



Rochester Hills

Minutes - Draft

City Council Regular Meeting

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Theresa Mungiola and David Walker*

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, September 13, 2021

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - David Blair, Susan M. Bowyer, Ryan Deel, Dale Hetrick, Stephanie Morita, Theresa Mungiola and David Walker

Others Present:

*Bryan Barnett, Mayor
Scott Cope, Building/Ordinance/Facilities Director
Chelsea Ditz, Human Resources Director
Ken Elwert, Parks and Natural Resources Director
Todd Gary, Deputy Fire Chief
Tom Howley, Information Systems Director
Rochelle Lyon, Deputy Information Systems Director
Jenny McGuckin, Right of Way/Survey Technician
Sara Roediger, Planning and Economic Development Director
Allan Schneck, Public Services Director
Leanne Scott, City Clerk
Joe Snyder, Chief Financial Officer
John Staran, City Attorney
Karen Somerville, Deputy Assessing Director
Laurie Taylor, Assessing Director
Captain Bart Wilson, Oakland County Sheriff's Office*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Munglioli requested item 2021-0314, Nomination/Appointment of one (1) Citizen Representative to the Rochester Avon Recreation Authority, be removed from the Agenda due to the fact that there was a candidate withdrawal and she wants to make sure there are enough candidates for Council to make a decision.

A motion was made by Munglioli, seconded by Blair that the Agenda be Approved as Amended, removing Legislative File Number 2021-0314 Nomination / Appointment of one (1) Citizen Representative to the Rochester Avon Recreation Authority, to fill the unexpired term of Daniel Hauser ending May 31, 2023 per Munglioli's request. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Blair, Bowyer, Deel, Hetrick, Morita, Munglioli and Walker

COUNCIL AND YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC):

President Deel introduced **Erica Traskos**, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC) Representative.

Miss Traskos shared that she is a sophomore at Stoney Creek High School and is serving on the Cemetery Advisory Committee. She stated in late August the RHGYC had their Member Orientation followed by a luncheon with Council Members and City Staff, and the first official meeting was September 8, 2021. She added at this meeting they appointed their Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Members to Technical Review Committees, they also confirmed their calendar and assigned members to Council meetings, the meeting ended with a kickball game to kick off the year. She stated that the RHGYC will participate in the Brooksieway on September 26, 2021 by handing out water to participants. She announced their next meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2021.

Trailways Commission:

Mr. Walker stated the Labor Day Bridge Walk was a success with a great turnout. He thanked all the sponsors that made this event possible, and added that the money raised will support The Moutrie Garden.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2021-0310 Public Hearing for the Older Persons' Commission Proposed 2021-2022 and Projected 2023-2024 Budget Plan

Attachments: [09272021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[09132021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Public Hearing Notice.pdf](#)
[08232021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[08232021 Budget Presentation Schedule.pdf](#)
[08162021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[FY 2022-24 OPC Budget Package.pdf](#)
[08162021 Resolution.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Joe Snyder, Chief Financial Officer, explained that the 2022 - 2024 Proposed Budgets for the Older Persons' Commission (OPC), the Rochester-Avon Recreation Authority (RARA), and the City of Rochester Hills were each submitted to City Council per the City Charter at the August 16, 2021 Council Meeting. He added City Council held a Budget Workshop that was open to the public on August 23, 2021 where each department presented their upcoming budget plans.

He stated this is the public hearing portion of the annual budget process and provides additional opportunity for public comments. He pointed out there will be three separate public hearings tonight, one for the OPC, one for RARA, and one for the City proposed budget plans.

*He explained the first public hearing is for OPC's Proposed 2022-2024 Budget, and stated **Mr. Soave**, OPC Finance Director, is present representing OPC and is available to answer any questions. He added there were no changes or questions received regarding OPC's proposed budget presentation.*

President Deel Opened OPC's Proposed Budget Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m. Seeing no further discussion, President Deel Closed Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Discussed.

Enactment No: RES0236-2021

2021-0311 Public Hearing for the Rochester Avon Recreation Authority Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed and 2023-2024 Projected Budget Plan

Attachments: [09272021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[09132021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Public Hearing Notice.pdf](#)
[08232021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[08232021 Budget Presentation Schedule.pdf](#)
[SUPPL RARA 2022 Budget Presentation.pdf](#)
[08162021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[FY 2022-24 RARA Budget Package.pdf](#)
[08162021 Resolution.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

*Joe Snyder, Chief Financial Officer, stated **Mr. Word**, Assistant Recreation Director for Rochester Avon Recreation Authority, is present representing RARA and is available for any questions on their proposed budget. He pointed out there were no questions or concerns received regarding their proposed budget presentation.*

President Deel Opened RARA's Proposed Budget Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m. Seeing no further discussion, President Deel Closed the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Discussed.

Enactment No: RES0237-2021

2021-0308 Public Hearing for the City of Rochester Hills Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed and 2023 - 2024 Projected Budget Plan

Attachments: [09272021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Budget Questions-Responses.pdf](#)
[09132021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Public Hearing Notice.pdf](#)
[08232021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[08232021 Budget Presentation Schedule.pdf](#)
[SUPPL General Budget Overview.pdf](#)
[08162021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[08162021 Resolution.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Joe Snyder, Chief Financial Officer, noted this is the public hearing for the City's proposed 2022-2024 Budget plan. He pointed out that he did receive additional questions from members of City Council and those questions, along with the responses, were sent to all Council members and will be included in the Legislative Budget Packet. He reviewed the results of the Straw Poll questions as follows:

- The addition of an Oakland County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) Directed Patrol Unit (DPU) to the City did not receive a majority of support from Council at this time.
- Moving forward with the budgeted funds for the Cricket Pitch Field at Bloomer Park received unanimous support.
- The approved funding for the Cricket Pitch Field is to be for field improvements, not to partner with the Cricket Pitch Association.
- The addition of \$15,000 for security cameras at the Museum was supported unanimously.

President Deel Opened the City of Rochester Hill's Proposed Budget Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. Seeing no further discussion, President Deel Closed the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Discussed.

Enactment No: RES0235-2021

2021-0309 Adoption of the 2021 Millage Rates (for Fiscal Year 2022)

Attachments: [09132021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Public Hearing Notice.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Joe Snyder, Chief Financial Officer, explained this item is for adoption of the millage rates which will provide funding for the OPC, RARA, and City of Rochester Hills 2022 Fiscal Year Budget. He added these levies will be included on the Winter 2021 Tax Bill that will be sent out on December 1, 2021. He stated the bottom line millage rate proposed for 2022 sets the overall City millage rate at 10.3850 mil, and is a slight decrease of 0.166 mil from last year. He pointed out the decrease is due to the Older Persons' Commission Building Debt Millage expiration. He mentioned that Council has unanimously supported the repurpose of the expired OPC building millage to go towards Park facility

Improvements, and that this item will be voted on by residents in the November 2, 2021 election. He stated if this millage repurpose is approved by residents the City's millage will remain unchanged from last year. He added that also included in this millage is special lighting levies for Christian Hills and Denison Acres Subdivision.

President Deel Opened the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m. Seeing no further discussion, President Deel Closed the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Ms. Mungoli stated she is happy to hear that there is a lower millage rate and that it is up to the residents if they want to adopt the lower rate or keep the millage rate the same.

A motion was made by Mungoli, seconded by Walker, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Blair, Bowyer, Deel, Hetrick, Morita, Mungoli and Walker

Enactment No: RES0213-2021

Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 2 of 1968, Public Act 621 of 1978, the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act for Local Government, and Section III of the Charter for the City of Rochester Hill; the Mayor, as the Chief Administrative and Executive Officer for the City, has prepared and proposed the budget for the ensuing year and submitted it to the City Council at its first meeting in August; and

Whereas, at its August 16, 2021 meeting City Council acknowledged receipt from the Mayor of the Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed and 2023-2024 Projected Budget and set a Public Hearing for September 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to hear comments on the Proposed Budget Plan and Millage Rates; and

Whereas, at its September 13, 2021 meeting City Council held said Public Hearing and heard comments on the Proposed Budget Plan and Millage Rates.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the City Council hereby adopts the following tax rates in accordance with Chapter IV, Taxation, specifically Section 4.1, Power to Tax and Secure Revenue, and Section 4.2, Charter Tax Rate & Special Voted Millage (s) Limitation, to be levied in December 2021 to provide the tax revenues included in the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget:

Operating Millages:	Winter 2021
General Fund (Charter)	2.7457
Local Street (Voted)	1.0781
Fire Fund (Charter)	2.7000
Special Police I (Voted)	1.1459
Special Police II (Voted)	1.1658
Pathway (Voted)	0.1758
RARA Operating (Voted)	0.1846
OPC Operating (Voted)	0.3174
OPC Transportation (Voted)	0.0946
Library Operating (Charter)	0.7418
Operating - Subtotal	10.3497
Debt Millages:	
Chapter 20 Drain Debt	0.0353
Debt - Subtotal	0.0353

Total Millages **10.3850**

The Total Millage rate of **10.3850** is per Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) of taxable valuation, as equalized; and

Be it Further Resolved, the City Council hereby adopts the following Special Lighting levies for the Christian Hills Subdivision at the rate of \$14.50 per lot or description; and for the Denison Acres Subdivision at the rate of the \$5.27 per lot or description; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Assessor of the City of Rochester Hills be and hereby is authorized to have said amounts spread on the Winter 2021 Tax Rolls.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

2021-0365 Request for Acceptance for First Reading - An Ordinance to amend Sections 82-150 and 82-153; of Article VI of Chapter 82, Personnel, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, to modify provisions governing surviving spouse eligibility for supplemental medical and death benefits, and to repeal conflicting Ordinances

Attachments: [09272021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[09132021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Ordinance \(updated format\).pdf](#)
[Draft 772021 Mins BOT Retiree HC Trust.pdf](#)
[Ordinance \(redlined\).pdf](#)
[09132021 Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)
[09132021 Resolution \(Draft-Revised\).pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Joe Snyder, Chief Financial Officer, stated there are two Ordinance changes relating to the City's Retiree Health Care Supplemental Plan. He explained in 2001 the City implemented a Supplemental Retiree Health Care Program and the intent was to provide for long term employees who did not have enough working years remaining for the health care benefit in their retirement. He added this supplemental program is only offered to employees who have at least ten years of service as of March 12, 2001, no other employee beyond the employees who initially qualified is eligible to receive this benefit. He pointed out as of December 31, 2020 that there are forty-one active and sixty-one retired employees that currently qualify for the program. He explained the supplemental program offers a monthly fixed dollar amount for a fixed time period based on how many years of service the employee had completed as of March 12, 2001. He stated the monthly fixed dollar benefit can only be used to cover health care costs, and added this plan is 98.4 percent funded as of December 31, 2020. He mentioned there are no changes proposed for the fixed dollar amount or fixed time period for the benefit that is offered, the changes proposed relate to the eligibility of the participant's spouse. He explained the first change is a request from the retired employees (Participants) of the City, to allow their spouse to be eligible for the supplement benefit as well, since the Participant is only eligible for this benefit currently. He added the second change is also requested by the Participants to allow their spouse to be eligible to receive their benefit for the fixed time period if the Participant passes away, currently the spouse is eligible to receive the deceased Participant's benefit for thirty-six months after the Participant passes away.

Mr. Snyder stated the first change to add the spouse to the Supplemental Retiree Health Care Program would have no financial impact on the City, however, the second request to extend the deceased Participant's benefit to their spouse beyond thirty-six months would financially impact this fund dropping it from 98.9 percent funded to 94.9 percent funded. He mentioned these two changes would minimally impact the City's finances and would more than likely be in line with the annual amounts planned to be contributed into this plan moving forward. He explained these changes were presented to the Retiree Health Care Board of Trustees on July 7, 2021 and they unanimously recommended presenting the proposed changes before Council for approval. He pointed out that both of these changes, if approved, would become effective on January 1, 2022.

*He announced that **Chelsea Ditz**, Human Resources Director, and **Ms. Billings-Dunn**, the City's Retiree Health Care Attorney, are also present to answer any questions.*

***Mr. Hetrick** stated based on the information presented by Mr. Snyder he feels the City is doing the right thing by making these changes to this program.*

***Ms. Morita** questioned what the dollar value is for the 98 percent to 94 percent difference in this fund, and how the difference will be funded to allow for the requested changes.*

***Mr. Snyder** estimated the difference in dollars being somewhere between \$20,000 and \$30,000, and he responded the City makes contributions into this fund on an annual basis from the General Fund, Fire Fund, and the Water and Sewer Fund.*

A motion was made by Hetrick, seconded by Bowyer, that this matter be Accepted for First Reading by Resolution. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Blair, Bowyer, Deel, Hetrick, Morita, Mungioli and Walker

Enactment No: RES0229-2021

Resolved, that An Ordinance to amend Sections 82-150 and 82-153; of Article VI of Chapter 82, Personnel, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, to modify provisions governing surviving spouse eligibility for supplemental medical and death benefits, and to repeal conflicting Ordinances is hereby accepted for First Reading.

PUBLIC COMMENT for Items not on the Agenda

***Mr. Glenn Moore**, 145 Livernois, questioned the absentee voter application process and stated he believes the City is not following the election laws when it comes to issuing absentee voter applications.*

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.

2021-0379 Approval of Minutes - City Council Regular Meeting - July 26, 2021

Attachments: [CC Min 072621.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0215-2021

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Rochester Hills City Council Regular Meeting held on July 26, 2021 be approved as presented.

2021-0380 Approval of Minutes - City Council Regular Meeting - August 16, 2021

Attachments: [CC Min 081621.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0224-2021

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Rochester Hills City Council Regular Meeting held on August 16, 2021 be approved as presented.

2021-0356 Request for Purchase Authorization - FIRE: Increase to the blanket purchase order for defibrillator and monitor accessories and services in the amount of \$8,000.00 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$33,000.00 through January 31, 2022; Stryker Medical, Redmond, WA

Attachments: [09132021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0216-2021

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes an increase to the blanket purchase order for defibrillator and monitor accessories and services to Stryker Medical, Redmond, Washington in the amount of \$8,000.00 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$33,000.00 through January 31, 2022.

2021-0363 Request for Purchase Authorization - FACILITIES: Blanket Purchase Order for on-call electrical services for City owned buildings in the amount not-to-exceed \$40,000.00 through September 30, 2022; RH Electrical Services, Inc., Troy, MI

Attachments: [09132021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Proposal Tabulation.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0217-2021

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a blanket purchase

order for on-call electrical services for City owned buildings to RH Electrical Services, Inc., Troy, Michigan in the amount not-to-exceed \$40,000.00 through September 30, 2022.

Further Resolved, that the City's acceptance of the proposal and approval of the award of a contract shall be contingent and conditioned upon the parties' entry into and execution of a written agreement acceptable to the City.

- 2021-0364** Request for Purchase Authorization - FACILITIES: Blanket Purchase Order/Contract for service and overhead door maintenance services at City owned properties in the amount not-to-exceed \$40,000 through September 30, 2022; Garrett Door Company, Pontiac, MI

Attachments: [09132021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Proposal Summary.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0218-2021

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a blanket purchase order/contract for service and overhead door maintenance services at City owned properties to Garrett Door Company, Pontiac, Michigan in the amount not-to-exceed \$40,000.00 through September 30, 2022 and further authorizes the Mayor to execute a contract on behalf of the City.

Further Resolved, that the City's acceptance of the proposal and approval of the award of a contract shall be contingent and conditioned upon the parties' entry into and execution of a written agreement acceptable to the City.

The Following Five (5) Legislative Files are Relative to Redwood at Rochester Hills

- 2021-0358** Request for Acceptance of an Amendment to Sanitary Sewer Easement for Redwood at Rochester Hills, granted by Pedro Cabalum for Redwood at Rochester Hills

Attachments: [09132021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Sanitary Sewer Easement.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0219-2021

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council, on behalf of the City of Rochester Hills hereby accepts an Amendment to Sanitary Sewer Easement for the construction, operation, maintenance, repair and/or replacement of a sanitary sewer on, under, through and across land more particularly described as Parcel #15-13-476-006, granted by Pedro Cabalum whose address is 40233 Steel Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48310-1950, for Redwood at Rochester Hills.

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

- 2021-0359** Request for Acceptance of the Sanitary Sewer Easement granted by Redwood

Rochester Hills East Avon Road MI P1 LLC, an Ohio limited liability company, for Redwood at Rochester Hills

Attachments: [09132021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Sanitary Sewer Easement.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0220-2021

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council, on behalf of the City of Rochester Hills hereby accepts a Sanitary Sewer Easement for the construction, operation, maintenance, repair and/or replacement of a sanitary sewer on, under, through and across land more particularly described as Parcel #15-13-476-005, granted by Redwood Rochester Hills East Avon Road MI P1 LLC, an Ohio limited liability company, whose address is 7510 E. Pleasant Valley Road, Independence, Ohio 44131, for Redwood at Rochester Hills.

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

2021-0360 Request for Acceptance of a Water Main and Pressure Reducing Vault Easement granted by Redwood Rochester Hills East Avon Road MI P1 LLC, an Ohio limited liability company, for Redwood at Rochester Hills

Attachments: [09132021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Water Main Easement.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0221-2021

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council, on behalf of the City of Rochester Hills hereby accepts a Water Main and Pressure Reducing Vault Easement for the construction, operation, maintenance, repair and/or replacement of a water main and pressure reducing vault on, under, through and across land more particularly described as Parcel #15-13-476-005, granted by Redwood Rochester Hills East Avon Road MI P1 LLC, an Ohio limited liability company, whose address is 7510 E. Pleasant Valley Road, Independence, Ohio 44131, for Redwood at Rochester Hills.

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

2021-0361 Request for Acceptance of an Ingress and Egress Easement Private Road Agreement for Public and Emergency Vehicles from Redwood Rochester Hills East Avon Road MI P1 LLC, an Ohio limited liability company, for Redwood at Rochester Hills

Attachments: [09132021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Ingress and Egress Easement.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0222-2021

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the Ingress and Egress

Easement Private Road Agreement between the City of Rochester Hills and Redwood Rochester Hills East Avon Road MI P1 LLC, an Ohio limited liability company, whose address is 7007 East Pleasant Valley Road, Independence, OH 44131 for Parcel #15-13-476-005.

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

2021-0362 Request for Approval of a Storm Water Detention System Maintenance Agreement between the City of Rochester Hills and Redwood Rochester Hills East Avon Road MI P1 LLC, an Ohio limited liability company, for Redwood at Rochester Hills

Attachments: [09132021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Storm Maintenance Agreement.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0223-2021

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the Storm Water Detention System Maintenance Agreement between the City of Rochester Hills and Redwood Rochester Hills East Avon Road MI P1 LLC, an Ohio limited liability company, whose address is 7007 East Pleasant Valley Road, Independence, OH 44131, for Redwood at Rochester Hills, Parcel #15-13-476-005.

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

Passed the Consent Agenda

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

Aye 7 - Blair, Bowyer, Deel, Hetrick, Morita, Mungioli and Walker

LEGISLATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

Clerk Scott addressed Mr. Moore's comments regarding the absentee voter application process stating someone requests online through the Secretary of State to receive an absentee voter application, the City is notified through the Qualified Voters File (QVF) that person is sent an application for an absent voter ballot. She pointed out that the City does not send ballots out without a signed absentee voter application on file for that voter for that specific election. She noted every signature is verified through the State's system and upon a valid signature verification a ballot is then issued.

Mr. Blair shared photos from Innovation Hills and stated the new playground is a hit, especially with his kids. He added the Staff have reported the parking lot is full starting at 9:00 a.m. until the park closes, and some visitors mentioned they drove over an hour to see the park. He encouraged everyone to stop by Innovation Hills and check out the new playground.

Ms. Morita spoke about the DTE outages that have been happening around the City, and the amount of correspondence she has received from residents regarding the outages. She shared that she has been referring the calls and emails to Tom Talbert in the Mayor's Office because he has been speaking with DTE, as well as gathering all the concerns from residents to help pinpoint areas of significant outages.

She responded to Mr. Moore's comment stating she took umbrage to his suggestion that Clerk Scott would do anything inappropriate or illegal. She added she pulled the statute up that he referenced, MCL 168.759 and she disagrees with his interpretation of this statute.

She mentioned Innovation Hills is great, however, the road closure and limited parking has created some chaos near the park. She inquired when the Hamlin Road construction near the park will be finished, and if a resident rate and non-resident rate will be enforced for parking in the future.

Vice President Bowyer concurred with Ms. Morita stating Clerk Scott is a fantastic clerk and would never do anything illegal. She shared the following events:
- The Brooksie Way Run will take place Sunday September 26, and has virtual and in person options for participants. - The Neighborhood House Scare away Hunger event will take place September 24-26 virtually. She pointed out the proceeds from the Neighborhood House run will provide food, clothing, emergency financial assistance and self-sufficiency services to neighbors in need.

Ms. Mungoli stated in addition to the DTE outages in the area, Comcast and other internet providers also experience outages. She thanked the Mayor's office for assisting a resident that reached out to her because he had no internet and no way of getting in touch with his internet provider. She added that she would like Comcast outage issues and concerns to be treated similarly to the DTE outage issues and concerns.

Mr. Hetrick expressed he had the honor and privilege of attending the 20th anniversary of 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony on Saturday. He pointed out the number 5555 and explained this number represents the bell tone that is made when a firefighter passes away in the line of duty. He commended Battalion Chief Murray for his comments at the ceremony remembering the people that died serving this country.

Mr. Walker mentioned the Art and Apples Festival Ribbon Cutting took place on September 10th and was a great kickoff to a community-wide weekend event. He shared he also had the honor of attending the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony that was held at Fire Station One, and noted that it was a great way to reflect and remember the fallen heroes that passed away serving the country.

President Deel thanked the Fire Department for the wonderful job they did with the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony and for allowing Council to participate in the Ceremony. He added in regards to Mr. Moore's public comment that City

Council's Rules and Procedures Section 5.05a addresses Council meetings and public comment stating:

"any personal or slanderous remarks made towards Council, Mayor, Staff or any other individuals will be grounds for terminating the Citizen's comment."

He pointed out this is important to keep in mind during the public comment portion of the meetings, and moving forward everyone should conduct themselves appropriately.

Mayor Barnett addressed Mr. Moore's comment stating it was misguided and he has witnessed Clerk Scott explain the difference between absentee applications and absentee ballots to residents, and this comment could have been resolved if the gentleman would have stayed at the meeting to hear the response from Clerk Scott. He stressed that Clerk Scott has his full faith and confidence and assured her the residents do as well. He provided the following updates:

- He responded to Ms. Morita regarding the Hamlin Road construction and stated the goal is to be finished in roughly two weeks which is ahead of the promised schedule.
- He mentioned Tom Talbert is handling the DTE outage issues and concerns and added they had a meeting last week with DTE Government Relations Member, Jennifer Whitiker, as well as the Regional Manager who is in charge of infrastructure. He stated they are well aware of the electrical issues in the City, and they are performing a three-week investigation on all the outages and will return to his office with a response to each of the areas. He pointed out DTE shared they have had way more storms this year than normal and the City has been hit with a number of these storms. He encouraged residents to reach out to Tom Talbert with concerns.
- He reflected on the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony held at Fire Station One and added the Memorial in front of the Station is a special place in the City to visit and remember the fallen heroes. He pointed out that the Fire Department did an exceptional job with the Ceremony.
- He spoke about the State of the City that took place on August 25th and thanked Council for attending as well as the City Staff that helped make this event possible. He mentioned it was a wonderful event that was held outside at Innovation Hills and was a unique opportunity to celebrate the Park and show everyone how exceptional Innovation Hills really is.
- He exclaimed how well the new Innovation Hills Playground has been received by not just the Community, but from people outside the Community as well. He added it is awesome to see the family memories being made at the Park every day, and stated the parking lot has been challenging but there will be forty more spaces added to allow for additional parking and other parking options are being explored. He stated this Park is everything they thought it would be and encouraged people to visit.
- He talked about his Podcast, "Right Down the Street", with recent interviews that included Dr. Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, MD and another one that included Brad Keselowski, a NASCAR Race Car Driver.
- He announced a new program launched for City staff called Leadership Rochester Hills that allows team members to learn more about the City. He

added the employees will spend time in each department cross-training and connecting with team members they do not see on a regular daily basis.

- He mentioned Barns and Brews is an upcoming event taking place at The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm on September 18th.

- He shared photos of Hamlin Road's construction progress as well as Butler Road's completed project, and shared photos of some local neighborhood road projects that have been completed in the City. He commended DPS on the great work they have done on all the projects city-wide.

- He ended by sharing an email received from a resident expressing her gratitude to the City of Rochester Hills, especially Council Member David Blair. He added Mr. Blair drove past this resident's home and saw her trash cans were emptied but there was still trash on her front lawn that was just left there. He pointed out that Mr. Blair stopped driving, went to this woman's door and personally apologized for the trash, and then he picked up the trash and assured her he would look into this problem. Mayor Barnett thanked Mr. Blair for going above and beyond to assist this resident.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney John Staran had nothing to report.

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

2021-0314 Nomination/Appointment of one (1) Citizen Representative to the Rochester Avon Recreation Authority, to fill the unexpired term of Daniel Hauser ending May 31, 2023

Attachments: [10112021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Appointment Form.pdf](#)
[Lassner, Caralyce CQ.pdf](#)
[Morlan, Emily CQ.pdf](#)
[Tischer, Charles CQ.pdf](#)
[09272021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Nomination Form.pdf](#)
[McCracken, David CQ.pdf](#)
[Neubauer, Marvie CQ.pdf](#)
[09132021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Bonk, Margaret CQ.pdf](#)
[Notice of Vacancy.pdf](#)
[08162021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Hauser Resignation.pdf](#)
[08162021 Resolution.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Removed from Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2021-0366** Request for Approval of the 2021-2022 Police School Liaison Program between the Rochester Community School District, the City of Rochester, Oakland Township, and the City of Rochester Hills

Attachments: [09132021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[2021-2022 School Liaison Budget.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Joe Snyder, Chief Financial Officer, stated this request is for Council to authorize the Police School Liaison Program contract for the 2021-2022 school year between the Rochester Community Schools, City of Rochester Hills, City of Rochester, and Oakland Township. He added these four entities have joined together for the past several years to provide this program and has been very successful in building respect and relationships between Rochester Community students and law enforcement, and helps in preventing present and future crimes. He pointed out **Captain Bart Wilson**, Oakland County Sheriff's Office, is also present for any questions.

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

Aye 7 - Blair, Bowyer, Deel, Hetrick, Morita, Mungiola and Walker

Enactment No: RES0225-2021

Resolved, that the City of Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the Police Liaison 2021-2022 (school year) budget in the amount of \$652,508, of which as a participating party, the City of Rochester Hills' contribution is \$300,282 as presented,

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

- 2021-0369** Request for Approval of the Transportation Asset Management Plan consisting of the Compliance Plan, Pavement Asset Management Plan and Bridge Asset Management Plan

Attachments: [09132021 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Presentation.pdf](#)
[Transportation Asset Management Plan.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Allan Schneck, Public Services Director, introduced **Jenny McGuckin**, Right of Way/Survey Technician, and explained she was tasked to put together a team to develop the Transportation Asset Management Plan that is required by the Transportation Asset Management Council.

Ms. McGuckin presented the first Transportation Asset Management Plan developed for the City of Rochester Hills. She explained The Michigan Public Act 325 is an amendment to Act 51 that governs the State's funding for several transportation programs, and stated the amendment requires local road agencies that are responsible for one hundred or more certified miles of road to submit an asset management plan to the Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC). She pointed out Rochester Hills is required to submit a

Transportation Asset Management Plan to the TAMC by October 1, 2021 and an updated plan is required every three years.

She stated the Asset Inventory section of the Transportation Asset Management Plan reports the City has over two hundred and sixty-six centerline miles of road, four bridge structures all in good condition, two-hundred and thirty-seven storm culverts in good condition, and thirteen traffic signals (with an additional fifty-five traffic signals co-own/share in the cost of maintenance).

She explained how the City obtains the road conditions information by using the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) system. She added this system uses a 1-10 scale, 10 being a newly constructed surface and 1 being a completely failed surface, with these PASER ratings the TAMC breaks them into three categories:

- Good (PASER scores 8-10)*
- Fair (PASER scores 5-7)*
- Poor (PASER scores 1-4)*

She added the major road network spending depends on revenues from Michigan Transportation Fund, City contributions, and Federal/State programs. She stated the local road network spending depends on revenue from millages and City contributions including the one millage up to 1.0965 mill and the City invests \$5,100,000 annually into its local road network.

She shared the main goal for the next three years is to keep the fair and good roads maintained so they do not turn into poor conditions. She added another goal is to move three percent of major roads and two percent of local roads out of the poor category by 2024.

She announced the next three years the City has twenty-three miles of planned road projects consisting of seven miles of major roads and sixteen miles of local roads. She added there is over sixty miles of crack sealing preventative maintenance planned for the next three years as well. She pointed out these projects will cost a little over twenty-three million dollars over the next three years.

President Deel thanked Ms. McGuckin for the presentation and the report, adding this report is great for referencing transportation assets within the City. He added there is a lot of information regarding the City's roads and this report is a great tool to get specific information, and this report was very well done.

Mr. Walker commended Ms. McGuckin for the presentation and report. He concurred with President Deel that this report was very well done and is a great comprehensive view of what is going on in the City when it comes to roads. He thanked Council and City Staff for their hard work and dedication to making sure the City's roads are improved and maintained when needed.

Mr. Hetrick complimented Ms. McGuckin and her team for a well written and informative report, and commended Ms. McGuckin for incorporating goals in the report. He added the goals are a very important element of this report

because it holds the City and Council accountable to make sure these goals are met.

***Ms. Mungoli** stated some of the biggest controversy in this City is the local roads. She mentioned she wants to make sure the City continues this investment and hopes residents recognize the continued efforts being made to repair the roads. She thanked Ms. McGuckin for her work and for putting together this report.*

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

Aye 7 - Blair, Bowyer, Deel, Hetrick, Morita, Mungoli and Walker

Enactment No: RES0226-2021

Whereas, the Department of Public Services requests the Rochester Hills City Council to approve the Transportation Asset Management Plan consisting of the Compliance Plan, Pavement Asset Management Plan and Bridge Asset Management Plan.

Resolved, the Rochester Hills City Council approves the Transportation Asset Management Plan consisting of the Compliance Plan, Pavement Asset Management plan and Bridge Asset Management Plan.

2021-0357 Request for Purchase Authorization - DPS/ENG: Blanket Purchase Order/Contract for design engineering services for the Borden Park Parking Lot Reconstruction project in the amount not-to-exceed \$110,472.00; Nowak & Fraus Engineers, Pontiac, MI

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[Proposal .pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

***Allan Schneck**, Public Service Director, explained that DPS is partnering with the Building Department as well as the Parks and Natural Resources Department to gather plans and specifications for the Borden Park parking lot rehabilitation now so it will be ready for solicitation in January or February of 2022. He pointed out they are looking into additional parking near the soccer fields, as well as looking into adding lighting to the rinks and pickle ball courts.*

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

Aye 7 - Blair, Bowyer, Deel, Hetrick, Morita, Mungoli and Walker

Enactment No: RES0227-2021

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a blanket purchase order/contract for design engineering services for the Borden Park Parking Lot Reconstruction project to Nowak & Fraus Engineers, Pontiac, Michigan in the amount not-to-exceed \$110,472.00 and further authorizes the Mayor to execute a contract on behalf of the City.

Further resolved, that the City's acceptance of the proposal and approval of the award of a contract shall be contingent and conditioned upon the parties' entry into and execution of a written agreement acceptable to the City.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Council, it was moved by Mungioli and seconded by Walker to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

RYAN DEEL, President
Rochester Hills City Council

LEANNE SCOTT, MMC, Clerk
City of Rochester Hills

AMBER BEAUCHAMP, Administrative Coordinator

City Clerk's Office

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