



Rochester Hills

Minutes

City Council Regular Meeting

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*J. Martin Brennan, Greg Hooper, Nathan Klomp, 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."

Monday, October 17, 2011

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

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

***President Hooper** stated that it is with profound sadness that he informs those not aware of the untimely passing of Council Member J. Martin Brennan, Jr. He explained that Mr. Brennan was diagnosed with cancer last spring, and began aggressive chemotherapy treatment, which resulted in his tragic death. He stated that Mr. Brennan was survived by his wife, Leta, daughter Caity, and son Trip, and commented that he will be truly missed.*

A video was displayed to commemorate Mr. Brennan's life and his service to the City of Rochester Hills.

***President Hooper** requested a moment of silence to honor Mr. Brennan.*

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Greg Hooper, Nathan Klomp, Vern Pixley, James Rosen, Michael Webber and Ravi Yalamanchi

Others Present:

Ed Anzek, Director of Planning and Economic Development

Bryan Barnett, Mayor

Tara Beatty, Chief Assistant

Lisa Cummins, Senior Purchasing Analyst

Jean Farris, Supervisor of Procurement

Debby Hoyle, Financial Analyst

Jane Leslie, City Clerk

Keith Sawdon, Director of Finance

Scott Schlagel, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Representative

Allan Schneck, Director of DPS/Engineering

Leanne Scott, City Council Coordinator

John Staran, City Attorney

Christine Wissbrun, Administrative Aide

Pamela Valentik, Manager of Economic Development

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Pixley stated that he would like to recommend and seek the approval of Council to appoint Trip Brennan to Councilman J. Martin Brennan's vacant seat. He stated that Trip has been involved in the City through the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC) and it is his belief that he would do a fine job. He noted that he had the opportunity to speak with Trip and engage his interest, and requested City Attorney John Staran's opinion as to how Council should go about making the appointment.

John Staran, City Attorney, responded that the appointment is possible if Council desires to take that action. He noted that under the City Charter, the Council is charged with the responsibility of filling Council vacancies within 30 days of those vacancies occurring. He stated that in this particular instance, the vacancy occurs within 30 days of the upcoming General Election; but notwithstanding, the Council still has the prerogative to fill that vacancy if it so desires. It would be a very temporary appointment, as the replacement would hold office up to the election of a successor in November. He explained that Council does, in its adopted City Council Rules of Procedure have procedures for filling a vacancy. The Procedures state that the Clerk shall send out notice, provide an opportunity for individuals to submit applications, and Council subsequently shall make nominations and an appointment. He stated that if the desire is to appoint a replacement this evening, he would advise Council to make a motion to suspend its City Council Rules of Procedure for that purpose.

Mr. Pixley proposed that the Agenda be amended to add the following three items: 1) a motion to waive the City Council Rules of Procedure; 2) a motion to appoint Trip Brennan to fill the Council vacancy; and 3) the swearing-in of Trip Brennan for the appointment, if the motion to appoint is successful.

A motion was made by Pixley, seconded by Yalamanchi, that the Agenda be Approved as Amended to: 1) add a motion to Waive the City Council Rules of Procedure Article IV, Section .04 (b) and (c) to fill the current vacancy; 2) add a motion to Appoint J. Martin "Trip" Brennan, III to fill the vacancy left by J. Martin Brennan, Jr.; 3) add the Swearing in of J. Martin "Trip" Brennan, III. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 6 - Hooper, Klomp, Pixley, Rosen, Webber and Yalamanchi

2011-0458 Motion to Waive the City Council Rules of Procedure to fill Council vacancy left by J. Martin Brennan, Jr.

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

Aye 5 - Hooper, Klomp, Pixley, Webber and Yalamanchi

Nay 1 - Rosen

Enactment No: RES0217-2011

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby waives the *City Council Rules of Procedure, Article IV, Section .04 (b) and (c)* to fill the vacancy left by J. Martin Brennan, Jr.

2011-0459 Motion to Appoint J. Martin "Trip" Brennan, III to the Rochester Hills City Council to fill the vacancy left by J. Martin Brennan, Jr.

Mr. Rosen voiced his opposition to appoint Trip Brennan to fill the vacancy left by J. Martin Brennan, Jr.

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

Aye 5 - Hooper, Klomp, Pixley, Webber and Yalamanchi

Nay 1 - Rosen

Enactment No: RES0218-2011

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby appoints J. Martin "Trip" Brennan, III to the Rochester Hills City Council to fill the vacancy left by J. Martin Brennan, Jr., for the term expiring November 20, 2011.

2011-0460 Swearing in of J. Martin "Trip" Brennan, III to the Rochester Hills City Council

Jane Leslie, City Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to J. Martin "Trip" Brennan as District 2 Council Representative.

Presented.

Present 7 - Greg Hooper, Nathan Klomp, Vern Pixley, James Rosen, Michael Webber, Ravi Yalamanchi and J. Martin "Trip" Brennan

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dee Hilbert, 3234 Quail Ridge Circle, requested that answers be provided to questions she had submitted at the prior Regular City Council Meeting on October 3rd regarding Council, Director and employee pensions and health care benefits. She encouraged voters to cast their ballots on November 8th, noting that the election will include those individuals running for Mayor, City Council At-Large and District 2, Library Board, Rochester and Avondale School Boards, and a Parks referendum.

Chuck Slattery, 3130 Palm Aire Drive, stated that the upcoming proposed Charter Amendment for Parks and Open Spaces has received great homeowner association and resident support. He commented that in his personal experience that many individuals do not know what the proposed Charter Amendment is

all about, and he encouraged voters to become familiar with the proposed Amendment.

***Anita Christian**, 954 Ridgeway Drive, requested Council investigate the installation of SmartMeters throughout the community for monitoring electric usage, expressing concerns regarding the financial, health, and privacy impacts these meters have on consumers and their families.*

LEGISLATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

***President Hooper** noted that a response to Ms. Hilbert's questions regarding Council, Director and staff retirement, longevity and health care costs submitted at the October 3rd Regular Meeting was sent to Ms. Hilbert by mail. He commented that the current Council will have one more regular Meeting, and he encouraged voters to cast their ballots on November 8th.*

***Mr. Pixley** expressed his congratulations to Trip Brennan. He also congratulated the Michigan State University Spartans for their win this past weekend. He encouraged everyone to get out and vote on November 8th.*

***Trip Brennan** expressed his thanks to the other Council Members, Mayor Barnett, and Leanne Scott, City Council Coordinator; and to his father, J. Martin Brennan, Jr., for preparing him for this opportunity. He expressed his appreciation to the entire community for the outpouring of support given to him and his family. He stated that he does not take his appointment simply as a symbolic gesture from the City; but truly wants to be a public servant, as that is what his father always encouraged him to do and what he has always wanted to truly accomplish. He stated that all his constituents in District 2 should make sure to let their voices be heard, as he is their representative.*

***Mr. Klomp** congratulated Mr. Brennan on his appointment. He announced that the McDonald's Restaurant on Rochester Road reopened last Friday. He pointed out that Friday's grand opening is reported to be the second largest grand opening of a McDonald's in the entire state of Michigan, as tallied by revenues over a 24-hour period.*

***Mr. Webber** expressed his congratulations to Mr. Brennan. He mentioned that the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce would hold its Sunrise Pinnacle Awards on Thursday, October 20, 2011, at 8:00 a.m. at the Royal Park Hotel. He wished everyone a safe and healthy Halloween and encouraged voters to get out and cast their ballots on November 8th.*

***Mr. Yalamanchi** congratulated Mr. Brennan on his appointment to Council.*

***Scott Schlagel**, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC) Representative reported that the RHGYC volunteered at the Brooksie Way Half-Marathon and participated in a fund raising event at Parisian this past*

weekend. He noted that the planning for a Youth Summit is underway, with subcommittees formed for fund raising, advertising and logistics. He mentioned that the RHGYC is making their costumes for their participation in the Rochester Home Town Christmas Parade and have begun preparations for their annual 5K Run/Walk, benefitting a charity yet-to-be-determined.

Mayor Barnett congratulated Mr. Brennan on his appointment to Council, noting that he becomes the youngest City Councilman in the history of Rochester Hills and represents the first father and son to have served on Council. He made the following announcements:

- Brookwood Subdivision's Make a Difference Day Flea Market will be held on Friday, October 21st and Saturday, October 22nd. Mentioned last year in USA Today, the event raises over \$10,000 each year for various charities.
- The City's Halloween Trick or Treat hours will be on October 31st, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- The City's Performance Dashboard is now "live" on the City's website. The Dashboard is a requirement of Governor Rick Snyder's plan to ensure that municipalities are providing online information to their constituents. Information is available regarding the City's finances, benefits, crime statistics and economic development.
- Construction Projects Update:
 - * Paving will be completed later this week on the Rain Tree Drive Rehabilitation Project.
 - * The M-59 Noise Barriers are now vertical, with installation to be completed in November.
 - * Rehabilitation projects on Dequindre and Adams Roads will be completed in the next two weeks.
 - * The M-59/Crooks Road Interchange is complete. The Road Commission for Oakland County will commence work on the portion of Crooks north of Star-Batt Drive to Hamlin Road next year.
- A new limestone base material was installed on Washington Road, part of a new pilot program.

He encouraged voters to cast their ballots on November 8th and stated that absentee ballots can be obtained at the Clerk's Office in City Hall.

ATTORNEY MATTERS

City Attorney John Staran had nothing to report.

PRESENTATIONS

2011-0440 Proclamation in Recognition of Gerard Verschueren

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

Mayor Barnett introduced **Gerard Verschueren** and stated that he is has been a volunteer in the community since 1965, and has served on many City Boards,

Commissions and Committees for over 20 years. He mentioned that he and wife, Maria, have been married for 67 years.

Mayor Barnett read the proclamation.

Mr. Verschueren expressed his congratulations to Trip Brennan for his Council appointment, and noted the coincidence that he and Marty Brennan were appointed to the Zoning/Sign Board of Appeals on the same day and he is being recognized on the same day that his son is appointed to Council. He stated that in all of his fifty-plus years of volunteering in the community, the present City Council is tops in efficiency, fiscal responsibility and leader quality. He expressed his thanks to his wife commenting that she spent many evenings alone without complaining waiting for him to come home from late meetings.

Council members congratulated Mr. Verschueren.

Presented.

Whereas, Gerard and Maria Verschueren have been Rochester Hills residents for twenty years; and

Whereas, Mr. Verschueren has steadfastly served the City of Rochester Hills by serving on numerous Boards, Commissions and Committees including the Water and Sewer Technical Review Committee, the Historic Districts Study Committee, the Liquor License Technical Review Committee and the Administrative and Information Services Committee; and

Whereas, Mr. Verschueren was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) in 1997 and is still actively serving on the ZBA; and

Whereas, during all his years of service, Mr. Verschueren has generously given of his time, talents and expertise to keep the City of Rochester Hills the preeminent place to live, work and raise a family.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Mayor and City Council of Rochester Hills hereby recognize Gerard Verschueren and express their gratitude for his many years of service to the City of Rochester Hills.

2011-0453 Proclamation in Recognition of Lisa Cummins for her selection as 2011 Michigan Public Purchasing Officers Association's Buyer of the Year

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[Proclamation.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

Mayor Barnett introduced **Lisa Cummins**, Senior Purchasing Analyst, and announced that she was selected as 2011 Michigan Public Purchasing Officers Association's Buyer of the Year. He read an excerpt from a recommendation letter submitted by Jean Farris, Supervisor of Procurement, noting that Ms. Cummins was recognized for her innovative approach, grace and diplomacy, and enthusiasm for collaboration with other communities. He read the proclamation.

Ms. Cummins thanked City Council, the Mayor, Keith Sawdon, Director of Finance, and Ms. Farris for their support.

Mayor Barnett noted that a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Sewer Truck drafted by Ms. Cummins was identified for national procurement, providing a stipend to the City whenever any community in the country utilizes that RFP in a purchase.

Council members congratulated Ms. Cummins.

Presented.

Whereas, during Lisa's 4.5 years in public purchasing she has been a dynamic influence in public procurement with her high ethical standards and enthusiasm for the profession; and

Whereas, Lisa has served on the Michigan Public Purchasing Officers Association Board of Directors, acted as Professional Development Chairperson, brought several valuable programs forward to benefit the membership, formulated scholarship criteria, and mentored many MPPOA members as they worked to achieve certification; and

Whereas, Lisa enhanced her education with the completion of her Master's Degree and was promoted to Senior Purchasing Analyst for the City; and

Whereas, Lisa has actively supported cooperative efforts with other communities, taking the lead in several procurements, including heavy duty truck parts, mowers, tractor-loaders, concrete saws and hydraulic parts; and

Whereas, Lisa has collaborated, developed and awarded revenue generating contracts to benefit the City of Rochester Hills including a national contract for sewer trucks and a local contract for vending machines; and

Whereas, Lisa participates in the City's Relay for Life Program, chairs the Nutrition Committee for the Wellness Program and exhibits her athletic and competitive nature as the "star player" in the Rochester/Rochester Hills annual football game; and

Whereas, Lisa is married to Matt and they have a five-year old son, Nathaniel, and are looking forward to welcoming a baby girl in early January;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochester Hills hereby recognize and congratulate Lisa Cummins as the recipient of 2011 Michigan Public Purchasing Officers Association's Buyer of the Year Award.

2011-0456 City Council Recognition of members J. Martin Brennan, Jr. and Vern Pixley

Recognition of J. Martin Brennan, Jr.

President Hooper recognized the contributions of J. Martin Brennan, Jr., noting that he was the ultimate warrior and was never afraid to take a stand. He commented that Mr. Brennan achieved what most individuals strive for; to make a difference.

Mr. Brennan stated that his father never found his position on City Council to be a job; to him it was his public service. He mentioned that whenever his father would talk about his service on Council, he never referred to it as something he was doing for himself. He commented that his father was certainly looking down on the City with pride.

Mr. Pixley commented that he and Mr. Brennan became fast friends in 2007 and shared many spirited discussions over the years. He stated that he was the ultimate friend, Councilman, lawyer and University of Michigan fan, and he would forever keep him in his heart.

Mr. Rosen stated that he and his wife, Kathy, extend their deepest sympathies and condolences to the Brennan family.

Mr. Webber commented that it was truly an honor to serve on Council with Mr. Brennan. He stated that while it was an unlikely friendship, with their different political parties and university support, he found Mr. Brennan to be a dear friend and he will miss his perspective. He mentioned that Mr. Brennan will be remembered as a family man, committed to making Rochester Hills a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Mr. Klomp stated that when he first was elected to Council, he found that Mr. Brennan always expressed his disagreement with someone's position with respect; and commented that this taught him to do the same in return. He mentioned that he had heard wonderful stories of Marty's children Trip and Caity, and was impressed with Trip Brennan's professionalism and service on the committees he served while on the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council. He stated that when asked how he did such a good job raising his children, Mr. Brennan responded that parents must always stay close to their children as they get older and go off to college, and commented that he will remember that as he raises his own children.

Mr. Yalamanchi expressed his thanks for both Mr. Brennan's and Mr. Pixley's service to the City, noting that their commitment to the City was unconditional. He thanked both families for sharing these individuals with the City. He stated that losing Mr. Brennan created a void to this Council.

Scott Schlagel, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC) Representative, expressed deepest sympathies on behalf of the RHGYC to the Brennan family, noting that Mr. Brennan supported all of the RHGYC endeavors.

Jane Leslie, City Clerk, stated that on behalf of the entire Clerk's Department staff, she would express thanks to Marty Brennan for his service and to his family for sharing him with everyone.

Ed Anzek, Director of Planning and Economic Development, commented that on behalf of the City's Directors, it is his privilege and honor to thank Marty Brennan for his efforts, time, and contribution to the City. He mentioned that he worked with Marty Brennan on the Zoning/Sign Board of Appeals since 2000, and he always came prepared, but never came with a decision made. He stated that because Marty was respectful to all, he was also respected.

Mayor Barnett stated that a commemorative brick will be placed at Veterans' Memorial Pointe in honor of Marty Brennan. He commented that he was a great friend, and he read a portion of the eulogy he gave at his funeral on Tuesday, October 11th.

Recognition of Vern Pixley

President Hooper stated that he first met Vern Pixley at the Festival of the Hills in 2007, noting that Mr. Pixley requested that those campaigning for Council sign a no negative campaigning pledge. He pointed out that Vern is the ultimate professional businessman. He mentioned that both he and Mr. Pixley could never understand why a single trash hauler program was not implemented for Rochester Hills residents and pledged to make it a number one priority after the election; and at the end of the day, a program was implemented achieving unanimous support from fellow Council members. He stated that he would miss his mere presence at Council meetings, and expressed his appreciation for his work with the RHGYC.

Mr. Rosen expressed his thanks to Mr. Pixley for his service to the City.

Mr. Webber commented that the clean campaign pledge was his first real interaction with Mr. Pixley, and stated that he has truly been a leader on Council and he will be missed.

Mr. Klomp stated that he appreciated Mr. Pixley's sound comments and professionalism, and his steady hand in some very deep issues before Council. He thanked him for his years of service, and wished him the best.

Mr. Brennan thanked Mr. Pixley for his service and for being a friend to his family. He mentioned that his father and Mr. Pixley represented the Yin/Yang, as Mr. Pixley was a conservative Republican, while his father was a liberal Democrat. He commented that he never thought he would find such a role model and fine person in a Michigan State fan.

Mr. Yalamanchi expressed his thanks to Mr. Pixley's wife, Lori, for sharing him with Council, commenting that Mr. Pixley was also actively engaged in several non-profits and foundations. He stated that Mr. Pixley is respected for how he conducted himself on Council and he always appreciated his approach to the issues.

Ms. Leslie expressed thanks to Mr. Pixley on behalf of the entire Clerk's staff, commented that it was enjoyable to work with him not only through Council, but through the RHGYC and the Cemetery Citizens Advisory Committee.

Mr. Pixley expressed his thanks to everyone, noting that it has been a very enlightening and entertaining four years. He stated that he truly enjoyed the opportunity to serve the community as an elected official. He commented that while Mr. Rosen often states that one should be careful what they wish for, he could not wish for anything better than his experiences for the last four years. He stated that the City is blessed to have excellent employees and Mayoral leadership, and commented that whether one agrees with everything that happens in the City or not, one must agree that Rochester Hills is one of the most soundly managed municipal organizations in the state, and possibly in the nation. He mentioned that the City has a collegiate type of atmosphere, where everyone does not always agree, but it is always a great learning experience. He stated that he was enlightened by his involvement with the RHGYC, noting that the individuals selected are always up to the challenge. He thanked Leanne Scott, City Council Coordinator, and Youth Advisor to the RHGYC and her staff for their work with

the group. He commented that President Hooper has been a friend to him personally, and a fair and consistent advocate for the City. He stated that he looks forward to sitting on the other side of the dais.

President Hooper invited Council to the front of the dais for the presentation of plaques.

He read the plaque honoring Mr. Brennan's service, and presented it to his family, wife, Leta, daughter Caity, and son, Trip.

He read the plaque honoring Mr. Pixley's service, and presented it to Mr. Pixley and his wife, Lori.

Presented.

(RECESS 8:20 p.m. to 8:47 p.m.)

CONSENT AGENDA

2011-0441 Approval of Minutes - City Council Regular Meeting - September 26, 2011

Attachments: [CC Min 092611.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0219-2011

Resolved, that the Minutes of a Rochester Hills City Council Regular Meeting held on September 26, 2011 be approved as presented.

2011-0447 Request for Approval to grant eight easements to the Road Commission for Oakland County on six different City owned properties for the Avon Road and Livernois Road Bridge Reconstruction Projects

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Easement Location Drawing.pdf](#)
[ROW Documents.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0220-2011

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council approves the request from the Road Commission for Oakland County for a Highway Easement and Utility Easement on parcel number 15-21-201-007; a Temporary Grading and Utility Easement on parcel number 15-22-101-001; a Temporary Grading Easement and a Drainage Easement on parcel number 15-15-352-026; a Highway Easement on parcel number 15-21-201-008; a Highway Easement on parcel number 15-21-201-005; and a Highway Easement on parcel number 15-21-201-009 for the Avon Road and Livernois Road Bridge Reconstruction projects for \$1.00 each, totaling \$8.00.

Passed the Consent Agenda

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

Aye 7 - Hooper, Klomp, Pixley, Rosen, Webber, Yalamanchi and Brennan

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2011-0412 Request to Approve the Establishment of an Industrial Development District at 2930 W. Auburn Road; Eagle Ottawa, LLC, Applicant

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Suppl Presentation.pdf](#)
[Map.pdf](#)
[Public Hearing Notice.pdf](#)
[092611 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[092611 Resolution.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

Pam Valentik, Manager of Economic Development, stated that while exemptions are often requested for the purpose of attracting a company to relocate to Rochester Hills, the purpose of tonight's request is to retain business. She commented that Council's approval would show a commitment to create a competitive environment to assist existing businesses in Rochester Hills in growing their companies. She noted that Eagle Ottawa is a Rochester Hills property owner and has been an employer here for over 25 years.

Donald Vesey, Manager, Special Projects, Eagle Ottawa, thanked Council for providing Eagle Ottawa an opportunity to provide a view of their plans to grow. He gave the following presentation:

Overview:

Eagle Ottawa is part of the Everett Smith Group and is a leading global manufacturer of high quality automotive upholstery leather with a vision to build value in its products through lean, high tech operations while providing high quality products to the automotive industry. The company is headquartered in Auburn Hills, Michigan, with the Global Research and Development Center located in Rochester Hills, Michigan.

- Total Company Sales are approaching \$600 Million with 4,000 employees worldwide and in various locations, in:

- * North America
- * Europe
- * Asia
- * South America

Eagle Ottawa, LLC:

- Leading Supplier - Automotive Leather and Leather Solutions

- *Global Footprint - Manufacturing and Supply*
 - * *South America Raw Material*
 - * *Local Finish and Cut*
- *Focused Investment in Product and Services Technology*
 - * *Designs/Surface Effects*
 - * *In-house Leather Development*
 - * *Value Add Services*
 - * *Innovation/New Products*

He noted that the company services many automotive manufacturers. He displayed a slide which showed its global locations, and noted that the Rochester Hills facility is approximately 120,000 square feet with 54 employees, including 16 Scientists, Engineers and Designers.

Integrated Value Add Services:

- *Concept Development*
 - * *In-house design and mock-up capabilities*
 - * *Substrate Development*
 - * *Leather Pattern Development*
 - * *Specification Development*
- *Seat Cover Sewing*
 - * *Production of sewn covers in:*
 - *Shanghai, China*
 - *Cascavel, Brazil*
 - * *Integrated supply chain provides:*
 - *Improved quality*
 - *Reduced logistics*
 - *Improved materials utilization*
- *Component Wrapping*
 - * *Production of wrapped components in Shanghai, China*
 - * *Integrated supply chain provides:*
 - *Improved quality*
 - *Reduced logistics*
 - *Improved materials utilization*
 - *Optimum design/cost*
- *Seat Cover Validation / Warranty Analyst*
 - * *6-Axis robot is used to:*
 - *Validate new systems*
 - *Predict Life Cycle Wear*
 - *Evaluate Seat Designs*
 - *Root Cause Analysis for field failures*

Complete Leather Solutions - Product Portfolio:

- *"Performance"*
 - * *Instrument panel*
 - *< 5 percent shrink*
 - *UV stable*
 - * *Steering wheel*
 - * *Light weight leather*
 - *10% Mass Savings*

- * *Anti-soiling technology*
 - *40 percent improvement in stain resistance and cleanability*
- *"Value"*
 - * *Upgraded Leathers; base level vehicles*
 - * *Split Leather - Headrests and door panels*
- *"Sustainable"*
 - * *Natalle:*
 - *70 percent recycled content*
 - *Up to 40 percent weight reduction*
 - *Color match with leather*
 - * *Chrome free leather*
 - * *Low VOC products*
- *"Design Features"*
 - * *Industry leading design innovations:*
 - *Tipping*
 - *Custom Perforation*
 - *Digital Printing*
 - *Embossing*
 - *Embroidery*
 - * *Premium Automotive Leathers*
 - *Automotive Analine*
 - *Luxury Leathers*

Rochester Hills Facility:

- *Industry Leader - Prototyping Capability*
 - * *17 process operations*
 - * *Production simulation*
 - * *Crust and Finish development*
- *Extensive Testing Capabilities*
 - * *400-plus physical tests*
 - * *Performance testing - Ingress/Egress*
- *Design Support*
 - *Co-creation and Innovation*
- *16 Engineers and 34 Technicians*

Why we are applying for tax relief:

- *Significant investment for a new process line*
- *Improve cost competitiveness with global units*
- *Enhance our partnership with Rochester Hills*

How will tax relief funds be utilized:

- *Add new process technology in Rochester Hills facility*
- *Continue development of new products/processes*
- *Evolution of product development into production reality at Rochester Hills facility*
- *Addition of two to five new engineering positions*
- *Upgrades to Rochester Hills facility - technology/capability*
- *Potential for Rochester Hills production growth*

Benefits to the Community:

- Plan to add two to five professional engineering positions
- Greater commitment to Rochester Hills
- Additional potential growth at the Rochester Hills facility
- Higher level technology and product line growth
- Expand opportunities with local Automotive OEMs
- Maintain technology innovation in Rochester Hills

Ms. Valentik noted that these services could be provided in any of Eagle Ottawa's facilities across the world, and stated that this is a unique opportunity for Rochester Hills and the United States to compete, bringing manufacturing back to this facility and region. She commented that if Eagle Ottawa's endeavor goes well, additional manufacturing could be attracted to the City. She mentioned that the project plan is to add two to five highly-skilled, highly-paid employees and an investment of \$4.7 million in machinery and equipment, meeting Public Act 198 requirements, and making the project eligible for an eight-year abatement according to City Council's Tax Abatement Policy. The investment will generate a 50 percent abatement of taxes resulting in \$149,901 in new taxes for all taxing jurisdictions, with the City's portion being \$51,311.

President Hooper Opened the Public Hearing at 8:58 p.m.

Seeing no public input, President Hooper Closed the Public Hearing at 8:59 p.m.

Council Discussion:

Mr. Webber expressed his appreciation for the presentation.

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

Aye 7 - Hooper, Klomp, Pixley, Rosen, Webber, Yalamanchi and Brennan

Enactment No: RES0221-2011

Whereas, pursuant to PA 198 of 1974, as amended, the Rochester Hills City Council has the authority to establish Industrial Development Districts within the City of Rochester Hills; and

Whereas, Eagle Ottawa, LLC has filed a request for the establishment of an Industrial Development District for property it owns, identified as 2930 W. Auburn Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48309 also known as parcel No. 15-29-300-006, further identified as:

T3N, R11E, SEC 29 & 30 PART OF SW 1/4 OF SEC 29 & PART OF SE 1/4 OF SEC 30, ALL DESC AS BEG AT SW COR OF SEC 29, TH S 88-02-39 W 69.08 FT, TH N 01-33-06 W 733.00 FT, TH N 88-26-54 E 655.98 FT, TH S 00-52-55 W 729.80 FT, TH S 88-06-03 W 555.92 FT TO BEG 10.75 A 11/16/84 FR 001 & 1530476-001; and

Whereas, construction, acquisition, alteration or installation of a proposed facility has not commenced at the time of filing the request to establish this district; and

Whereas, written notice has been given by mail to all owners of real property located within the district, and to the public by newspaper advertisement in the Rochester Post on the establishment of the proposed district; and

Whereas, the Rochester Hills City Council held a Public Hearing regarding this request at the Regular Meeting of October 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, at 1000 Rochester Hills Dr., Rochester Hills, Michigan, during which the owner of the property, taxing authorities and all residents and taxpayers of Rochester Hills were given the opportunity to be heard; and

Whereas, the establishment of an Industrial Development District is consistent with the objectives of the City for industrial development and the creation of new employment opportunities.

Resolved, that pursuant to the provisions of PA 198 of 1974, as amended, the above listed legal description is hereby designated as an Industrial Development District.

2011-0413 Request for Approval of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Eagle Ottawa, LLC, 2930 W. Auburn Road

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Suppl Presentation.pdf](#)
[Analysis 8 Years.pdf](#)
[Development Agreement.pdf](#)
[092611 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Application.pdf](#)
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President Hooper Opened the Public Hearing at 9:00 p.m.

Seeing no public input, President Hooper Closed the Public Hearing at 9:01 p.m.

Mr. Yalamanchi questioned whether the investment of \$4.7 million was in new or additional equipment or if it was replacing existing equipment.

Donald Vesey, Manager, Special Projects, Eagle Ottawa, responded that the investment will be in additional equipment for the facility.

President Hooper noted that Council's intent in granting an abatement is to ensure it will provide jobs.

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

Aye 7 - Hooper, Klomp, Pixley, Rosen, Webber, Yalamanchi and Brennan

Enactment No: RES0222-2011

Whereas, pursuant to PA 198 of 1974, as amended, after a duly noticed Public Hearing held on October 17, 2011, the Rochester Hills City Council by resolution established that Eagle Ottawa, LLC is located within an Industrial Development District; and

Whereas, the Industrial Development District is that property located at 2930 W. Auburn, also known as Parcel No. 15-29-300-006 and further described as:

T3N, R11E, SEC 29 & 30 PART OF SW 1/4 OF SEC 29 & PART OF SE 1/4 OF SEC 30, ALL DESC AS BEG AT SW COR OF SEC 29, TH S 88-02-39 W 69.08 FT, TH N 01-33-06 W 733.00 FT, TH N 88-26-54 E 655.98 FT, TH S 00-52-55 W 729.80 FT, TH S 88-06-03 W 555.92 FT TO BEG 10.75 A 11/16/84 FR 001 & 1530476001; and

Whereas, Eagle Ottawa, LLC filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate on September 8, 2011 for personal property to be acquired and installed at the facility within the Industrial Development District; and

Whereas, installation of new equipment had not begun earlier than six months before September 8, 2011, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and

Whereas, before acting on said application, the Rochester Hills City Council held a Public Hearing on October 17, 2011 at 1000 Rochester Hills Drive, Rochester Hills, MI 48309 at 7:00 p.m. for which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and the taxing authorities were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard and after review of the application, the City Council made the following findings:

- a. The granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, considered together with the aggregate amount of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates previously granted and currently in force, does not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of the City of Rochester Hills or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies an ad valorem property tax in the City of Rochester Hills in which the facility is located.
- b. Completion of the equipment acquisition is calculated to, and will at the time of issuance of the certificate, have the reasonable likelihood to create employment.
- c. The addition of the equipment meets the objectives of job creation within the established industrial corridor of the City of Rochester Hills.
- d. The aggregate SEV of personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the City of Rochester Hills, after granting this certificate, will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal property thus exempted.

Resolved, that pursuant to Section 9, (1) and (2) of Act 198 of Public Acts of 1974, as amended, the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the request of Eagle Ottawa, LLC for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for a period of eight (8) years after project completion for personal property only; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the accompanying agreement between Eagle Ottawa, LLC and the City of Rochester Hills is hereby approved and is to be received by the Department of Treasury and the State Tax Commission along with this Resolution by October 31, 2011; and

Be it Finally Resolved, that the Mayor is authorized to sign the Agreement after review by the City Attorney's office as to form.

2011-0454 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2012 Application

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Public Service options.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

Debby Hoyle, Financial Analyst, explained that the City participates in the

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program through Oakland County, which receives funding from the Federal Government through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). She pointed out that this year, the Public Service cap of these funds is limited to a maximum of 15 percent of the CDBG total, cutting funding from last year by 50 percent. She explained that Council has four options to consider; and the Administration recommends Option 1, which would split funding evenly among all agencies currently supported. She mentioned that HUD regulations stipulate that the minimum any agency can receive is \$2,500.

President Hooper Opened the Public Hearing at 9:03 p.m.

Seeing no public input, President Hooper Closed the Public Hearing at 9:04 p.m.

President Hooper gave the agencies in attendance an opportunity to address Council.

Pat Gregory, representing Haven, stated that domestic violence and sexual assault is on the rise. She mentioned that in 2009, Haven serviced 227 people in Rochester Hills affected by either by domestic violence or sexual assault. She noted that Haven works directly toward prevention and protection; and the organization not only tries to protect the victim and the children, it tries to get to the perpetrators to eradicate the problem of domestic violence and sexual assault by education and prevention. She requested Council approve the same level of funding it had in 2009 and 2010.

Linda Riggs, representing Rochester Area Neighborhood House (RANH), explained that RANH provides food, clothing, counseling, education and transportation to families in our community. She noted that CDBG funding in the past helped to support the Clothes Closet, providing emergency clothing, including socks, underwear, school supplies, winter coats and blankets for 500 families; almost 2,000 individuals. She commented that while it is a difficult decision, RANH hopes that Council will realize what the organization can do to speak for the less fortunate in our community, treating them with respect and dignity.

Mike Kazyak, representing Avondale Youth Assistance, thanked Council for its support in the past, noting that the organization serves not only the children, but their families as well.

Pam Stralkowski, representing Rochester Area Youth Assistance (RAYA), introduced Brandy Boyd, representing Rochester Avon Recreation Authority (RARA), and explained that the two organizations have partnered together for the past 13-plus years with the help of CDBG funding to put on Camp Safari in the summer for the poorest children in the community in two targeted areas. She commented that the highest risk children need a safe place to be in the summer and the camp provides child care and peace of mind to their families. She thanked Council for its long-standing support and stated that the organizations recognize the difficult decisions Council has had to make with limited funding.

Council Discussion:

President Hooper noted that the Administration presented four options for consideration.

Mr. Yalamanchi thanked all agencies in attendance, commenting that every organization provides a critical and essential need. He stated that he preferred Option 1, noting it is his desire for each organization to continue providing services.

Mr. Klomp questioned whether each organization takes all of the allocated funds, noting that there was a time in the past that not all funds were used by the organizations.

Ms. Hoyle responded that while that was the case several years ago, the organizations are utilizing all funding now.

Mr. Klomp stated that while he sits as a Council Representative to the Rochester Area Youth Assistance Board, he does not have a bias when it comes to taking care of those in need in the City. He concurred that Option 1 is best, noting that it is not possible to keep funding the same for all organizations in 2012 as it had for 2011.

Mr. Brennan commented that all services are important, and noted that during his time as a representative on the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council, the group's 5K fund raiser was dedicated to fund RANH. He stated that he supported Option 1, noting that he does not believe that money should be pulled away from any organization.

Mr. Rosen questioned whether the organizations receive CDBG funding from other communities as well.

Ms. Hoyle responded that it is her belief that the Older Persons Commission receives CDBG funds strictly from Rochester Hills. She mentioned that funding for RANH and RAYA are solely for use for Rochester Hills.

Mr. Rosen questioned whether Haven is supported by other communities.

Ms. Gregory responded that while Haven receives funding from other communities, the CDBG funds it receives from Rochester Hills' allocation is only for the benefit of City residents.

Ms. Riggs responded that CDBG funding received by RANH is specifically targeted for the Clothes Closet. She mentioned that Oakland Township previously used CDBG funds to help fund RANH's transportation program, but the Township's total allocation has been cut to only \$2,500, meaning funds can only go to one organization. She stated that it is not likely that Oakland Township CDBG funds will go to RANH.

Mr. Rosen questioned whether funding for any organization at the Option 1 level would render any of the individual services effectively inoperative for Rochester Hills residents.

Ms. Gregory responded that the cut in funding will not yield their program inoperable; however, it will put a dent in the services Haven tries to provide.

Mr. Rosen questioned whether receiving 50 percent of last year's funding is considered as bad as receiving zero funds. If so, he would consider another option.

Ms. Gregory responded that it is not.

Mr. Rosen stated that Option 1 is the City's best bet to fund all organizations.

Ms. Gregory commented that one should see first-hand how people are impacted that are victimized by domestic violence. She commented that it is the children in the middle who have no choice in the matter.

Mr. Rosen noted that his intent is to hurt the fewest, commenting that Council has no choice but to accept the reduced level of funding.

Mr. Webber stated that Option 1 is the only option that does not exclude a particular organization, commenting that they all have a unique mission that should be continued the best it can.

Mr. Klomp questioned how the funding allocations are determined.

Ms. Hoyle responded that funding in the past was determined by how many individuals were served and by the programs themselves. She commented that the allocations could be changed, if desired.

Mr. Klomp stated that he would agree that it is impossible to say that any cut would hurt one organization less than another. He mentioned that RAYA has done a number of things to raise additional funds and suggested that the organizations could cooperate by sharing fund raising ideas.

Mr. Brennan stated that the organizations should try to find ways to supplement the losses all of the organizations must incur. He commented that it is best to take the cuts across the board, noting that while it would be Council's desire to provide everyone with the funding they need, it is just not possible. He suggested the organizations approach the youth groups in the community, including the National Honor Societies and Key Clubs of the various high schools, to enlist their help.

Mr. Rosen questioned whether Council members serving on the various boards that receive funds should recuse themselves from voting.

John Staran, City Attorney, noted that it would be appropriate for Mr. Yalamanchi, Mr. Klomp and Mr. Webber to abstain from voting, as they serve on the boards for various organizations represented.

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

Aye 4 - Hooper, Pixley, Rosen and Brennan

Abstain 3 - Klomp, Webber and Yalamanchi

Enactment No: RES0223-2011

Whereas, Oakland County is preparing an Annual Action Plan to meet application requirements for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, and other Community Planning and Development (CPD) programs; and

Whereas, Oakland County has requested CDBG-eligible projects from participating communities for inclusion in the Action Plan; and

Whereas, the City of Rochester Hills has duly advertised and conducted a public hearing on October 17, 2011 for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding the proposed use of Program Year 2012 Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG) in the approximate amount of \$129,441; and

Whereas, the City of Rochester Hills found that the following projects meet the federal objectives of the CDBG program and are prioritized by the community as high priority need.

Account Number	Project Name	Amount
731227	Minor Home Repair	\$110,025
	Public Services Total	\$ 19,416
Option 1 Allocation		
732170	Yard Services	\$ 6,671
732185	Youth Services	\$ 6,824
730137	Battered & Abused Spouses	\$ 3,421
730571	Emergency Services	\$ 2,500
		<u>\$129,441</u>

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City of Rochester Hills CDBG application is hereby authorized to be submitted to Oakland County for inclusion in Oakland County's Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all documents, agreements, or contracts which result from this application to Oakland County.

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

2011-0451 Nomination/Appointment of one (1) Citizen Representative to the Historic Districts Commission to fill the unexpired term of Murray Woolf ending December 31, 2013

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Nomination Form.pdf](#)
[Booth CQ.pdf](#)
[Cobb CQ.pdf](#)
[Davidson CQ.pdf](#)
[Deel CQ.pdf](#)
[Golden CQ.pdf](#)
[Hill CQ.pdf](#)
[Miller CQ.pdf](#)
[Tischer CQ.pdf](#)
[Notice of Vacancy.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

Public Comment:

Paul Miller, 1021 Harding, stated that last year, Murray Woolf was appointed to fill a seat on the Historic Districts Commission (HDC) that he had previously held, and requested that Council appoint him to complete Mr. Woolf's term. He pointed out that he resides in a historically-designated home, and would be the only person on the HDC to be subject to the HDC's regulations and oversight authority. He commented that he has been very involved in historic preservation, and noted that while he may have disagreed with Council decisions in the past, he felt that the HDC should have a diversity of opinion.

President Hooper Opened the Floor for Nominations.

Mr. Webber nominated Charles Tischer.

Mr. Yalamanchi nominated William Davidson.

Mr. Rosen nominated Paul Miller and Melinda Hill.

President Hooper Closed the Floor for Nominations. and noted that as there were four nominations, the item would be set over to the November 14, 2011, Council meeting for a vote.

Discussed.

- 2011-0452** Acceptance of Resignation from Murray Woolf from the Historic Districts Study Committee

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[Resolution.pdf](#)

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

Aye 7 - Hooper, Klomp, Pixley, Rosen, Webber, Yalamanchi and Brennan

Enactment No: RES0224-2011

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby accepts the resignation of Murray Woolf as a member of the Historic Districts Study Committee effective October 5, 2011 and requests a letter of appreciation be sent thanking Mr. Woolf for his service and dedication to the community.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2011-0429** Request for Conditional Land Use Approval - Pam's Day Care, a proposed child care facility for up to 12 children at 3057 Midvale, Rochester Hills, MI 48309, located south of Auburn and west of Crooks; Pamela Prange, Applicant

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Staff Report 100411](#)
[Map.pdf](#)
[Letter Prange 090511.pdf](#)
[Environmental Impact Statement.pdf](#)
[Survey-Floor Plan.pdf](#)
[Minutes PC 100411.pdf](#)
[Ordinance Sections.pdf](#)
[PHN CLU.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

President Hooper noted that as the Applicant was not in attendance, this item would be held over until the November 14, 2011 Regular City Council Meeting.

Postponed.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Barnett read a letter from a resident commending Ed Leafdale, General Foreman, and DPS staff members for their care and compassion shown to him and his family during his wife's last few days of a 13-year battle with breast cancer. The resident reported that during that difficult time, a watermain leak was discovered in front of his home. The crew showed compassion, speed and empathy in repairing the problem. After his wife's passing on September 9th, a sympathy card signed by Mr. Leafdale and 13 men who worked on the watermain was delivered to his home.

President Hooper commented that it has been a great pleasure to work with this City Council and noted that he will not be in attendance at the Regular Council Meeting of November 14, 2011.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Regular Meeting - Monday, November 14, 2011 - 7:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Council, President Hooper adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

GREG HOOPER, President
Rochester Hills City Council

JANE LESLIE, Clerk
City of Rochester Hills

MARY JO WHITBEY
Administrative Secretary
City Clerk's Office

Approved as presented at the November 14, 2011 Regular City Council Meeting.