



# Rochester Hills Minutes City Council Special Work Session

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*Erik Ambrozaitis, Bryan K. Barnett, Jim Duistermars, Barbara Holder,  
Linda Raschke, James Rosen, Ravi Yalamanchi*

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Wednesday, March 8, 2006

7:30 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

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## DRAFT

In accordance with the provisions of Act 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, the Open Meetings Act, notice was given that a Special Rochester Hills City Council Work Session would be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing various Budget Issues.

## CALL TO ORDER

*President Rosen called the Regular Rochester Hills City Council Meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. Michigan Time.*

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** Erik Ambrozaitis, Bryan Barnett, Barbara Holder, Linda Raschke, James Rosen and Ravi Yalamanchi

**Absent:** Jim Duistermars

### Others Present:

*Ed Anzek, Director of Planning/Development  
Scott Cope, Director of Building/Ordinance Enforcement  
Ron Crowell, Fire Chief  
Paul Davis, City Engineer  
Kurt Dawson, Director of Assessing/Treasury  
Jean Farris, Supervisor of Procurement  
Bob Grace, Director of MIS  
Mike Hartner, Director of Parks & Forestry  
Julie Jenuwine, Director of Finance  
Pam Lee, Director of Human Resources  
Jane Leslie, City Clerk  
Roger Rousse, Director of DPS/Engineering  
Bob Smith, Captain - Oakland County Sheriff's Department  
John Staran, City Attorney*

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

*Mr. Howard Rosso, 2735 Hillendale, called for a moratorium on any new millages and limiting millage renewal to only one year until the City Charter can be "modified to allow the General Fund to generate sufficient funds to cover necessary operations."*

*Ms. Melinda Hill, 1481 Mill Race, urged Council to establish their goals and objectives, both short and long term, prior to discussing specific budget matters.*

**(Mr. Duistermars Entered at 7:42 p.m.)**

**Present:** Erik Ambrozaitis, Bryan Barnett, Jim Duistermars, Barbara Holder, Linda Raschke, James Rosen and Ravi Yalamanchi

**CITY COUNCIL****2006-0201**

City Millage Summary - Expiring Dedicated Millages

**Attachments:** Agenda Summary.pdf; Millage Summary.pdf; Suppl Info - Financial Policies.pdf; Suppl Info - Millage Summary.pdf; Suppl Info - Atty opinion.pdf; Suppl Info - Tax levies.pdf

**Ms. Julie Jenuwine**, Director of Finance, provided an overview of the City's current millages:

**General Fund (Charter)** - 5.0000 mills authorized by Charter

- Limited to 3.9492 mills by Headlee rollback
- 3.2169 mills adopted levy for Fiscal Year 2006
- Transfers Out included in Budget:
  - \* 0.5000 mill for the Major Road Improvement Program
  - \* 0.7500 mill for Capital Improvement Fund

**Fire Fund (Charter)** - 2.5000 mills authorized by Charter

- Limited to 1.9744 mills by Headlee rollback
- 1.9000 mills adopted levy for Fiscal Year 2006 budget.

**Special Police I** (Voter approved 09/14/1993)

- Up to 0.8405 mills for twenty (20) years through Fiscal Year 2014
- Limited to 0.7895 mills by Headlee rollback

**Special Police II** (Voter approved 11/05/2002)

- Up to 0.4386 mills for five (5) years through Fiscal Year 2007
- Limited to 0.4300 mills by Headlee rollback

**Chapter 20 Drains**

- Up to 1.0000 mills levied each year for drain maintenance and debt obligation
- 0.3526 mills is adopted for drain maintenance and improvements
- 0.6474 mills is adopted for debt service on drain bonds

**Pathway Millage** (Voter approved 11/07/1995)

- Up to 0.2000 mills for ten (10) years through Fiscal Year 2006
- Limited to 0.1876 mills by Headlee rollback
- Fiscal Year 2006 - 0.1281 mills levied (not the full amount)
- If not renewed there will be no revenue in 2007

**R.A.R.A. Operating Millage** (Voter approved 09/12/1995)

- Up to 0.1691 mills for ten (10) years through Fiscal Year 2006
- Limited to 0.1586 mills by Headlee rollback
- If not renewed there will be no revenue in 2007

**Older Persons Commission Operating Millage** (Voter approved 11/06/2001)

- Up to 0.2500 mills for ten (10) years through Fiscal Year 2011
- Limited to 0.2426 mills by Headlee rollback

**Older Persons Commission Transportation** (Voter approved 09/13/2005)

- Up to 0.0900 mill for ten (10) years through Fiscal Year 2015
- To maintain or increase transportation services for the elderly and handicapped

**Older Persons Commission Building** (Voter approved 11/07/2001)

- Up to 0.3093 mill for twenty (20) years through Fiscal Year 2021
- Fiscal Year 2006 - 0.2158 mills levied to pay annual principal and interest payments

**Green Space / Natural Features** (Voter approved 09/13/2005)

- Up to 0.3000 mill for ten (10) years through Fiscal Year 2015
- To permanently preserve green space and natural features within Rochester Hills

**Library Operating**

- Up to 1.0000 mills
- Limited to 0.7895 mills by Headlee rollback
- For library purposes pursuant to Public Act 164 of 1877 as amended
- Full millage levied in 2006

**General Obligation Refunding Bonds - 1998 Series** (for the balance of Parks and Library Debt)

- Must be collected to pay principal and interest payments for \$3,420,000 offering
- Series 1998 expiring in Fiscal Year 2010
- For Fiscal Year 2006 - 0.0544 mill adopted to be levied

**General Obligation Refunding Bonds - 2002 Series** (for portions of Parks and Library Debt)

- Must be spread through Fiscal Year 2008
- To pay principal and interest payments for \$7,330,000 Offering
- Series 2002 expiring in Fiscal Year 2008
- For Fiscal Year 2006 - 0.3527 mill adopted to be levied

**Discussed**

2006-0203

## Discretionary Funding Sources - FY2007 Budget Discussions

**Attachments:** Agenda Summary.pdf; 2007 Budgeting Policies and Issues.pdf

**Ms. Julie Jenuwine**, Director of Finance, discussed the Discretionary Funding Sources, as well as some suggested new sources, and requested some direction from City Council in the preparation of the 2007 budget:

**General Fund Transfer to Major Road Fund Policy**

- Current: 0.50 mill
- Recommend reducing transfer by 0.25 mill until 2015

**Mr. Yalamanchi** questioned the impact of stopping the total 0.50 mill transfer for three or four years.

**Ms. Jenuwine** noted it was possible, but there was a risk that it may result in the need for bonding of future projects.

**General Fund transfer to Capital Improvement Fund**

- Current: 0.25 mill
- Historically has funded Park capital projects and some other tech projects

**Mr. Ambrozaitis** questioned the status of the \$1.7 million variance transfer to Local Roads.

**Ms. Jenuwine** noted that it was her impression that the transfer was linked to the passage of the Local Roads millage.

**Mr. Ambrozaitis** disputed that impression.

**General Fund transfer to Special Police Fund**

- Constant at \$2.566 million
- Fund balance is being depleted
- General Fund subsidy will need to increase or millage will need to increase in order to maintain same level of staffing

**Special Police I and II Levy Level**

- Current levy at maximum
- Full levy (and additional) is needed unless budget is reduced or General Fund subsidy increased

**Special Police Levy II**

- Provides funding through 2007
- Full levy (and additional) is needed unless budget is reduced or General Fund subsidy increased

**Fire Operating Levy Level**

- Current maximum: 1.9744 mills
- Current levy: 1.9000 mills

**General Levy**

- Current maximum: 3.9492 mills
- Current levy: 3.2169 mills

**Pathway Millage (expiring)**

**Ms. Jenuwine** stressed that if Council intended to seek a renewal of this millage, there cannot be a gap of a year between its expiration and a ballot request.

**A dedicated millage for program(s) currently funded by the General Fund**

**Mr. Ambrozaitis** broached the subject of doing away with the "a la carte system" of various dedicated millages.

It was the consensus of Council that the discussion of amending the City tax structure as outlined by the City Charter was not appropriate for this meeting and should be taken up at a separate meeting of Council.

**Mr. Barnett** indicated that there are "two substantial drains on General Fund" dollars, those being Police and Parks.

**Ms. Jenuwine** noted that it was previously estimated that 1.0000 mill would likely support Parks given offsetting revenues, and that the City would need to seek approximately 2.25 mills to maintain police services at the current level.

**Administrative Fee (tax collection) to partially fund the Assessing and Treasury Functions**

**Mr. Ambrozaitis** stated that he would not support an administrative fee if the City did not make budget cuts elsewhere as well.

**Ms. Holder** noted that the City has already made substantial cuts to staff levels and department budgets.

**Ms. Jenuwine** noted that a 1% administrative fee charged to taxpayers would generate approximately \$1.3 million in revenue and cost the average taxpayer approximately \$30 per year.

**Mr. Duistermars** indicated that he would consider an administrative fee charged to all taxpayers a tax increase and, thus, was not in favor of it.

**Desired Fund Balance Levels**

- Twenty percent (20%) is a minimum recommendation

**Ms. Jenuwine** noted that the difference between a 15% and 20% fund balance can have an impact on the City's bond rating.

**Special Assessment**

No discussion.

**Bond Reconstruction/Capital Projects**

No discussion.

**Discussed**

2005-0233

Police Funding

**Attachments:** Agenda Summary.pdf; Supplemental Memo Jenuwine dtd 2-17-06.pdf; Supplemental Memo Jenuwine dtd 2-13-06.pdf; Supplemental Memo Jenuwine dtd 5-09-05.pdf; Memo Jenuwine dtd 3-31-05.pdf; 2005 - OCSD Millage Analysis.pdf; 2005 - OCSD Millage Analysis R&E.pdf;

**Captain Robert Smith**, Oakland County Sheriff's Department and Rochester Hills Substation Commander, provided the following information regarding the operation of the substation:

**Organizational Chart**

Captain Smith

Administrative Coordinator

Public Safety Aide

Adult Crossing Guards (10 regular/8 substitutes)

Administrative Lieutenant

Road Patrol Sergeants (5)

Road Patrol Deputies (28)

Traffic Sergeant

Traffic Officers (6)

Weigh Masters (2)

Desk Officer

Community Safety Officer

Alarm Compliance Officer

*Detective/Lieutenant  
Detectives (7)  
School Liaison Sergeant  
School Liaison Officers (3)*

### **Structure of Law Enforcement Resources**

*Administration (3) - 5%  
Traffic (9) - 15%  
Road Patrol (33) - 56%  
Detective (7) - 12%  
School Liaison (4) - 7%  
Other (3) - 5%*

### **Administration - Captain Smith, Lt. Jacobs, Lt. White Responsibilities**

- Oversees Substation operations
- Serves as liaison between Sheriff's Office and Mayor/City Council
- Supervises investigations of major criminal incidents
- Reviews all reports submitted by Road Patrol
- Supervises all Substation personnel
- Provides proper scheduling of manpower
- Plans, assigns, directs, coordinates and reviews work performed by Substation personnel
- Maintains and tracks County equipment
- Fields and directs citizen complaints
- Attends budget meetings and monitors budget throughout the year

### **Detective Bureau Responsibilities**

- Responds to crime scenes
- Conducts investigations of major criminal incidents
- Conducts interviews, interrogations, polygraphs and ensures complicated cases are conducted properly
- Prepares warrant packages for Prosecution
- Transports prisoners to and from court
- Processes and maintains physical evidence for court cases
- Conducts surveillance
- Consults with Parole Boards and Probation Department
- Conducts "Operation Nighthawk" to ascertain and verify that subjects on parole or probation living in the City of Rochester Hills are complying with the terms and conditions ordered by the Court

### **In 2005:**

- Assigned 657 cases
- Recovered \$108,647.54 in stolen property

### **Traffic Unit Responsibilities**

- Responds to accident scenes and take reports
- Routinely patrols areas identified as chronic traffic problems such as collector roads, school zones and areas of heavy vehicular congestion
- Responds to vehicle lock-outs, alarms and backs-up other officers
- Places Smart Cart based on resident request
- Ensures safe operation of commercial vehicles
- Performs garbage truck inspections to ensure compliance with City Ordinances
- Ensures vehicles carrying HAZ-MAT through the City are in a safe operating condition and in compliance with City/State regulations

***In 2005:***

- Responded to 2,351 accidents (4 fatal, 390 injuries)
- Responded to 466 Selective Enforcement Requests providing 388.50 hours of enforcement in subdivisions and neighborhoods

**School Liaison Responsibilities**

- Provides prevention programs in schools
- Develops and strengthens community relations and communications between the schools, law enforcement and community
- Works with school personnel to identify and eliminate pre-delinquent behavior
- Presents information relating to law enforcement and answers student questions
- Serves as a resource person to students and staff by supplying information relating to the criminal justice system
- Strives for the reduction of juvenile crime and the promotion of responsible behavior
- Attends parent/teacher conferences to discuss methods of combating juvenile crime
- Conducts investigations, interviews and interrogations of criminal incidents occurring in or on school grounds or property

***In 2005:***

- Over 9,000 students interacted with School Liaison Officers
- Three Safety Town Sessions were conducted

**Road Patrol Responsibilities**

- Responds to calls, and performs preliminary investigations
- Obtains statements from witnesses, complainants and suspects
- Performs routine patrol to detect and prevent violations of State Laws and local ordinances
- Provides emergency road-side assistance
- Testifies in court
- Trained and certified in Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs)
- Conducts liquor/tobacco decoy operations to ensure compliance with State/local laws and regulations

***In 2005:***

- Responded to 28,459 requests for service
- Assigned 712 cases
- Recovered \$85,983.68 in stolen property

**Desk Officer, Community Safety Officer, Alarm Compliance Officer Responsibilities*****\* Desk Officer:***

- Takes citizen walk-in reports at Substation
- Provides copies of incident and accident reports to residents
- Takes fingerprints and provides court-ordered PBT testing
- Answers phones, assists or directs caller to appropriate party, takes messages for substation personnel
- Reviews and copies all accident reports
- Copies impound sheets

***\* Community Safety Officer:***

- Speaks with homeowner, business, community groups identifying their concerns and discussing possible solutions
- Develops and implements of crime prevention and public service announcements
- Provides information and education on Neighborhood Watch programs

- Develops and implements of bicycle safety, child seat belt, pedestrian safety programs
- Provides information to senior citizens groups regarding crime, fraud and security

\* Alarm Compliance Officer:

- Will develop and implement an Alarm Compliance program, based on Rochester Hills City Ordinance
- Reduce the number of false alarms
- Work with homeowners and alarm companies to maintain alarm equipment

**In 2005:**

- 1,716 people came into the Substation requesting service
- Over 6,000 business and resident contacts were made through community safety presentations
- There were over 3,000 false alarms

**City Personnel Assigned to Substation**

\* Administrative Coordinator Responsibilities

- Supervises Public Safety Aide
- Administers Adult Crossing Guard Program
- Provides secretarial support to Command Staff and Detectives
- Enters payroll for both Oakland County and City personnel and preparation of justification sheet on a bi-weekly basis
- Ensures accurate billing for payroll
- Operates LEIN and CLEMIS terminals to obtain information on criminal investigations
- Enters, monitors all Cost Recovery cases for Operating While Intoxicated
- Maintains current roster of personnel contact information
- Performs all Substation clerical operations in absence of Public Safety Aide
- Monitors yearly budget for both Oakland County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) and Adult Crossing Guard Program

\* Public Safety Aide Responsibilities

- Collects revenue for report sales and fingerprinting, write receipts and responsible for operations of cash box and depositing to City account
- Monitors and directs incoming telephone calls and assist general public calling the station
- Files of incident reports
- Maintains and orders all supplies
- Operates LEIN and CLEMIS for local background checks and upon request of Detectives
- Maintains vacation house watch list
- Maintains and tracks Selective Enforcement requests

**Population Comparisons**

Rochester Hills - 69,757  
Auburn Hills - 20,882  
Farmington Hills - 80,895  
Troy - 81,345

**Neighbor Communities Population Increase**

Shelby Township: +8.5%  
2000 - 65,159  
2005 - 70,726



Macomb Township: +40.2%  
 2000 - 50,478  
 2005 - 70,782

Sterling Heights: +2.4%  
 2000 - 124,471  
 2005 - 127,418

Washington: +23.4%  
 2000 - 17,122  
 2005 - 21,132

**Comparison of Sworn Police Officers per 1,000 Residents**

Rochester Hills  
 Police - 59  
 Ratio - 0.8

Auburn Hills  
 Police - 57  
 Ratio - 2.7

Farmington Hills  
 Police - 110  
 Ratio - 1.4

Troy  
 Police - 134  
 Ratio - 1.6

**Supplemental Services Provided by Oakland County Sheriff's Office at No Additional Contracted Cost**

- \* Patrol Services Division
  - Marine Division
  - Reserve Unit
  - Traffic/Alcohol Enforcement
  - K-9 Unit
  - Special Response Team

- \* Technical Services Division
  - Auto Theft Unit
  - Forensic Crime Lab
  - Special Investigations
  - Fire/Arson Unit
  - Fugitive Apprehension Team
  - Computer Crimes Unit
  - Warrant Division
  - Training Unit
  - Aviation Unit
  - Violent Crimes Task Force

**If Millage is Not Renewed Impact to Residents**

- \* Potential to drastically reduce the number of contracted deputies
- \* Will affect the following programs and services
  - School Liaison Program
  - Community Safety Program
  - Neighborhood Watch Program
  - Vacation Watch

- Response to non-injury private property accidents or lock-outs
- Traffic Division eliminated
- Selective Enforcement in neighborhoods and subdivisions
- Limited pro-active patrol in neighborhoods during peak hours
- No follow-up on non-violent crimes such as credit card fraud or bad checks
- No ability to perform liquor/tobacco decoy operations

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

**Captain Smith** responded to questions/concerns raised by Council members:

- In previous years grant money had been available for the School Liaison Program and the Community Policing Officer, which freed money in the budget to fund added officers. Although new grant and funding opportunities are always being sought, those monies are no longer available.
- The failure of the most recent request for a police millage added to the City's inability to provide a new police officer every year.
- Despite the fact that circumstances that lead to overtime often cannot be predicted, overtime is monitored and controlled and the allocation of overtime was actually reduced in recent years.
- Poor road conditions and gridlock hinder police response times.
- The traffic pinch point on M-59 is the cause of numerous accidents.
- The financial contributions of Rochester Hills, Rochester and Oakland Township made to the School Liaison Program are based on each community's level of student enrollment.
- The School Liaison Officer was removed from the Avondale schools when the Avondale School District unilaterally chose to discontinue participation in the program.
- Avondale schools receive the same level of police service of any other business or resident in the community.

**Mr. Ambrozaitis** noted that he would support a renewal of the Police II Millage and suggested that it be included on the upcoming November ballot.

**Discussed**

**(Recess 9:41 p.m. - 9:56 p.m.)**

**2005-0233**

Police Funding

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**Ms. Julie Jenuwine**, Director of Finance, discussed various scenarios regarding the disposition of the expiring Police II Millage and the funding of police services. The scenarios presented ran from 2007, the year the Police II Millage expires, through 2014, the year the Police I Millage is due to expire:

**Renewal of 0.4300 Mill is Approved / Maintain 59 Officers**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Subsidy Projected</u>	<u>Additional From Base</u>
2006	\$2,566,700	Base Year

2007	\$2,774,000	\$207,000
2008	\$3,214,000	\$648,000
2009	\$3,365,000	\$798,000
2010	\$3,537,000	\$970,000
2011	\$3,736,000	\$1,169,000
2012	\$3,988,000	\$1,421,000
2013	\$4,224,000	\$1,657,000
2014	\$4,522,000	\$1,955,000

*Ms. Jenuwine* noted that the Fund Balance started dwindling with the opening of the new police Substation, as the City is now paying principal and interest on the lease in addition to contracted police services. She noted that the subsidy from the General Fund will need to increase each year to maintain 59 officers.

**No Renewal of 0.4300 Mill / Maintain 59 Officers**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Subsidy Projected</u>	<u>Additional From Base</u>
2006	\$2,566,700	Base Year
2007	\$2,774,000	\$207,000
2008	\$4,787,000	\$2,220,000
2009	\$4,992,000	\$2,425,000
2010	\$5,215,000	\$2,648,000
2011	\$5,460,000	\$2,893,000
2012	\$5,751,000	\$3,185,000
2013	\$6,029,000	\$3,462,000
2014	\$6,342,000	\$3,775,000

*Ms. Jenuwine* specifically noted the sudden increase in the General Fund subsidy in 2008, explaining that that is the first year following the expiration of the Police II Millage.

**Renewal of 0.4300 Mill Approved / General Fund Subsidy Remains Constant at \$2,566,700 / Number of Officers is Reduced Accordingly**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u># Contracted</u>
2006	59
2007	57
2008	39
2009	38
2010	38
2011	36
2012	34
2013	34
2014	32

*Ms. Jenuwine* indicated the drastic reduction in officers to 39 in 2008, the first year that the Police II Millage expires.

**Renewal of 0.4300 Mill Approved / General Fund Subsidy is Eliminated / Number of Officers is Reduced Accordingly**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u># Contracted</u>
2006	59
2007	33
2008	31
2009	30
2010	30
2011	29
2012	29
2013	28
2014	27

**Ms. Jenuwine** noted the dramatic reduction in officers in 2007 from 59 to 33, with a steady decline resulting in 27 officers by 2014.

**Renewal of 0.4300 Mill Approved / Subsidy from General Fund Maintained at its Percentage Rate of 23.5% / Number of Officers Reduced Accordingly**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u># Contracted</u>	<u>Transfer</u>
2006	59	\$2,566,700
2007	58	\$2,668,690
2008	55	\$2,779,164
2009	55	\$2,889,560
2010	55	\$2,993,895
2011	54	\$3,091,041
2012	52	\$3,176,944
2013	52	\$3,265,594
2014	51	\$3,357,071

**Ms. Jenuwine** explained that this scenario would still result in a loss of officers, as the City's taxable value is not growing at the same rate as the forecasted contractual services. In addition, she noted that this scenario also takes into account that the contract with Oakland County Sheriff's Department will be renegotiated in 2008 likely resulting in a 4% annual increase.

Noting that the direction of the City had been to have fully dedicated millages for providing services, **Ms. Jenuwine** presented three scenarios for complete funding of police services:

- Scenario A: \$1.4370 mills to maintain 59 officers with no subsidy from General Fund.
- Scenario B: \$1.5721 mills would permit the addition of one officer per year with no General Fund subsidy.
- Scenario C: \$1.7000 mills would provide an initial increase of eight officers in 2008 with no General Fund subsidy.

In response to a question posed by Ms. Holder, **Ms. Jenuwine** explained that Scenario B would cost the average taxpayer approximately \$170 per year in new taxes.

**Mr. Barnett**, speaking on behalf of the Public Safety Committee, noted that this issue was brought forward from the Committee without a recommendation as it was determined that there were so many variables to be weighed, the consideration of the full Council was necessary.

**Mr. Rosen** noted that the first step in coming to a decision is to determine what is most important, the level of police service or "the budget that can get passed."

**Mr. Yalamanchi** noted the difficulty of considering only the police millage when there are other issues that will impact these decisions. He stressed the need for a "holistic approach" to these matters that will include consideration of the local roads funding problem and a possible future Parks millage. He also questioned whether there were City projects that could be deferred.

**Mr. Ambrozaitis** reiterated his support for a renewal only of the Police II Millage. He urged Ms. Jenuwine to locate funds suggesting "program cutbacks" to be able to pave some local roads. He stressed, "There will be brutal choices made."

**Ms. Holder** noted that she has heard from many residents that they do not want the Charter changed to eliminate dedicated millages.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Ms. Melinda Hill**, 1481 Mill Race, stressed that Council members should not be discussing specific funding plans until they have established their budget priorities. She then questioned the need for a 20% fund balance on contracted police services, stating "a fund balance of a million and a half, frankly, is insanity."

**Ms. Lois Golden**, 645 Apple Hill, noted that "the convoluted funding situation is lost on the voter." She suggested a Charter amendment "to address the mechanics of this." She further suggested that a professional survey be conducted among residents to gain an understanding of what they will and will not support in terms of millages.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

**Mr. Barnett** stressed that a straight renewal of the Police II Millage would actually result in a further depletion of money for local roads, as the police subsidy is drawn from the same General Fund as local roads monies. He explained that there needs to be a funding balance between the two priorities.

**Mr. Duistermars** noted that the common denominator among residents to whom he has spoken is their opposition to any increase in taxes.

**Mr. Rosen** agreed with Ms. Hill that Council needs to set their priorities and conceded that he had begun that process. He then reviewed what he had ascertained to be the general consensus of Council, noting general support for maintaining a police force of at least 59 officers and, at minimum, a renewal of the Police II Millage.

**Ms. Holder** suggested that the Council needs to work more aggressively on these issues.

It was suggested that Council hold additional meetings to discuss the budget in greater detail and come to conclusions about priorities and funding issues.

**Discussed****2006-0043**

Financial Policies Review

**Attachments:** Agenda Summary.pdf; 2006 financial Policies to review.pdf

**Postponed****2006-0126**

City Council Goals and Objectives - 2006 and 2007 Budget Years

**Attachments:** Millage History and Max Allowable.pdf; Mayor-Council 2006 GOs 030206 for 030806.pdf; Past budget cuts 041205 ver7.pdf; Goals and Objectives definitions.pdf; 030906 Agenda Summary.pdf; 2007 Budgeting Policies and Issues.pdf; 2005 goals for 2006 budget 0302

**Postponed****COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS***None.***ANY OTHER BUSINESS***None.*

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

*Regular Meeting - Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business before Council, President Rosen adjourned the meeting at 11:07 p.m.*

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*JAMES ROSEN, President  
Rochester Hills City Council*

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*JANE LESLIE, Clerk  
City of Rochester Hills*

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

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