

**2015-0304** Request to Confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Ernest Colling Jr. to the Advisory Traffic and Safety Board for a three-year term to expire June 30, 2018

Attachments: [072015 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Colling\\_CQ.pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

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

**Aye** 5 - Brown, Hooper, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

**Absent** 2 - Hetrick and Kochenderfer

Enactment No: RES0208-2015

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby confirms the reappointment of Ernest Colling Jr. to the Advisory Traffic and Safety Board for a three-year term to expire June 30, 2018.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**2015-0085** Request for Nonprofit Designation for a Charitable Gaming License from the State of Michigan - Langeron Charities, Inc.

**Attachments:** [072015 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Cover Letter.pdf](#)  
[Bylaws.pdf](#)  
[Articles of Incorporation.pdf](#)  
[IRS Determination Letter.pdf](#)  
[Revenue and Expense Statement.pdf](#)  
[Board of Directors.pdf](#)  
[Initial Solicitation Registration Form.pdf](#)  
[Organization Summary.pdf](#)  
[Board Resolution.pdf](#)  
[Letters Regarding Langeron Charities.pdf](#)  
[CC Min 022315.pdf](#)  
[Articles of Incorporation obtained from State website on 062415.pdf](#)  
[022315 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[022315 Cover Letter.pdf](#)  
[022315 Bylaws.pdf](#)  
[022315 Articles of Incorporation.pdf](#)  
[022315 IRS Determination Letter.pdf](#)  
[022315 Revenue and Expense Statement.pdf](#)  
[022315 Board of Directors.pdf](#)  
[022315 Initial Solicitation Registration Form.pdf](#)  
[022315 Organizational Minutes 050109.pdf](#)  
[022315 Organization Summary.pdf](#)  
[022315 Board Resolution.pdf](#)  
[022315 Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)  
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**President Hooper** noted that Langeron Charities previously requested Council's adoption of a resolution recognizing them as a nonprofit organization in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license; however, at the time Council did not feel that enough information was provided to approve the request. He stated that Council's task tonight is to either approve or deny the request, which would vouch for the charitable nature of the organization.

**Rudolf Krichmar**, in attendance to represent Langeron Charities, stated that he submitted additional documentation in the hopes that everything is complete. He stated that if additional corrections are needed, they would be done. He commented that they help Ukrainian people and work to help those in crisis in the Ukraine. He explained that the charity did not have any donors this year and hopes to receive approval from the City and from the Michigan Gaming Control.

**Mr. Tisdell** noted that the original organization's Articles of Incorporation were filed in 2006 and the organization appears to have been relatively inactive since that time.

**Mr. Krichmar** responded that when they first submitted, the organization thought it would do home care. Subsequently the members changed their mind and resubmitted to the State of Michigan as a charity.

**Mr. Tisdell** questioned the primary function of the organization, its overall objective or goal, and who it is seeking to serve.

**Mr. Krichmar** responded that the group helps Ukrainian people with food and provides computers. The group also raises money to send to the Ukraine to help with the crisis.

**Mr. Tisdel** questioned whether there are other organizations in the area that the charity is familiar with that are targeted to serve the Ukrainian community.

**Mr. Krichmar** responded that the charity does not have any donors able to help them this year.

**Mr. Tisdel** questioned how many Ukrainian families or recent immigrants are in the Rochester Hills community and whether the charity can detail a demand or need for its services.

**Mr. Krichmar** responded that he does not know how many there are. He commented that the charity has individuals from all around communities in Michigan including Oak Park and Southfield and it is difficult to detail a demand or need.

**Mr. Wiggins** questioned why the charity has been unable to get any donors this year and if it is because the charity does not have a gaming license.

**Mr. Krichmar** stated that the charity decided to obtain a gaming license as it is aware of many charity rooms running these types of events. He stated that with a license the charity will be able to raise money for the poor. He commented that the charity considers the license a last chance.

**Mr. Brown** questioned what activities the charity will conduct with the license.

**Mr. Krichmar** responded that charity poker rooms exist in Michigan. He commented that he knows the suppliers of these rooms and they stated that once approval is granted by the State Gaming Control they would schedule events.

**Ms. Morita** questioned how someone would become a member of the organization.

**Mr. Krichmar** responded that the organization's members are not paid and are good people he has known for many years. He commented that the members meet each other to discuss the problems and made the decision to seek this approval.

**Ms. Morita** questioned what type of qualifications an individual needs to become a member of the organization and whether anyone can become a member.

**Mr. Krichmar** responded that not just anyone can become a member. He noted that the current members have known each other for many years, and he confirmed that anyone can become a member who wants to help.

**Ms. Morita** noted that the packet included several different versions of the Articles of Incorporation. She noted one version included a reference to a charity focused on Jewish traditions.

**Mr. Krichmar** responded that this was a mistake.

**Ms. Morita** commented that it appears that that version is on file with the State.

**Mr. Krichmar** responded that he will make a correction. He commented that his friends have a Jewish charity and helped with the paperwork. He stated that perhaps that information was included by mistake.

**Ms. Morita** stated that the organization's Statement of Purpose notes that the Ukrainian charity helps new immigrants to the United States get established. She questioned why the organization has not undertaken any activities or fund raising events this year and whether it organized any food drives.

**Mr. Krichmar** responded it undertook no activities because it had no funds and had not done any food drives. He stated that the gaming event will help the organization to survive.

**President Hooper** stated that Council's purpose is to vouch for the nonprofit nature of the charity, and he commented that he just does not see it. He commented that while Mr. Krichmar seems like an honorable person with an admirable goal of helping the Ukrainian community, it is his opinion that the organization is not a viable charity; and he cannot vouch for the organization as a charity for the purpose of obtaining a gaming license. He noted that it seems that the gaming license is the driving force for the charity, contrary to the purpose of a gaming license to assist a viable charity; and he stated that he cannot support the recognition.

**A motion was made by Tisdell, seconded by Wiggins, that the matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 5 - Brown, Hooper, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

**Absent** 2 - Hetrick and Kochenderfer

Enactment No: RES0209-2015

**Resolved**, that the request from the Langeron Charities, Inc., located at 2781 Dearborn, Rochester Hills, MI 48309, Oakland County, asking that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license be denied.

**2015-0285** Request for Acceptance of the Engineer's Report for the proposed Special Assessment District (SAD) paving project of Norton Lawn and Hickory Lawn

**Attachments:** [072015 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Aerial Location Map.pdf](#)  
[Engineer Report.pdf](#)  
[Hickory Lawn Draft Assessment Roll.pdf](#)  
[Norton Lawn Draft Assessment Roll.pdf](#)  
[OHM Prelim Const Cost Est.2015.June12.pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Draft\).](#)

**Allan Sehneck**, Director of DPS/Engineering, stated that tonight's request is one step in the Special Assessment District (SAD) process established by the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee and approved by Council. He noted that accepting the Engineer's Report as well as establishing a Public Hearing date is a part of the SAD process.