 2016. Once all the submissions are received, they will be posted for online voting. The winner's mural will be painted on the building adjacent to the Trail. Visit lakenorcentra.rc.edu for more details. Rochester College has a poll posted for ideas for Lake Norcentra. Great ideas are being submitted, including one for zip lining across the Lake.

She noted that South Boulevard is closed at Rochester Road for construction. Rochester Road is down to one lane at that location for resurfacing and installation of a new traffic signal. That project will continue to July 1, 2016. Avon Road will close on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at Rochester Road for work in that area.

She noted that the Auburn Road Corridor meeting on Thursday, May 26, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Reuther Middle School will be an opportunity for interested individuals to discuss the development for that entire area. The first focus will be between Dequindre and Culbertson; however, the study will highlight the entire length of Auburn Road through to Auburn Hills.

She encouraged individuals to explore the City's website for much information available on mapping in the city. She noted that historic aerial maps are available from the 1940s forward.

Mr. Kubicina stated that he attended an event for the Mayor at American House to deliver a proclamation to Ruth Ingram who had turned 100 years old last Thursday. He commented that Ms. Ingram was active as a cross country skier, golfer, and biker up until she was 96.

Vice President Morita expressed her appreciation to the Treasurer's Department for being open last Saturday for dog licenses.

President Tisdell noted that Council is very aware that residents find it unsatisfying to hear responses along the lines of jurisdiction, codes, zoning and ordinances when it comes to issues that affect them. He commented this is the reality of what everyone has to deal with. He stressed that Council will do the best that it can within the parameters it has to address the residents' issues. He expressed his appreciation to Mayor Barnett for addressing their concerns. He pointed out that the Auburn Road Corridor Study is funded and ready to go next month.

Mayor Barnett thanked Allan Schneck, Director of DPS/Engineering, and Ed Anzek, Director of Planning and Economic Development, for responding to his request for information while the residents were speaking. He noted that he would pass Vice President Morita's thanks on to the Treasury Department. He commented that a photo of Mr. Kubicina and Ms. Ingram posted to Facebook has over 1,200 views already.

He mentioned the following:

- The President of RecycleBank presented checks to school principals totaling \$25,000 representing the 6.2 million recycling points donated by residents. The donated points broke a RecycleBank record.
- Vintage Baseball comes back to the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm.
- Fascinating Frogs and Toads will be held Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Museum.
- The Rochester Hills Museum hosted Mary Kramer, Crain's Detroit Business, for its Leadership Lecture Series.
- Spencer Park Beach opens on May 28, 2016.
- Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine recognized its second graduating class of 68.
- Paddlepalooza is coming up on June 4, 2016, on the Clinton River.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dan Christ had nothing to report.

President Tisdell noted that the Michigan Court of Appeals favorably ruled for the City in the litigation by the Don't Drill the Hills organization. He pointed out that this was the third time that a court upheld the City's actions. The Court addressed every single one of their allegations in the ruling. He noted that the City did not comment until the time period for the Plaintiffs to file with the Supreme Court had expired.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2015-0044** Request for Purchase Authorization - Increase to project budget for the purchase of water and sewer utility billing system in the amount of \$10,000.00 for a new not-to-exceed project budget of \$423,500.00; True Point Solutions, Loomis, CA and other select vendors

Attachments: [051616 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[020915 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Cost Proposals.pdf](#)
[Proposal Tabulation.pdf](#)
[020915 Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Keith Sawdon, Director of Finance, noted that back in February of 2015, Council approved the purchase of a new utility billing system for water and sewer customers. The system is mostly installed and is being used; however, several unaccounted for items were encountered. A server for the customer portal to allow them to review their water and sewer billing information online was not included in the original budget. In addition, a new license was needed for the work order system to allow it to interface with the billing system for meters and meter reading. The budget increase requested of \$10,000 will allow these items to be included along with some customization of reports to make the system fully robust for the City. He stated that had it not been for these two items, the project would have actually come in under budget.

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

Aye 7 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Kubicina, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0121-2016

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes an increase to the project budget for the purchase of a water and sewer utility billing system to TruePoint Solutions, Loomis, California and other appropriate vendors in the amount of \$10,000.00 for a new not-to-exceed project budget of \$423,500.00.

2016-0201 Request for Purchase Authorization - DPS/ENG: Cost Participation Agreement approval between the City of Rochester Hills and Board of Road Commissioners for the County of Oakland for the construction portion of the reconstruction of Dequindre Road from Burningbush Road to Utica Road in the amount not-to-exceed \$139,019.00; Road Commission for Oakland County, Beverly Hills, MI

Attachments: [051616 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Cost Participation Agreement.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Allan Schneck, Director of DPS/Engineering, stated that Council is requested to approve an agreement between the Road Commission for Oakland County and the City for work on Dequindre Road, from the area near Beaumont Hospital-Troy at the intersection of South Boulevard to Burningbush to the north. The project is approximately \$8 million and the City's contribution is approximately \$140,000.

Mr. Wiggins questioned whether the budget amount of \$400,000 includes the potential request for additional monies.

Mr. Schneck responded that this portion of the project is part of a much larger project. He explained that this project did not have much right-of-way considerations. He noted that there will be a secondary project that will go from

Burningbush to the north, and include the City of Rochester Hills, as well as south into Troy and Sterling Heights. He commented that it was on the Michigan Department of Transportation bid letting in May. Bids came in at \$7,920,000, with Dan's Excavating being successful. He stated that as of right now, the City is under budget considering the \$8.3 million engineer's estimate.

Mr. Wiggins questioned whether Council will be asked to approve the second portion of the project.

Mr. Schneck responded that this will most likely be in 2018. He noted that the Capital Improvement Plan will be revisited at that time to ensure that the appropriate budget is included for that particular portion of the project.

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

Aye 7 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Kubicina, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0122-2016

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the Cost Participation Agreement between the City of Rochester Hills and the Board of Road Commissions for the County of Oakland for the construction portion of the reconstruction of Dequindre Road from Burningbush Road to Utica Road in the amount not-to-exceed \$139,019.00 and further authorizes the Mayor to execute an agreement on behalf of the City.

2016-0196 Request for Purchase Authorization - FIRE: Purchase of five (5) Type I Ambulances in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,284,045.00; Mercy Sales Incorporated, Saginaw, MI

Attachments: [051616 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[City Farmington Hills Executed Agreement.pdf](#)
[City Farmington Hills Proposal Tabulation.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Sean Canto, Chief of Fire and Emergency Services, stated that five new ambulances are requested to replace the City's aging fleet. He explained that the last major investment in ambulances was made in 2009. Since the purchase of those units, the Department has encountered numerous mechanical and serviceability issues resulting in approximately \$225,000 in maintenance costs and repairs.

He commented that it is unfortunate that the current units were not designed very well, and it was not taken into consideration the workload that they would be encountering. Additionally, ease of maintenance to limit down time was also not considered when the building of these units was completed. This in turn created an additional draw-back with the units' design, increasing repair time and in turn increasing costs. He explained that on a weekly basis the Department is encountering ambulances experiencing some type of mechanical issue.

He noted that the Request for Proposal was undertaken with Farmington Hills in a cooperative process with the Purchasing Department and the Fleet Division involved in the specifications, similar to it did when building the fire apparatus.

The expertise of the City's award-winning Fleet Division was utilized in building these units. Several different chassis options were evaluated. After consideration and on the recommendation of the Fleet Division, a specification was developed built on a true heavy-duty medium truck chassis standardized to the Freightliner chassis that the City is currently using. He noted that this provides several benefits including reduction in scheduled repairs and breakdowns, and longer service life from components with the heavy-duty chassis. Not as many fluids will need to be stocked and inventoried. It is expected that there will be less emission-related service times. He stated that the DPS Department has determined that over the six-year life span, the City will save approximately \$24,000 in maintenance per ambulance.

He commented that one of the City's current ambulances has 135,000 road miles on it; however, it has 15,000 engine hours on it. He explained that each engine hour is approximately 25 road miles, representing an ambulance that has over a half-million miles on the unit.

He noted that in 2016 the State of Michigan issued a letter to all fire departments and ambulance services to require them to meet new standards for seating harnesses. The standards added cost to the unit as well to ensure seating and patient integrity. Once these new standards were issued this year, the Department requested that the manufacturer come out and perform an evaluation of the current cots. While acknowledging that the cots could be retrofitted to meet the standards, the manufacturer noted that the cots only had one more year of usable life span to the seven-year recommendation. He commented that the Department looked into replacing its cots. In taking into consideration lifting patients into the ambulances, the Human Resources Department provided information that since 2011 the Department has had 19 members suffer back injuries from lifting and moving patients. A recent back injury has cost the Department \$29,000 in medical costs, with the individual off for 75 days. Due to injuries of lifting patients, over 295 work days have been lost with over \$50,000 in medical costs.

He noted that five new ambulances are requested for a total purchase of \$1,284,045. He mentioned that at December 31, 2016, the Fire Capital Fund balance is estimated to be at \$5,400,000.

Mr. Brown questioned how the bid analysis arrived at a score when reviewing low bid.

Chief Canto responded that part of the rating was based on the chassis chosen. Several chassis were evaluated, along with the addition of the cot and power lifting unit, not originally included in the design of the ambulance. He noted that when asked about retrofitting the ambulance, they were told it would be about \$4,000 per unit aftermarket. In addition, the unit would have to come out of service. He pointed out that the full amount requested includes the cot and the lift.

Vice President Morita requested Finance Director Keith Sawdon comment on the Fire Capital Fund.

Mr. Sawdon noted that in the financial forecast for 2015, the Fire Fund would run out of funding in 2022. He explained that this is still the case. Based on the updated replacement schedule completed in March of this year, the Fund is still on the path to be depleted in 2022. He noted that this is more related to the amount of tax collection versus the amount being spent in operations. He explained that the amount placed into the Fire Fund is the difference between the revenue it collects and the operating expenses it has. He commented that the spread difference between revenue and expenses is collapsing to where it is becoming equal and no funding is available to place into Fire Capital. He noted that from a strategic point of view, he would suggest Council work from the 2.7 mills toward the Charter-approved 3.0 mills over the next five years. He suggested perhaps Council would consider 2.75 mills this year, and 2.8 mills after that, as a way to continue to fund Capital.

Vice President Morita noted that Mr. Sawdon will be retiring and questioned whether the Fiscal Team will be able to provide suggestions during the Budget Meetings in August.

Mr. Sawdon responded that they would. He noted that it will be up to Council and the Mayor to work toward a funding path in order to ensure that the Fire Capital Fund will never reach a depleted status.

Mr. Wiggins questioned whether the chassis are all customized, and what their lifespan would be.

Chief Canto noted that the City looked at several different chassis, including Ford, Dodge, GMC and Freightliner. He stated that DPS has had success with the Freightliner chassis. He pointed out that the chassis that the City currently has have created numerous issues. He noted that the current chassis and modules currently have significant electronic problems. He commented that DPS has looked at the issues that the Department is currently having with the units and looked for ways to resolve them and give them additional life span. He mentioned that the module proposed could be unbolted from the chassis and placed on a new chassis, saving considerable money. He stated that this was evaluated with the current units; however, with the electrical issues it did not make sense.

Bruce Halliday, Fleet Manager, explained that the City currently has GMC 4500 chassis right now, which he explained was similar to a large pickup truck. He noted that this chassis was not designed for the level of service that the Department is experiencing now, and he commented that they are not holding up. He stated that when these units were purchased, call volume was much lower. He mentioned that there are emission-controls that plug up during idling time, frames are getting weak, and electrical problems are numerous. He commented that one module has settled and is pushing into the back of the frame, causing the air cleaner to rub onto the firewall. He explained that the Freightliner is a medium-duty truck; however, it is true heavy-duty with truck chassis, truck breaks, and more resilient electrical systems. He stated that the City has been using Freightliner for the past six or seven years with excellent results. He noted that the DPS mechanics are trained on Freightliner product with Cummings engines and Allison transmissions, and the City has a parts

inventory and computer diagnostics software. He pointed out that standardization will save the City money in the long run.

Mr. Wiggins questioned whether it is anticipated that these will last more than six years, or merely be more efficient for six years.

Chief Canto stated that they would most likely last for six or seven years and be more efficient with less down time.

Mr. Hetrick expressed his appreciation for the efforts to standardize the fleet to ensure the level of services equal to or better than what the City provides now. He noted that by going through this process maintenance and human resource costs should decrease.

Chief Canto responded that it would. He noted that something as simple as utilizing aluminum wheels versus steel wheels will extend brake life.

Mr. Hetrick commented that the capital requirement will be minimized after six years.

Chief Canto noted that the module would be able to be lifted off and put onto a new chassis. He mentioned that the current ambulances would return a sale value of \$40,000 to \$50,000.

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

Aye 7 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Kubicina, Morita, Tisdel and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0123-2016

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes the purchase of five (5) Type I Ambulances to Mercy Sales Incorporated, Saginaw, Michigan in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,284,045.00.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Regular Meeting - Monday, June 6, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Council, President Tisdel adjourned the meeting at 10:19 p.m.

*MARK A. TISDEL, President
Rochester Hills City Council*

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

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

Approved as presented at the June 20, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting.