



Rochester Hills

Minutes

City Council Regular Meeting

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*Greg Hooper, Nathan Klomp, Adam Kochenderfer, James Rosen, Mark Tisdel,
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 8, 2012

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.

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Greg Hooper, Nathan Klomp, Adam Kochenderfer, James Rosen, Mark Tisdel, Michael Webber and Ravi Yalamanchi

Others Present:

*Bryan Barnett, Mayor
Scott Cope, Director of Building/Ordinance Compliance
Jane Leslie, City Clerk
Tara Presta, Chief Assistant
Chris Russell, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Representative
Keith Sawdon, Director of Finance
Allan Schneck, Director of DPS/Engineering
Joe Snyder, Senior Financial Analyst*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Aye 7 - Hooper, Klomp, Kochenderfer, Rosen, Tisdel, Webber and Yalamanchi

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lawrence Whitt, 2777 Bridget Avenue, requested Council consider a noise ordinance, stating that noise from fireworks and from those working outside late with power tools at night is disturbing to him. He commented that many other communities have enacted ordinances to deal with noise issues.

Pastor Kathy Wuopio, 808 Swan, stated that she lives in the Avon on the Lake Senior Mobile Home complex and noise from vehicles hitting the rumble strips on M-59 is extremely loud. She commented that since the freeway has been redone, the noise has gotten worse. She presented a petition signed by 55 residents of the community requesting the City investigate the residents' concerns and determine a way to minimize the noise impact.

Cindy Karl, 810 Stanford Circle, stated that she is a research nurse at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital and wanted to make residents aware of Beaumont's Human Subjects Research Protection Program. She explained that the program is in its 30th year, and facilitates all research that takes place in the Beaumont Hospital system. She noted that the program received full accreditation in March of 2011, and is one of only five programs in Michigan and 200 in the United States to achieve this certification. She encouraged individuals interested in learning how they can become a participant to visit Beaumont's website at beaumont-hospitals.com, and click to the "research" link.

LEGISLATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

In response to Public Comment, **President Hooper** noted that State Law prohibits the use of fireworks except for the day before, day of and day after the holiday. He commented that while Council could consider adopting an Ordinance, the offender would have to be found in order for enforcement to occur. He stated that concerns are not just limited to Rochester Hills and this issue should be addressed at the State level. In response to Public Comment on excessive noise on M-59, he stated that rumble strips are installed on freeways as a safety measure. He noted that the Administration should investigate which sections of the rumble strips are causing the excessive noise and perhaps they could be removed. He requested Allan Schneck, Director of DPS/Engineering, pursue a discussion with the Michigan Department of Transportation on how to solve this problem without compromising safety on M-59.

He expressed condolences to Mr. Tisdell on the passing of his father, and announced that his own mother passed away this past Thursday. He expressed appreciation for the offers of support he and his family have received.

Mr. Webber offered his condolences and prayers to Mr. Tisdell and President Hooper. In response to Public Comment regarding excessive noise, he commented that the State recognizes that the recently-enacted Fireworks Law has been a fiasco and legislators are working toward changing the law prior to the next holiday. He stated that this is the first he has heard of noise complaints in the Avon on the Lake Mobile Home Park. He noted that the City will look into the issue and mentioned that this was an MDOT project.

Mr. Klomp stated that he was saddened by the news of the passing of President Hooper's mother and Mr. Tisdell's father. He expressed his condolences.

Mr. Kochenderfer stated that his prayers go out to President Hooper's and Mr. Tisdel's families. He concurred with previous comments regarding the Fireworks Law, noting that this legislation has had few benefits and presented many problems. He noted that Council and the Administration will interface with other entities to address noise issues along M-59.

Mr. Rosen stated that he and his wife, Cathy, offer their condolences to both families.

Mr. Tisdel extended his appreciation for the well wishes and prayers of support extended during this difficult time.

Mr. Yalamanchi expressed his heartfelt condolences to both families, noting that this is an event in everyone's lives that they know will happen, but never want to happen. In response to Public Comment, he stated that he is aware that there are noise issues along M-59 and would like to learn of what could be done to solve the problem.

Chris Russell, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC) Representative, reported that the RHGYC helped out manning the City's water station for the Brooksie Way. He stated that the group is in the process of forming several Action Committees, including Senior Services, Education Outreach dealing with anti-bullying issues and a Green Team for environmental action. He noted that the group's first fund raiser is to sell Parisian coupon books and stated that for a \$5.00 donation, individuals can receive a coupon book containing a \$10 coupon, along with many other offers. The coupon books can be used on November 9th and 10th. Interested individuals can contact any RHGYC member. He added that Mayor Barnett visited the RHGYC meeting to discuss the possibility of the development of a community garden.

Mayor Barnett stated that his thoughts and prayers are with the Hooper and Tisdel families. He reported that Vice Presidential Candidate Paul Ryan is at Oakland University tonight for a campaign rally. In response to Public Comment, he mentioned that he attended the Michigan Municipal League's conference last weekend and those attending share the view that the Fireworks Law is an absolute disaster. He stated that a change to the legislation should be coming in the first part of next year. He made the following announcements:

- Both the Crooks Road Project and the Livernois Road Bridge should be open to traffic on Friday, November 2nd. Both projects are still on schedule and under budget.
- The Main Street Reconstruction Project is slated for reopening on November 23rd.
- All Paint Creek Trail bridges are now open.
- Fire Safety Week activities include:
 - * Emergency Apparatus Display on Friday, November 12th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Meijer's Parking Lot at Auburn and Rochester Roads.
 - * Open House at all City Fire Stations on Sunday, October 14th from Noon to 4:00 p.m.

* 9-11 Memorial Dedication on Sunday, October 14th at 4:30 p.m., Fire Station No. 1. The memorial includes steel from the World Trade Center.
- The Stonewall Pumpkin Festival will be held on Saturday, October 13th at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. The event will welcome 4,000 to 5,000 individuals and feature all carved pumpkins lit during the evening.

He noted that **Tara Presta**, Chief Assistant, would present a brief update on a couple of items.

Ms. Presta reported that the Brooksie Way Half-Marathon held on September 30th had a phenomenal turnout with over 5,800 racers in the half-marathon, 5K and one-mile walk. She stated that the race committee continue to look to identify new ways to increase communication efforts toward the residents. She noted that 75 complaints were received in the race's first year; and stated that this year, the Mayor's office received only five.

She announced that the City received word that it has received an additional \$90,000 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to continue work on Phase 3 of the Avon Creek Restoration Project. She displayed aerial photographs showing before-and-after photos of the project and noted the restoration work that has been completed to date.

ATTORNEY MATTERS

None.

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.

2012-0322 Approval of Minutes - City Council Special Meeting - August 20, 2012

Attachments: [CC Special Mtg Min 082012.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0190-2012

Resolved, that the Minutes of a Rochester Hills City Council Special Meeting held on August 20, 2012 be approved as presented.

2012-0328 Approval of Minutes - City Council Special Meeting - August 27, 2012

Attachments: [CC Special Mtg Min 082712.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0191-2012

Resolved, that the Minutes of a Rochester Hills City Council Special Meeting held on August 27, 2012 be approved as presented.

2012-0345 Approval of Minutes - City Council Special Meeting - September 10, 2012

Attachments: [CC Special Mtg Min 091012.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0192-2012

Resolved, that the Minutes of a Rochester Hills City Council Special Meeting held on September 10, 2012 be approved as presented.

2012-0346 Approval of Minutes - City Council Regular Meeting - September 10, 2012

Attachments: [CC Min 091012.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0193-2012

Resolved, that the Minutes of a Rochester Hills City Council Regular Meeting held on September 10, 2012 be approved as presented.

2012-0348 Request for Acceptance of a Watermain Easement granted by Northbrooke East LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, for Northbrooke East Condominiums

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

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0194-2012

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby accepts a watermain easement granted by Northbrooke East LLC, 4405 Tumeric Drive, Sterling Heights, Michigan 48314, for the construction, operation, maintenance, repair and/or replacement of a watermain, over, on, through and across land more particularly described as Parcel No. 15-33-128-009.

Further Resolved, that the City Clerk is directed to record the easement with the Oakland County Register of Deeds.

- 2012-0349** Request for Acceptance of a Sanitary Sewer Easement granted by Northbrooke East LLC, for Northbrooke East Condominiums, for Parcel No. 15-33-128-009

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Sanitary Sewer Easement.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0195-2012

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby accepts a sanitary sewer easement granted by Northbrooke East LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, 4405 Tumeric Drive, Sterling Heights, Michigan 48314, for the construction, operation, maintenance, repair and/or replacement of a sanitary sewer, over, on, under, through and across land more particularly described as Parcel No. 15-33-128-009.

Further Resolved, that the City Clerk is directed to record the easement with the Oakland County Register of Deeds.

- 2012-0350** Request for Approval of the Storm Water Maintenance Agreement between the City of Rochester Hills and Northbrooke East LLC, a Michigan limited liability company

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

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0196-2012

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the storm water system maintenance agreement, relative to the details of the development and use, repair and maintenance of the storm water system, for Northbrooke East LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, 4405 Tumeric Drive, Sterling Heights, Michigan 48314.

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

- 2012-0351** Request for Acceptance of the warranty deed for public road right-of-way work on Northbrooke East Condominiums, granted by Northbrooke East LLC, a Michigan limited liability company

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

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0197-2012

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby accepts the warranty deed granted

by Northbrooke East LLC, 4405 Tumeric Drive, Sterling Heights, Michigan 48314, for part of Parcel No. 15-33-128-009, being Northbrooke East Condominiums.

Further Resolved, that the City Clerk is directed to record the warranty deed with the Oakland County Register of Deeds.

2012-0352 Request for Approval of the Winter Maintenance Agreement for Livernois Road between the Road Commission for Oakland County and the City of Rochester Hills for 2012/2013

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Winter Maintenance Agreement.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0198-2012

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the Winter Maintenance Agreement for the 2012/2013 winter season between the City of Rochester Hills and the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Klomp, seconded by Yalamanchi, 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, Kochenderfer, Rosen, Tisdell, Webber and Yalamanchi

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2012-0342 FY 2012 3rd Quarter Budget Amendments

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[2012 - 3rd Qtr BA Overview.pdf](#)
[2012 - 3rd Qtr BA Detail.pdf](#)
[2012 - 3rd Qtr Budget Adjustment Detail.pdf](#)
[Public Hearing Notice.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

Keith Sawdon, Director of Finance, introduced **Joe Snyder**, Senior Financial Analyst, and stated that Mr. Snyder would present the details of the Fiscal Year 2012 3rd Quarter Budget Amendments.

Mr. Snyder stated that the 3rd Quarter Budget Amendments will decrease City-wide total revenues by \$263,000 and decrease total expenses by \$711,000. He explained that the result is a net decrease in the use of Fund Balance of \$448,380. He highlighted the changes which include:

- Inter Fund look-backs, or true-up amounts from actual audited 2011 numbers versus originally budgeted expenses net a total reduction in both operating

expenses and revenues of \$1.1 million. Overcollections in 2011 for services provided are refunded back to user departments in 2012.

- Capital Projects increase by \$450,000. These are projects that Council has already approved; the amounts are being brought forth in the budget to match the approvals.

* Significant projects include the Museum Calf Barn Restoration, HVAC project at Fire Station #1, and work on the Avon and Livernois pathway enhancements.

- Decrease to transfers out of \$89,000; less General Fund contribution is needed to subsidize expenditures.

President Hooper noted that the Capital Expenditure for hand-held radios is the only expenditure that was not previously approved. He commented that this is not a major expense.

President Hooper Opened the Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m.

Seeing No Public Comment, President Hooper Closed the Public Hearing at 7:36 p.m.

Mr. Klomp questioned the differences in revenue amounts for the various funds.

Mr. Sawdon responded that service funds that bill other funds, such as Facilities, are returning revenues to the other funds. He noted that Facilities, for instance, did not need to collect as much as it did from the General Fund.

Mr. Snyder added that no net monies are leaving or coming into the City; these amounts are reflective of the true charges to the other funds.

Mr. Yalamanchi requested information on the following:

- What the \$32,000 increase in Administrative Tax Fees represents, noting that the City does not collect an administrative fee for tax payments.
- Whether the expense to the Fire Fund was due to the ambulance accident and inquired whether the cost is covered by insurance.
- What the status of the laptop program is.
- Why the handheld radio must be replaced.
- How the architect's contribution to the added expense at Fire Station #1 was handled.
- What the total contribution of donations to the Calf Barn is.

Mr. Sawdon responded with the following:

- Administrative Tax Fees represent fees for delinquent items. He explained that the Administration conservatively estimates revenues and he stated that these amounts are coming in higher than expected.
- The architect made an error when designing the depth of asphalt needed at Fire Station #1, requiring an additional expense of \$10,000. The architect contributed one-third of the total cost of the increase.

Mr. Snyder responded with the following:

- The expense due to the ambulance accident is covered by insurance.
- The laptop program contract has been awarded, and the amount was less than budgeted. The amount is being adjusted to reflect the true cost.
- A radio reading unit was damaged and had to be replaced. Due to the cost of the unit, the expense hit the capitalization threshold. It was submitted as an insurance claim.
- The total budget approved for the Museum Calf Barn is \$340,000. The project is expected to be net-neutral to the budget.

Mr. Yalamanchi questioned what the largest impact would be to fund balance.

Mr. Sawdon responded that the biggest drop in the use of Fund Balance comes in the area of Capital Projects, and stated City is reducing what it takes from General Fund.

Mr. Snyder added that it is primarily due to the Major Road Funds.

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, Kochenderfer, Rosen, Tisdell, Webber and Yalamanchi

Enactment No: RES0199-2012

Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 2 of 1968, the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, and the Charter for the City of Rochester Hills, Chapter III Section 3.7, the City Council may amend the budget during the fiscal year, either on its own initiative or upon recommendation of the Mayor; and

Whereas, in accordance with Section 19 of Public Act 2 of 1968, the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act the City Council may permit the Mayor to execute *adjustments* to the budget within limits;

Whereas, the Public Hearing for the proposed 2012 3rd Quarter Budget Amendments was noticed on September 20, 2012; and

Whereas, the proposed 2012 3rd Quarter Budget Amendments were available for public viewing beginning on September 28, 2012; and

Whereas, at its October 8, 2012 meeting City Council held a Public hearing on the proposed 3rd Quarter Budget Amendments.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the following 2012 fund totals as amended:

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| 101 - General Fund | \$23,944,440 |
| 202 - Major Road Fund | 5,524,110 |
| 203 - Local Street Fund | 6,522,960 |
| 206 - Fire Fund | 7,365,510 |
| 207 - Special Police | 9,085,800 |
| 214 - Pathway Maintenance | 549,890 |
| 244 - Water Resources Fund | 651,260 |
| 403 - Pathway Construction Fund | 477,500 |

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| 420 - Capital Improvement Fund | 284,480 |
| 592 - W&S Operating Fund | 31,170,850 |
| 593 - W&S Capital Fund | 5,860,070 |
| 631 - Facilities Fund | 5,673,860 |
| 636 - MIS Fund | 1,834,470 |
| 661 - Fleet Equipment Fund | 4,203,970 |
| 677 - Insurance Fund | 578,620 |

and, Therefore, Be It Further Resolved, the Mayor is authorized to administratively adjust the operating budget line-items up to \$25,000 per event, but in no case may total expenditures of a particular fund exceed that which is appropriated by the City Council without a budget amendment.

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

- 2012-0312 Nomination/Appointment to the Building Authority to fill the unexpired term of Frank Cosenza ending December 31, 2014

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Appointment Form.pdf](#)
[McCracken CQ.pdf](#)
[Paurazas CQ.pdf](#)
[100812 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Nomination Form.pdf](#)
[Notice of Vacancy.pdf](#)
[091012 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Cosenza Resignation.pdf](#)
[091012 Resolution.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

President Hooper Opened the Floor for Nominations, noting that if more than one individual is nominated, this item will be held over to the next meeting for a vote:

Mr. Klomp nominated Chris McCracken.
Mr. Yalamanchi nominated Stanley Paurazas.

Seeing no other nominations, ***President Hooper Closed the Floor for Nominations***. He noted that the item would return to the next Regular City Council Meeting for a vote.

Discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2012-0361 Request to Accept a Dance-Entertainment Agreement and Approve a new Dance-Entertainment Permit for Tavern in the Hills located at 1711 E. Auburn Road, Rochester Hills, MI

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Dance Entertain Permit Agrmnt.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

Matt Moore, representing M & D Auburn Investments, stated that he purchased the former Bourbon Jakes building one year ago and is reopening the business as Tavern in the Hills. He noted that the restaurant will feature a family-friendly menu and wishes a Dance-Entertainment Permit to feature live music and dancing on weekends.

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, Kochenderfer, Rosen, Tisdell, Webber and Yalamanchi

Enactment No: RES0200-2012

Whereas, the Rochester Hills City Council accepts and approves the Dance-Entertainment Permit Agreement between the City of Rochester Hills and Matthew Moore for the establishment known as Tavern in the Hills, located at 1711 E. Auburn Road, Rochester Hills, Michigan.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and deliver the agreement on behalf of the City.

2012-0353 Request for Purchase Authorization - BLDG/FAC: Increase Blanket Purchase Order for tuckpointing and masonry services in the amount of \$27,000.00 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$51,500.00; Poe Restoration and Waterproofing Company, Commerce, MI

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

Scott Cope, Director of Building/Ordinance Compliance, stated that the City currently has five projects budgeted for the year and one that has been completed which include masonry and tuck pointing services. He explained that one project completed at Fire Station #1 included repair to a leak in a basement wall along with tuck pointing needed prior to painting. Other projects include work at the Museum.

President Hooper questioned whether any amount would be added to the 4th Quarter Budget Amendment for this work.

Mr. Cope responded no.

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

Aye 7 - Hooper, Klomp, Kochenderfer, Rosen, Tisdell, Webber and Yalamanchi

Enactment No: RES0201-2012

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes an increase of the Blanket Purchase Order for tuckpointing and masonry services to Poe Restoration and Waterproofing Company, Commerce, Michigan in the amount of \$27,000.00 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$51,500.00 through April 18, 2013.

2012-0354 Request for Purchase Authorization - DPS/ENG: Contract/Blanket Purchase Order for a SCADA Propagation Study and Consulting Services in the amount not-to-exceed \$120,615.00; RCC Consultants, Inc., Tallahassee, FL

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Project Approach.pdf](#)
[Proposals Tabulation.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

Allan Schneck, Director of DPS/Engineering, stated that the City's Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system collects and transmits data throughout the City's 32 square miles through a radio transmission infrastructure. The data is from 36 independent sites including sanitary sewer pump stations, water booster stations, and pressure reducing valves. The SCADA system is essential and gives the City the ability to monitor and manage sites remotely. Preset alarm notifications are sent through the system. The current radio system is 12 years old, the radios are obsolete, and replacement and repair parts are no longer available. A study is being requested to determine the most appropriate replacement.

President Hooper questioned the timeframe for the Study and what the various phases would entail.

Mr. Schneck responded that the study must move forward immediately, as it must be done when foliage is on the trees. He explained that first bonds and insurance must be obtained by the consultant and an agreement signed. A team would be assembled to discuss solutions and recommendations. He noted that the study would consist of two phases, with the first phase being a computer simulation, taking into account the various sites, longitudes, latitudes and elevations. An initial evaluation would be performed and field verification made. He stated that field verification would occur during October and November with analysis and recommendation expected in December.

Mr. Yalamanchi questioned the system's age and what the typical lifespan is of this type of radio.

Mr. Schneck responded that the system was launched approximately 12 years ago, subsequent to a study done at that time. He stated that the system became operational in 2004.

Mr. Yalamanchi questioned whether the current software meets the City's needs and what a needs assessment would entail.

Mr. Schneck responded that the current software does meet the City's needs. He explained that a needs assessment would look at the City's existing transmission infrastructure. He noted that the City is not getting the type of communications it was accustomed to.

Mr. Yalamanchi questioned whether simply replacing the radios would solve the problem. He suggested that the study focus on a system that would not need constant updating.

Mr. Schneck responded that it would not. He noted that there are better efficiencies now. He stated that there has been discussion whether it would be better to have signal come first to the City Hall tower and be transmitted to DPS. He commented that the goal is to minimize the hopping of data from point to

point. He stated that the study will first perform a needs assessment, a computer generated model, and then field verification. He noted that following that phase, the City would solicit for the actual implementation and installation of a system and come back to Council for approval.

Mr. Yalamanchi questioned whether there is a cost estimate beyond the study amount.

Mr. Schneck responded that there is no estimate yet and it will depend on the solution.

Mr. Klomp questioned whether the system's life of 12 years was what was anticipated.

Mr. Schneck responded that technology changes quickly and 12 years is a reasonable life for those radios. He commented that the radios are becoming obsolete. He stated that the City does have a couple of units in inventory and attempt to repair current units.

President Hooper questioned the timing of the project.

Mr. Schneck responded that the actual replacement of the system was in the CIP for 2013; however, as Staff started researching technology, it was determined that a propagation study should be done.

Mr. Webber questioned whether the project would return to Council for approval.

Mr. Schneck responded that the City will go out and solicit bids to replace the radios.

President Hooper noted that Council must approve the actual purchase of the hardware.

Mr. Yalamanchi requested Council receive the status of the assessment upon completion.

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

Aye 7 - Hooper, Klomp, Kochenderfer, Rosen, Tisdell, Webber and Yalamanchi

Enactment No: RES0202-2012

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a Contract/Blanket Purchase Order for a SCADA Propagation Study and Consulting Services to RCC Consultants, Inc., Tallahassee, Florida in the amount not-to-exceed \$120,615.00.

2012-0360 Request for Approval for the 2012/2013 Police School Liaison Program between the Rochester Community School District, the City of Rochester, Oakland Township and the City of Rochester Hills

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[2012-13 Police Liaison Calc.pdf](#)
[Suppl Year Over Year Comparison.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

Keith Sawdon, Director of Finance, stated that the Police School Liaison Program is designed to bring police awareness to school children. He noted that four entities are involved in the program for 2012-2013; and the City's share of the program cost is 69 percent. He explained that the percentages for contribution are based on student population and home address. He pointed out that the City's percentage has actually dropped over time, noting that in 2006, the City's share was 71 percent. He mentioned that the school district has also picked up a larger percentage of the cost over time.

Mr. Webber expressed his appreciation for the program, stating that all communities involved in the contract have discussed cutting programs. He commented that he is glad that this is a program that had been able to be kept in the community and is another example of how communities work well together.

Mayor Barnett distributed additional information highlighting past contributions to the program.

Mr. Tisdell questioned whether the contract amount is contained within the Police Services budget.

Mr. Sawdon responded that it is, noting that it is based on the current Sheriff's contract.

Mr. Klomp expressed his appreciation for the program.

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, Kochenderfer, Rosen, Tisdell, Webber and Yalamanchi

Enactment No: RES0203-2012

Whereas, the City of Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the Police Liaison 2012/2013 (school year) budget in the amount of \$575,270.00 of which as a participating party, the City of Rochester Hills' contribution is \$277,002.00 as presented.

Now, Be It Resolved, that the Mayor is authorized to execute the documentation on behalf of the City.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Webber announced that the Rochester CROP Hunger Walk would be held on Sunday, October 14, 2012. The walk begins at the Kiwanis Pavilion in the Rochester Municipal Park. Various community organizations participate in this event which raises funds to provide meals to people in need in the community.

Mayor Barnett distributed information on proposed House Bill 5879, also known as the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Bill, which if passed will alter what municipalities will be authorized to do relative to FOIAs. He stated that most FOIA requests are made relative to businesses and are made by attorneys and consultants that charge for their own time. He stated that while at first glance the bill appears to promote transparency, from a municipality standpoint it would add a lot of costs. He requested Council review the information and respond to his office with thoughts; and suggested that Council may wish to consider a formal resolution in response to this proposed legislation. He mentioned that the legislation was proposed in response to some communities that choose to ignore FOIA requests and dictate penalties for not responding.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Regular Meeting - Monday, October 22, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Council, President Hooper adjourned the meeting at 8:12 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 October 22, 2012 Regular City Council Meeting.