



Rochester Hills Minutes City Council Work Session

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7:30 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

In compliance with the provisions of Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, the Open Meetings Act as amended, notice was given that the Rochester Hills Planning Commission would be joining the Rochester Hills City Council at their Regular Work Session held Wednesday, January 17, 2007 to discuss the Updated Master Use Plan and the Master Thoroughfare Plan.

CALL TO ORDER

President Rosen and Chairperson Boswell called the Joint Rochester Hills City Council / Planning Commission Work Session to order at 7:34 p.m. Michigan Time.

ROLL CALL - CITY COUNCIL / PLANNING COMMISSION

Present: Erik Ambrozaitis, Jim Duistermars, Barbara Holder, Greg Hooper, Linda Raschke, James Rosen, Ravi Yalamanchi, William Boswell, Deborah Brnabic, Gerard Dettloff, Kathleen Hardenburg, David Reece, C. Neall Schroeder and Emmet Yukon

Absent: Nicholas Kaltsounis

Others Present:

*Ed Anzek, Director of Planning/Development
Bryan Barnett, Mayor
Dan Casey, Manager of Economic Development
Paul Davis, City Engineer
Derek Delacourt, Deputy Director of Planning
Susan Galeczka, Deputy Clerk
Bob Grace, Director of MIS
Julie Jenuwine, Director of Finance
Jane Leslie, City Clerk
Leanne Scott, City Council Coordinator
Paul Shumejko, Transportation Engineer
John Staran, City Attorney*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Lee Zendel, 1575 Dutton Road, citing development of new shopping centers in Michigan, encouraged Council members and Rochester Hills residents to be more optimistic about the economy.

Ms. Alice Benbow, 1582 Northumberland Drive, discussed problems resulting from the current economy including increased home foreclosures and the jailing of "deadbeat dads." She then claimed that, although Rochester Hills residents had elected her as a precinct delegate, "people took away your vote and displaced me."

PRESENTATIONS

2006-0551

Master Land Use Plan Update (McKenna Associates, Inc., presenter).

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; Letter McKenna.pdf; County Letter.pdf; Final Draft.pdf

Mr. Derek Delacourt, Deputy Director of Planning, explained that the final step before adoption of the updated Master Land Use Plan (MLUP) was to gain feedback from surrounding communities. He noted that the results of this step were very positive and urged Council and Planning Commission members to read the report from Oakland County, which he described as "a testament to the thoroughness of this Master Land Use Plan process" and the input of the City Council, Planning Commission, Technical Committee and residents. He indicated that this would be the final opportunity for the City Council and Planning Commission to provide any final input before the MLUP is brought before the Planning Commission for final adoption.

Mr. Ambrozaitis questioned how the proposed MLUP would address the landfill issue in the City.

Mr. Delacourt explained that more flexibility had been incorporated into the Plan to better facilitate cleanup of landfill sites.

Mr. Ambrozaitis questioned why the development of the M-59 corridor as a "premier corporate office corridor" was designated as a medium priority when the MLUP notes that the demand for retail threatens that plan.

Mr. Delacourt suggested that it was likely prioritized that way due to the length of time and magnitude of the necessary efforts of tackling that issue.

Mr. Ambrozaitis questioned how the MLUP addresses the Olde Towne Center Area of Rochester Hills in terms of redevelopment and improvement.

Mr. Delacourt stressed that the proposed MLUP provides "flexibilities, opportunities and tools" to encourage investment in the upgrade of that area of the City.

Mr. James Breuckman, Principal Planner for McKenna Associates, Inc., 235 East Main Street, Northville, explained that a high priority task noted in the MLUP is the creation of a new Regional Employment Center Zoning District that will provide the primary tool to implement developing M-59 as a premier office corridor. He stressed that the highest priority task is always to get the zoning in place, which will ultimately encourage the type of development the City wants.

President Rosen expressed his concern that the original vision for the community as established beginning in the 1960s as primarily a bedroom community, was not being supported by this proposed MLUP update. He expressed particular concern for flexible uses and stressed that ordinances need to be carefully crafted to limit opportunities for abuse.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Melinda Hill, 1481 Mill Race, questioned why the steep slopes ordinance was prioritized as medium when it is nearly complete and encouraged that the consideration of historic preservation, in terms of land use and zoning decisions, be elevated above low priority.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

President Rosen explained that there are likely to be some apparent inconsistencies as a result of the time consuming nature of this type of update.

Mr. Delacourt further noted that the Planning Commission had determined that addressing the steep slopes issue was not reliant on the passage of the MLUP update.

Mr. Yalamanchi questioned what the next step would be in this process, stressing that it was critical to develop zoning according to the updated MLUP.

Mr. Delacourt explained that money was budgeted to begin the zoning ordinance rewrite process as soon as the Planning Commission adopts the updated MLUP. He further explained that staff would be bringing forward a purchase request for professional services to enlist the continued assistance and expertise of McKenna Associates, Inc., with regard to this project, which may require that Council waive the standard purchasing bid process. He stressed McKenna's expertise and familiarity with the City.

Mr. Ed Anzek, Director of Planning/Development, agreed stressing the benefits of the continued involvement of McKenna in this process.

Mr. Yalamanchi encouraged staff to move forward quickly stating, "the zoning is most critical."

Mr. William Boswell, Planning Commission Chair, indicated that the Planning Commission had recently passed a unanimous resolution asking that McKenna's services be employed for the zoning rewrite process.

Mr. Ambrozaitis, noting that he did not "object per se" to the continued services of McKenna, requested information regarding other companies capable of these types of services.

Mr. Anzek and **Mr. Delacourt** praised all individuals who participated in the MLUP update and, again, urged Council and Planning Commission members to review the Oakland County evaluation.

Presented**2007-0029**

Master Thoroughfare Plan Update (The Corradino Group of Michigan, Inc., presenter)

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; Work Plan.pdf; 0029 PowerPoint.pdf

Mr. Paul Shumejko, Transportation Engineer, explained that this presentation before City Council and the Planning Commission would kickoff the update of the Master Thoroughfare Plan (MTP). He further noted that through the City's quality-based selection process, staff chose The Corradino Group of Michigan to provide the professional services for this update, with traffic analysis assistance from Mr. Steve Dearing of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. He then briefly reviewed the background of this project, noting the following:

- The original Comprehensive Transportation Plan was adopted in 1989 and amended in 1991.

- In 1998 the plan was renamed the Master Thoroughfare Plan with additional supplements in 1999.

- *The 1999 supplements considered increased right-of-way along the Rochester Road Corridor.*
- *MTPs are typically updated every five to seven years.*
- *MTP updates typically follow updates of the Master Land Use Plan (MLUP).*
- *This MTP update would incorporate a review and analysis of the City's Pathway Network.*
- *Increased connectivity through the trails and other high pedestrian traffic generating areas will be examined.*

Mr. Shumejko concluded by requesting that Council and Planning Commission members consider who they would like to appoint to the MTP Technical Review Committee, noting that City staff had recommended two to three members from each body.

Mr. Joseph Corradino of The Corradino Group of Michigan, Inc., 2300 Civic Drive, Southfield, provided a presentation describing the services they would provide for the MTP update, noting the following:

- *The updated plan will extend out to 2035.*
- *The plan will take into consideration the updated MLUP.*
- *The project will be completed by the end of this year.*
- *It will take into consideration the long-range view of how motorized and non-motorized transportation systems work in combination within the City.*
- *Public input will be sought through half a dozen activities.*
- *The plan developed will be affordable, focusing not just on what is needed, but what the City can afford to accomplish.*
- *Data collection will focus on existing and future financial resources.*
- *The plan will take into consideration the fact that Michigan is a donor state in terms of Federal resources, sending more dollars to the Federal government than it receives.*
- *The City cannot continue to rely on gas tax dollars.*
- *The plan will represent a broad transportation vision.*
- *The impacts of noise, air quality, property acquisition, as well as the impacts on parks, etc., will be measured.*
- *A "Needs Plan" will be developed, as residents will want more than the community can afford.*
- *The Planning Commission's role in this process will be to guide and steer the process.*
- *The consultants will be accessible and will participate in any discussions; the process will be as transparent as possible.*
- *Schedule of Project Activities:*

1. *Community Involvement*
 - *Public Information Meetings:*
 - January
 - March
 - May
 - July
 - October
 - November
 - *Client/Consultant Coordination Meeting:*
 - Monthly
2. *Mapping/Data Development/Financial Resources:*
 - *December - April*
3. *Existing Transportation System Evaluation:*
 - *February - April*
4. *Year 2035 Needs and "Affordable" Plan:*
 - *May - November:*
 - Needs Plan - July
 - Cost "Affordable" Plan - September

Mr. James Hartman of The Corradino Group, 535 Griswold Street, Detroit, discussed the different issues and opportunities specific to this project, noting the following:

- *Outside land use pressures as well as internal land use decisions.*
- *Gaps in the non-motorized network.*
- *Environmental land use issues.*
- *Road discontinuity with Livernois north of Tienken.*
- *Rochester Hills is a bedroom community.*
- *Network changes and continued improvements within the transportation system.*

He stressed that this study would examine and answer the following:

- *How does the transportation system tie into the new MLUP?*
- *How do different modes interrelate?*
- *What is the vision in terms of land use, transportation, access, safety and operations?*

Mr. Steve Dearing of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, provided two examples of issues the study will address:

Rochester Road Corridor

- *Changes are needed as Rochester Road intersections are chronically in the top ten list of crashes year after year.*
- *New development will increase the pressures on this corridor.*
- *One possible solution is to create a six-lane boulevard with a narrow median,*

right-in/right-out access and a "string of pearls" of roundabouts at intersections to accommodate u-turns.

John R Corridor

- *The previous MTPs called for three lanes but did not identify it as a priority.*
- *Bring a better sense of clarity of how MTP policies will impact the community and resolve discrepancies.*

Mr. Dearing stressed the MTP is not a document that should only be updated every five to seven years, but rather should be a "living document" which can be implemented with every iteration of the Capital Improvement Plan. He indicated that this document should have built into it the guidance needed to take advantage of any financial opportunities that may arise.

Mr. Corradino, Mr. Hartman and Mr. Dearing responded as follows to questions and concerns raised by City Council and Planning Commission members:

- *Suggestions such as roundabouts on Rochester Road are just that, suggestions; citizen input and desires in conjunction with affordability, will ultimately drive the outcome of the updated plan.*
- *Included as part of the MTP update will be an extensive list of funding sources available for road improvements from state, federal and other sources.*
- *Additionally, MTP plans will be evaluated in terms of their likelihood of successfully accessing Oakland County Federal Aid Task Force dollars.*
- *The Corradino Group and Mr. Dearing are very familiar with the Rochester Hills area and will take into account all aspects of traffic and growth that could impact this plan.*
- *The list of evaluation factors includes minimizing neighborhood disruption and the purchase of private property, as well as controlling noise and other disruptions in sensitive locations.*
- *The consulting team does not have a "build, build, build philosophy," but rather a quality of life philosophy.*
- *There will be sensitivity to the "human nature element" wherein drivers tend to follow the path of least resistance by using side streets to avoid congestion.*
- *Public meetings will be held in the different City districts in order to gain as much and as varied citizen input as possible.*
- *While the public input communication process is tried and proven, the uniqueness of the outcome is guaranteed by the participation of the individual residents and will ultimately identify the specific needs of Rochester Hills.*
- *The current construction on Crooks Road during the study time frame will be anticipated and accounted for through the use of the City's data base of past traffic counts.*
- *There are always changes to the transportation systems during these types of studies.*
- *An MTP "is just a vision looking to the future" and, thus, should be revisited on a regular basis.*

Mr. Duistermars expressed his desire that this updated MTP, unlike the previous one, have flexibility built into it.

Mr. Yalamanchi encouraged the gathering of community input and urged the consultants to not sacrifice characteristics of the City in an effort to build flexibility into the plan.

Mayor Barnett noted that he was excited that the plan included a great deal of resident input.

President Rosen, noting his previous experience with four prior MTPs, cautioned that the City cannot "build ourselves out of congestion." He stressed that the City's transportation network has a significant positive and negative effect on the quality of life in the community. He noted that it would likely be beneficial to examine some innovative techniques such as narrower medians. He indicated that, in his experience, traffic congestion has improved since he moved to the City in 1985, crediting the SCATS traffic light system, flex time and telecommuting, as contributing factors.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Melinda Hill, 1481 Mill Race, suggested that the public meetings include materials that clearly identify which roads are under the jurisdiction of other entities and the plans for those roads.

Mr. Fred Hartman, 532 East Avon Road, a resident for over thirty years, noted that the City's traffic has been "miserable" since he was a child. He stressed that widening roads will not improve traffic congestion.

Ms. Brenda Savage, 1715 Northumberland Drive, Chairperson of No New Taxes, agreed that widening roads would not improve the traffic problem. She suggested that data from a recent Auburn Road study conducted by the State be included in the MTP research. She then expressed her opposition to roundabouts, noting that other communities have discontinued their use due to safety reasons.

Mr. Paul Miller, 1021 Harding, disagreed, stressing the improved safety associated with roundabouts as compared to traditional intersections. He supported the concept of "not making roads bigger to carry more cars."

COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

President Rosen noted that Council and the Planning Commission would need to appoint representatives to the MTP Technical Review Committee at their next respective meetings.

Presented

PLANNING COMMISSION ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Planning Commission, Chairperson Boswell adjourned the Planning Commission portion of the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

(RECESS 9:20 p.m. - 9:39 p.m.)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2007-0020

Public Hearing for Request for Approval of 2007 First Quarter Budget Amendments

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; 2007 - Budget Amendments.pdf; Public Hearing Notice -.pdf; 2007 -revised Budget Amendments.pdf; Memo to CC re revised amendment EEC carpet.pdf; Resolution.pdf

Ms. Julie Jenuwine, Director of Finance, provided an overview and brief explanation for some of the more significant items involved in the 2007 First Quarter Budget Amendment. She noted the following:

- General Fund:

* \$850,000 adjustment for the Grand Sakwa Consent Judgment payment.

* \$11,390 increase for the Paint Creek Trailway boundary survey representing a carryover of \$7,040 and a needed increase of \$4,350.

- Major Road Fund:

* \$102,000 carryover for Adams Road Realignment agreement.

* \$20,000 pass-through for an additional traffic evaluation for a private development.

- Local Road Fund:

* \$764,000 carryover for concrete slab replacement plan.

- Fire Operating Fund:

* \$60,000 for outside professional services to facilitate labor negotiations.

- Drain Maintenance Fund:

* \$135,000 carryover for East Ferry Drain right-of-way.

- Fire Capital Fund:

* \$85,000 for three administrative vehicles not purchased in 2006.

- Water & Sewer Capital Fund:

* \$300,000 decrease due to the cancellation of an evaluation study of the sanitary lines, in lieu of a manhole replacement project.

* \$1,000,000 for a manhole replacement program.

* \$3,000,000 (approximate) various carryover projects.

* \$217,620 for additional Radio Read Meters that are being installed quicker than anticipated.

- MIS Fund:

* \$114,000 carryover for Asset Management System.

* \$81,000 carryover for City-wide Records Management System.

* \$143,000 carryover for Financial Software System enhancement.

* \$4,000 False Alarm software.

- Fleet Fund:

* \$111,940 carryover for various vehicle purchases and cemetery mower.

- L DFA Fund:

* \$425,000 right-of-way purchase

* \$106,000 carryover for Leach and Waterview Extension.

- RARA Fund:

* \$32,450 adjustment requested for various fees, wages, rentals and supplies.

Mr. Ambrozaitis noted that he was opposed to the expenditure of \$5,000 for a community survey to be conducted with the assistance of Oakland University. He also questioned the cost of \$8,500 for new carpeting in the Environmental Education Center (EEC), and asked that it be removed. He also requested an explanation of the Asset Management System.

President Rosen suggested placing the Asset Management System on an upcoming Work Session agenda for further discussion.

Mayor Barnett assured Council that he would provide further information to Council regarding the need for new carpeting in the EEC.

President Rosen **Opened the Public Hearing at 9:50 p.m.**

Ms. Melinda Hill, 1481 Mill Race, questioned the change from the sanitary sewer evaluation study to a manhole replacement project. She encouraged Council to discuss the Asset Management Program at a Work Session and discouraged the use of \$5,000 for a survey that she felt was not "going to glean any really new information."

Ms. Jenuwine briefly explained that the manhole repair project stems from a previous year's study that indicated maintenance needs.

Mr. Lee Zendel, 1575 Dutton Road, questioned the \$850,000 for the Grand Sakwa Consent Judgment payment. He also questioned what the manhole repair program would entail.

There being no further Public Comment, President Rosen **Closed the Public Hearing at 9:55 p.m.**

City Attorney John Staran and **Mr. Ed Anzek**, Director of Planning/Development, explained that the Grand Sakwa Consent Judgment obligated the City to pay for the construction of a ring road on the development, the cost of which was not to exceed \$2.5 million in either credits for City inspection and review fees or cash.

Ms. Jenuwine explained that she believed the manhole project would be replacing or repairing the entire structure that leads down to the sewer pipe; however, she noted that the Director of DPS should be consulted for a more comprehensive explanation.

In response to a request for an update of the progress to the new DPS Facility, **Mayor Barnett** offered to have the Director of DPS provide a bimonthly update to Council.

Mr. Yalamanchi requested that the citizen survey to be conducted with assistance from Oakland University be delayed until a comprehensive strategic plan for the City has been developed.

Ms. Holder, Mr. Duistermars and Ms. Raschke expressed support for the survey noting the importance of gaining the input of City residents.

Mayor Barnett stressed that the survey instrument will result from the input of all department directors and several Council members. He noted the great opportunity conducting this survey with assistance from Oakland University represented.

Mr. Hooper requested that future budget amendments clearly identify carryover projects that have not yet begun, thus allowing Council the opportunity to cancel a project if they deem that action appropriate.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Melinda Hill, 1481 Mill Race, questioned how many responses to the survey are anticipated.

Mayor Barnett explained the survey would include 500 residents and stressed that, as with presidential election surveys, this will provide a statistically significant sample.

Ms. Lois Golden, 645 Apple Hill Lane, expressed her support for the survey.

Mr. Paul Miller, 1021 Harding, stated that while the survey may provide some insight, he questioned whether it could be considered scientifically relevant. He also asked that Council not diminish the level of representation of Citizen opinion that residents who attend Council meetings reflect.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Hooper questioned what the process would be when Council was to vote on the budget amendment if a member did not agree with specific items.

It was noted by Council members that Council does not have line item veto powers, so must either propose an amended resolution, or vote "no" on the resolution presented. Should the resolution fail, it is the responsibility of the administration to return a resolution to Council for further consideration at a later Council meeting.

Discussed

ADMINISTRATION

2006-0961

Request to establish an Industrial Development District at 1840 Enterprise Dr., Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Attachments: Agenda Summary IDD.pdf; 011007 Agenda Summary.pdf; Application.pdf; Tesla Lease.pdf; Set Public Hearing Resolution.pdf; Public Hearing Notice.pdf; Resolution.pdf

Mr. Dan Casey, Manager of Economic Development, described the tax abatement request for Tesla Motors, noting the following:

- Tesla Motors approached the City through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MDEC) in September of 2006 in search of a location for a tech center to design their White Star electric car.

- Despite Tesla's tight schedule for finding a new facility, the City was able to provide needed information regarding available sites, labor costs, tax rates, etc., in a timely manner.

- *The tech center would result in the creation of 50 to 60 new high-paying engineering and scientific jobs.*
- *As this is a Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) project, State law required a local match in the form of tax abatement, infrastructure improvement or a combination of both.*
- *As there were no infrastructure requirements for the site, and the requested abatement would not meet the State match, other incentives were arranged.*
- *Added incentives included high-level membership in Automation Alley at no charge, a free job fair and assistance through the Oakland University Incubator.*
- *Tesla's investment would be \$250,000 in personal property only.*
- *The request did not meet the Council's Tax Abatement Policy threshold of \$500,000 investment.*
- *An exception to the Policy threshold was recommended due to the uniqueness of the situation, as this is a MEGA project, and the technology had garnered a great deal of attention with the potential to change the auto industry.*
- *If approved, this project would result in approximately \$3,300 tax dollars abated for the entire three-year period for all taxing jurisdictions.*
- *The new employees of the company will likely contribute the total amount of the abatement to the local economy within the first month.*
- *The MEGA Board had already approved the request contingent on Rochester Hills' approval.*
- *The building Tesla intended to lease had been vacant for five and a half years.*
- *There are a great many automotive resources in the Rochester Hills area, such as suppliers, etc., that would benefit Tesla's tech center.*

Mr. John Thomas, Senior Director of the White Star Program, Tesla Motors, 1814 Chase Drive, Rochester, provided a presentation that outlined Tesla Motors and its electric car technology. He stressed the efficiency of their technology, especially as it compares to other emerging energy alternatives such as fuel cells and ethanol. He noted that the company's emphasis is not just on functionality, but also on performance and appearance. He particularly stressed the financial savings in purchasing electricity as opposed to gasoline.

Mr. Chuck Holmes, Senior Business Development Representative for the Oakland County Planning & Development Department, 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac, spoke in support of the tax abatement.

Council members welcomed Tesla Motors to the City and expressed their enthusiasm for the company.

Mr. Thomas and **Mr. Casey** addressed questions raised by Council members as follows:

- *The building to be leased provides the opportunity for future expansion.*
- *There is only a small chance that the assembly of the new vehicle will take place in Michigan, as it is not economically feasible due to real estate costs and shipping expenses.*

- The cars are purely electric; there is no gasoline involved.
- The batteries that power the cars will have a ten-year warranty resulting in reduction of approximately 20% capacity in that time frame.
- There will be a version of the car that will sell for less than \$50,000.
- This is the first MEGA project for Rochester Hills in at least three years and it is not anticipated that there will be many others as there are few resources expended for them at the State level.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Melinda Hill, 1481 Mill Race, welcomed Tesla to the City, but expressed her general opposition to tax abatements and the MEGA program.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

President Rosen, while stressing that Rochester Hills was the best location for this facility, noted that business decisions should not be based on tax abatements and questioned "whether it's appropriate to pit business winners over losers." He also disagreed with the requirement that MEGA approval be contingent on the local municipality's participation.

Discussed

2006-0960

Request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFT) at 1840 Enterprise, Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Attachments: Agenda Summary IFT.pdf; Development Agreement.pdf; AA Financial Analysis-Personal.pdf; District Map.pdf; 011007 Agenda Summary.pdf; Legal Description.pdf; Set Public Hearing Resolution.pdf; Public Hearing Notice.pdf; Resolution.pdf

Discussed

CITY COUNCIL

2007-0039

Request from Trailways Commission for additional funding for the Paint Creek Trail Boundary Map/Survey Project in the amount not-to-exceed \$4,347.20; Nowak & Fraus, Royal Oak, MI

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; Request from Kristen Myers.pdf; Trail Commission Attorney Opinion.pdf; Suppl - Mr. Fraus' Attorney Opinion.pdf; Suppl - Letter from JJ Associates.pdf; Suppl - Atty Opinion signed.pdf; Resolution.pdf

Mr. Yalamanchi noted that there were no questions and requested that this item be moved forward to the next City Council regular meeting.

Discussed

2007-0025

Change to the composition of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; 011707 Agenda Summary.pdf; Suppl - Minutes 11-13-02.pdf; 0025 Resolution.pdf

Mr. Duistermars, acknowledging that State law does not permit a member of the Planning Commission to serve on the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA), questioned whether a Planning Commission representative could still be appointed to that body as a non-voting member.

City Attorney John Staran noted that he felt that would violate the spirit of the law and recommended against it.

Council Consensus was to change the structure of the BRA to require that the Mayor appoint another citizen representative to be approved by City Council.

Discussed

2007-0031

Recommendation to allow Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC) Members' participation at City Council meetings and Work Sessions

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; RHGYC Guidelines.pdf; 011707 Agenda Summary.pdf; Draft 1 RHGYC Guidelines.pdf; Suppl - RHGYC Guidelines.pdf; Resolution.pdf

Mr. Ambrozaitis asked that this be brought forward at the next Regular Council meeting under the Consent Agenda.

Discussed

2006-0957

Discussion regarding the creation of additional Technical Review Committees

Attachments: 011707 Agenda Summary.pdf; 011007 Agenda Summary.pdf; Potential Technical Committees and Discussion Topics for Work Sessions.pdf

Postponed until the next Council Meeting

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Melinda Hill, 1481 Mill Race, requested more information about the new Technical Review Committees that Council was establishing and expressed her concern that the public would be excluded from these meetings.

President Rosen explained that Council was still in the process of creating the committees and that they would all be open to the public.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Regular Meeting - Wednesday, January 24, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Council, President Rosen adjourned the meeting at 11:40 p.m.

*JAMES ROSEN, President
Rochester Hills City Council*

*WILLIAM BOSWELL, Chairperson
Rochester Hills Planning Commission*

*JANE LESLIE, Clerk
City of Rochester Hills*

*MARGARET A. CASEY
Administrative Secretary
City Clerk's Office*

*Approved as presented at the April 11, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting.
Approved as presented at the May 1, 2007 Regular Planning Commission Meeting.*