



Rochester Hills Minutes City Council Work Session

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*Erik Ambrozaitis, Jim Duistermars, Barbara Holder, Greg Hooper,
Linda Raschke, James Rosen, Ravi Yalamanchi*

Wednesday, July 18, 2007

7:30 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

President Rosen called the Rochester Hills City Council Work Session Meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Michigan Time.

ROLL CALL

Present: Erik Ambrozaitis, Jim Duistermars, Barbara Holder, Greg Hooper, Linda Raschke, James Rosen and Ravi Yalamanchi

Others Present:

*Bryan Barnett, Mayor
Jane Leslie, City Clerk
Roger Rousse, Director of DPS/Engineering
John Staran, City Attorney*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REVIEW OF AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. David Kibby, 558 Whitney, commended Mr. Hooper on his cost savings idea of using the material taken from the Shadow Woods Subdivision project, and placing it on the City's pathways.

Mr. Paul Miller, 1021 Harding Ave., expressed concerns over campaigning activities that occurred at the Festival of the Hills event.

Ms. Harper West stated she would like to see the City beautify their boulevards without using water. She further stated other municipalities are encouraging their residents to reduce water consumption, and feels the City of Rochester Hills should encourage their residents to do the same.

LEGISLATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

President Rosen advised Council that the Bordine redevelopment was "on hold" for now, and that Bordines Nursery has no plans in the future of closing its business.

Mr. Ambrozaitis gave condolences to the family of Mr. John Strzalka who passed away. He advised there would be a forum for candidates on August 2nd beginning at 7:00 p.m. on behalf of the League of Women Voters.

Mr. Duistermars stated that the Festival of the Hills event in years past has allowed any candidate, campaign, or Political Action Group to register and be an exhibitor. He also stated that there is a specific designated area for such political activity.

Mr. Hooper advised there would be a joint Council meeting between the City of Auburn Hills and the City of Rochester Hills. He further advised the joint meeting's intent was to possibly develop synergies and share ideas.

Ms. Raschke asked that everyone keep the men and women serving in the military in their thoughts and prayers. She stated that without their brave efforts, we could not enjoy the freedom that we have today.

Mr. Yalamanchi offered his condolences to the Strzalka family. He requested a status report of the False Alarm Ordinance since its adoption.

Mayor Barnett stated he would add the False Alarm Ordinance information to the next scheduled Work Session. He advised that Crittenton Hospital received a five star rating for their Cardiac Center, when they were judged with other hospitals all over the United States. He recognized the Spencer Park Lifeguards for their First and Second place trophies in their recent competition.

ADMINISTRATION

2007-0101 DPS Facilities Update, Roger Rouse, Director of DPS/Engineering, presenter

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; 050207 Agenda Summary.pdf; 030707 Agenda Summary.pdf; 020107 Agenda Summary.pdf

Mr. Roger Rouse, Director of DPS/Engineering, gave a brief overview regarding the status of the new DPS facility. He stated the project is currently within budget and on schedule. He advised a date for the completion of the facility could be late January or early February.

Discussed

2007-0427 Request for Purchase Authorization - DPS/FLEET: Backet Purchase Order for auto and truck parts in the amount not-to-exceed \$112,000; Motown Automotive, Farmington Hills, MI; Rowerdink, Inc, Livonia, MI, Coach & Motor Company, Clinton Twp, MI; and Other Vendors as required.

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; RFP Tabulations.pdf; Resolution.pdf

Mr. Roger Rouse, Director of DPS/Engineering, stated this proposal was a collaborative effort between five municipalities that have combined their purchasing "power" to negotiate better pricing for automotive parts. He further stated the Department of Public Services (DPS) could save eight to ten percent on their auto and truck parts purchases from Motown Automotive.

Mr. Yalamanchi asked if the City's deliveries were "just in time" or does the DPS stock up on parts.

Mr. Rouse stated that this proposal was for "just in time" delivery, and the delivery schedule for this company is twice per day. He further stated that when the DPS is aware of Motown's daily delivery schedule, and they get their request for parts to the store before the delivery man leaves the store, the DPS will receive their parts on that day, or the very next day. He commented that they try to keep the DPS's shelf inventory at a minimum.

Discussed

- 2006-0764** Discuss possible revisions to the Preliminary Site Condominium Plan - City File No. 06-012 - Lorna on the Green, a 45-unit site condominium development on approximately 20 acres, located on South Boulevard between Crooks and Adams, zoned R-4, One Family Residential, Parcel Nos. 15-32-300-007, -008, -009 and -010, Mondrian Properties Lorna on the Green, LLC, applicant.

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; Map.pdf; Site Plans.pdf; Staff Report 060507.pdf; PC Minutes and Resolution.pdf

Removed at the request of the applicant.

CITY COUNCIL

- 2007-0067** Creation of the Police Funding & Millage Technical Review Committee

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; 071807 Agenda Summary.pdf; 060807 Agenda Summary.pdf; 012407 Agenda Summary.pdf; Excerpt CC Minutes 012407.pdf; Potential Tech Cmte Worksheet.pdf; Rosen's Disc Points.pdf; 060807 Resolution.pdf; Resolution.pdf

Mr. Yalamanchi stated he would like to discuss other issues of concern and not just focus on Police.

President Rosen stated that Police and Fire Funding are "job 1". He further stated Council should provide sustainable long-term funding for Police.

Ms. Holder suggested that an RFP for Police Services should be considered, as Council could see what other entities have to offer the City and what the cost would be.

Mayor Barnett suggested the formation of committees for Police and residential street needs; the two committees could discuss all issues and prioritize them.

Mr. Ambrozaitis stated earlier in the year he created a five-point plan for a Public Safety Millage. He further stated Council should consider combining Police and Fire into one fund.

Mr. Yalamanchi agreed with the Mayor on the formation of two committee's to understand Police needs and the repair of residential streets.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Theodore Golden, 181 Shagbark Dr., questioned as to the fitness of the Police Officers that the Oakland County Sheriff's Department hire to protect the residents of Rochester Hills.

Ms. Alice Benbow, 1582 N. UMBERLAND Dr., stated this City should have a Citizen's Advisory Committee to investigate the Police Officers that will be working within the City to protect its residents.

Mr. Hooper stated the Oakland County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) provides excellent service for the City of Rochester Hills. He further stated the City has had a long-term relationship with the OCSD, and some of the finest officers of the Sheriff's Department are serving here in Rochester Hills.

Discussed

- 2007-0396** Discussion of the potential of Council Members participating in a Political Action Committee (PAC)

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf

Mr. Duistermars stated this issue has been addressed several times in past years and Council Members are aware of the laws they must follow.

Mr. Paul Miller, 1021 Harding Ave., stated it was inappropriate for Council to discuss forming a Political Action Committee to encourage citizens to vote on issues.

President Rosen stated that as a Council Member you cannot advocate one position or another on any given issue.

Mr. Duistermars advised that any group that a Council Member joins should not use the Councilman's membership as an endorsement to represent the Council as a whole.

Discussed

2007-0079

Discussion of City Council Goals and Objectives for 2008 Budget

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; Goals & Object Vers 1.pdf; Goals & Object Vers 2.pdf; Goals & Object Vers 3.pdf; Goals & Object Vers 4.pdf; Goals & Object Vers 5.pdf; 071807 Agenda Summary.pdf; 062207 Agenda Summary.pdf; 052307 Agenda Summary.pdf; 042707 Agenda Summa

Mr. Yalamanchi recommended that the Directors of the City staff be actively involved next year in the developing of Council's Goals and Objectives.

Ms. Holder agreed with the idea of having a meeting with City staff and Council to discuss issues and concerns, as that will provide guidance for Council in setting their Goals and Objectives for the upcoming year.

Mayor Barnett stated the Administration developed the budget using the four Goals and Objectives that Council approved earlier this year.

Mr. Hooper stated the Strategic Plan of the City is one of the most important items the City Council will be addressing.

Discussed

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. John Staran, City Attorney, advised Council he would provide them with formal legal advice should they need it at any time during the political season. He stated Council could speak freely out in the public on issues they feel strongly about or disagree with; but they may not use the City Council forum to voice their opinions.

Ms. Holder stated she suggested in the past the Administration should form a committee that residents and business owners could go to that would be independent of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and the Planning Commission. She further stated if residents or business owners were having issues, and felt they were not being resolved, they could go to the "committee" and discuss issues and concerns with its members.

Ms. Raschke commented on emails she had received regarding the deer population in the City.

Mayor Barnett distributed a completed copy of the Public Affairs Research Laboratory Study that Council had approved. He stated this was a Public Opinion Survey of registered voters in the City of Rochester Hills. He thanked all of the citizens who participated in the survey.

NEXT MEETING DATE

President Rosen advised Council of the following August meeting schedule changes and additions:

Closed Session, August 1, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss possible litigation.
Closed Session, August 8, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss property acquisitions.
Council Meeting with the City of Auburn Hills Council, August 14, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.
Work Session, August 15, 2007 at 7:30
Regular Council Meeting, August 22, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.
Special Budget Work Session, August 23, 2007
Special Budget Work Sessions August 29th and 30th.

The next Regular Meeting will be Wednesday, July 25, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Council, President Rosen adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

JAMES ROSEN, President
Rochester Hills City Council

JANE LESLIE, Clerk
City of Rochester Hills

SUE SMITH
Administrative Secretary
City Clerk's Office

Approved as presented at the September 12, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting.