



Rochester Hills Minutes City Council Regular Meeting

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*Melinda Hill, Bryan K. Barnett, John L. Dalton, Jim Duistermars,
Barbara L. Holder, Linda Raschke, Gerald Robbins*

Wednesday, August 24, 2005

7:30 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

President Hill called the Regular Rochester Hills City Council Meeting/Budget Work Session to order at 7:35 p.m. Michigan Time.

ROLL CALL

Present: Melinda Hill, Bryan Barnett, Jim Duistermars, Barbara Holder, Linda Raschke and Gerald Robbins

Absent: John Dalton

Others Present:

*Pat Somerville, Mayor
Jane Leslie, City Clerk
Ed Anzek, Director of Planning/Development
Dan Casey, Manager of Economic Development
Scott Cope, Director of Building/Ordinance Enforcement
Ron Crowell, Fire Chief
Paul Davis, City Engineer
Kurt Dawson, Director of Assessing/Treasurer
Bob Grace, Director of MIS
Mike Hartner, Director of Parks & Forestry
Raymond "Bud" Leafdale, General Superintendent
Roger Moore, Professional Surveyor
Kim Murphey, Administrative Coordinator - DPS
Roger Rouse, Director of DPS/Engineering
Paul Shumejko, Transportation Engineer
Bob Smith, Captain - Oakland County Sheriff's Department
Bob Srogi, Facilities Operations Manager*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council approve the Agenda of the Regular City Council Meeting/Budget Work Session of Wednesday, August 24 2005 with the addition of the following items under NEW BUSINESS:

2005-0546 - Adoption of Resolution to Change September 21, 2005 Regular Council Meeting to September 14, 2005 due to Michigan Municipal League Convention.

2005-0561 - Adoption of Resolution to accept the case evaluation in the case of Walterhouse v. Robbins.

2005-0562 - Adoption of Resolution to Set Closed Session for Wednesday, September 7, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. to consult with the Attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, Adams/Hamlin Development v. the City of Rochester Hills and to discuss an Attorney/Client Privileged Communication.

A motion was made by Duistermars, seconded by Raschke, to Approve Agenda as Amended.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Hill, Barnett, Duistermars, Holder, Raschke and Robbins

Absent: Dalton

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Debbie Geen, 3128 Walton Boulevard, Chairperson of the Residential Vision Committee, indicated that Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard accepted a 20% budget cut, and questioned why Rochester Hills could not make a similar budget cut.

Captain Smith again clarified that there was a 20% shortfall in the overall Oakland County government budget resulting in a reduction of \$270,000 in the Sheriff's Department budget.

LEGISLATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

President Hill expressed her condolences to Mr. Dalton for the loss of his brother.

Ms. Holder thanked Captain Smith for clarifying the budget issue raised by Ms. Geen and encouraged residents to utilize the City's public library.

Mr. Barnett encouraged residents to get involved in the Rochester-Avon Recreation Authority (RARA) and also mentioned that there will be a RARA ballot proposal for consideration on the upcoming Primary Election.

Ms. Raschke also expressed her gratitude to Captain Smith for the clarification and expressed her condolences to Mr. Dalton.

ATTORNEY MATTERS

City Attorney John Staran had nothing to report.

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.

2005-0538 Approval of Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - May 7, 2005

Attachments: Min CC 050705.pdf; 0538 Resolution.pdf

Adopted by Resolution

Enactment No: RES0274-2005

2005-0539 Approval of Minutes - Special City Council Budget Work Session Meeting - May 11, 2005

Attachments: Min CC 051105.pdf; 0539 Resolution.pdf

Adopted by Resolution

Enactment No: RES0275-2005

2005-0324

Approval of the Agreement for Maintenance of Storm Water Detention System between The Pointe Group, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, and the City of Rochester Hills, for Parcel No. 15-34-477-016

Attachments: Agenda Summary Agreement Storm Water Detention.pdf; Agreement.pdf; 0324 Resolution.pdf

Adopted by Resolution

Enactment No: RES0276-2005

2005-0515

Approval of the 2005-2006 Winter Maintenance Agreement for Livernois Road between the City of Rochester Hills and the Board of Road Commissioners for Oakland County

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; Agreement 2005-2006.pdf; 0515 Resolution.pdf

Adopted by Resolution

Enactment No: RES0277-2005

2005-0547

Adoption of Resolution of Opposition to Senate Bill 1504 - The Ensign/McCain Broadband Investment and Consumer Choice Act

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; SB 1504.pdf; Summary SB 1504.pdf; 0547 Resolution.pdf

Adopted by Resolution

Enactment No: RES0278-2005

Passed The Consent Agenda

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

Aye: Hill, Barnett, Duistermars, Holder, Raschke and Robbins

Absent: Dalton

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

2005-0259

Acceptance for Second Reading and Adoption - An Ordinance to add new Section 30-32 to Chapter 30, Community Development, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, to modify tax exemption provisions relating to Danish Village to assist Lutheran Social Services in securing financing for renovations of Danish Village from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), and further providing City Council authority to rescind this ordinance if the MSHDA funding has not been approved by June 30, 2006, and repeal conflicting ordinances

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; 081406 Agenda Summary - Second Reading.pdf; 080305 Agenda Summary - First Reading.pdf; Map aerial.pdf; Ordinance.pdf; Agenda Summary 040605.pdf; 040605 Resolution.pdf; Letter Great Lakes Capital 20050329.pdf; Tax Exempt Ord.pdf; 0259 R

A motion was made by Duistermars, seconded by Raschke, that this matter be Accepted for Second Reading and Adoption by Resolution.

Resolved that an Ordinance to add new Section 30-32 to Chapter 30, Community Development, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, to modify tax exemption provisions relating to Danish Village to assist Lutheran Social Services in securing financing for renovations of Danish Village from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), and further providing City Council authority to rescind this ordinance if the MSHDA funding has not been approved by June 30, 2006, and repeal conflicting ordinances is hereby accepted for Second Reading and shall become effective on Friday, September 2, 2005, the day following its publication on Thursday, September 1, 2005 in the Rochester Eccentric newspaper.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Hill, Barnett, Duistermars, Holder, Raschke and Robbins

Absent: Dalton

Enactment No: RES0194-2006

NEW BUSINESS

2005-0540

Request for Purchase Authorization: Project Budget for Education Program for Local Road Millage in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; Public Relations.pdf; 0540 Resolution.pdf

Mr. Ed Anzek, Director of Planning/Development, introduced Ms. Beth Tilove and Mr. Paul Franklin, both members of the Residential Street Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Anzek explained that the Committee, having determined that "the City does such a poor job of communication," recommended securing the services of a firm to assist the City in educating the residents about the upcoming local roads millage proposal. He noted that only \$13,640 of the requested amount was for the consultant, with the remaining funds earmarked for mailing and printing costs.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Council members expressed their support for the Education Program noting the following:

- *City staff is already overburdened with their current duties.*
- *A consultant will be more effective and efficient.*
- *The consultant portion of the program fee amounts to less than twenty cents per resident.*
- *Rochester Hills citizens recommended the use of a consultant, not the City staff or elected officials.*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Debbie Geen, 3128 Walton Boulevard, Chairperson of the Residential Vision

Committee, noted the following:

- The Residential Street Ad Hoc Committee was not representative of the whole City.
- Directors earn high salaries and should be handling these duties instead of outside consultants.
- The \$50,000 would be better spent plowing local roads.

Mayor Somerville stressed that because residents such as Ms. Geen have made it clear that "you don't trust us," a committee comprised of Rochester Hills residents seemed the most appropriate means to address this pressing issue.

A motion was made by Holder, seconded by Barnett, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution.

Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a project budget for the development and implementation of an informational and educational program in support of the Residential Street Ad Hoc Committee for the local road millage. This program includes the contracted public relations consulting services for Berg Muirhead and Associates for product development and printing and mailing costs to be provided by various printing vendors and the City in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Hill, Barnett, Duisternars, Holder and Raschke

Nay: Robbins

Absent: Dalton

Enactment No: RES0280-2005

2005-0549

Request to Create Green Space Advisory Board

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; Open Space outline 1.pdf; 093005 Agenda Summary.pdf; 092905 CDV Agenda Summary.pdf; Memo Advisory Board.pdf; 081705 Agenda Summary.pdf; 081105 Email Funk P.pdf; 082405 Resolution.pdf; 0549 Resolution.pdf

Mr. Paul Funk, Chairperson of the Open Space Preservation Committee, requested that Council approve the request to create a Green Space Advisory Board noting the following:

- There is strong sentiment in the community in support of the ballot proposal.
- There is an undertone of concern among supporters that citizens be "heavily" involved in the decision process.

Mr. Funk recommended the following:

- That the new committee be named the Green Space Advisory Board.
- That the board be structured as follows:
 - * One Council representative
 - * One or two Mayoral appointees
 - * Four or five City Council appointees
 - * Director of Parks/Forestry or designee
 - * A number of advisory representatives from various interested groups such as the

Clinton River Watershed Council and the Oakland Land Conservancy.

He noted, "It's all about involving people in the community to help steer the direction of where we go."

President Hill stated, "We are not going to get into planning or putting a board together this evening." The final determination of the structure of the board will be established following the successful passage of the open space millage proposal.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Debbie Geen, 3128 Walton Boulevard, Chairperson of the Residential Vision Committee, stated that for the open space proposal to pass, residents need to know what property is under consideration for purchase and if it has been properly appraised.

Mr. Dave Bassett, 624 Essex Drive, expressed his support for the creation of the advisory board.

Mr. Paul Miller, 1021 Harding Avenue, asked that Council approve this request.

Mr. Dan Keifer, 719 Fieldstone, expressed his support and his appreciation that Council is taking it under consideration.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Robbins questioned the need for the creation of "another board or commission" when the City already has a Leisure Activities Committee that could carry out these duties.

President Hill noted that the make-up of the proposed advisory board has not been determined, nor has its reporting structure. She stressed that those issues will be examined and discussed in detail only if the ballot proposal passes.

Mr. Duistermars indicated that the proposed advisory board would be making recommendations on the purchase of land. He noted that the recommended land would not become part of the parks system until after purchase and, thus, would not fall under the purview of the Leisure Activities Committee until after the Green Space Advisory Board had completed its role in the process.

(Mr. Robbins Departed at 8:13 p.m.)

A motion was made by Barnett, seconded by Duistermars, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution.

Whereas, the Open Space Preservation Ad Hoc Committee spent significant time and effort studying the Open Space issue in the City of Rochester Hills and the efforts of their work was presented at the May 4, 2005 City Council regular meeting; and

Whereas, the Committee made a presentation to City Council on June 1, 2005 at which time they requested City Council consider that a millage proposal for Open Space Preservation be placed on the ballot for the voters consideration; and

Whereas, City Council concurred with the request of the Open Space Preservation Ad Hoc Committee and approved the placement of a Millage Proposal to Provide Funding to Permanently Preserve Green Spaces and Natural Features with the City of Rochester Hills on the September 13, 2005 Primary Election; and

Whereas, City Council acknowledges that if the Millage Proposal passes it would be in the best interest of the City of Rochester Hills and its citizens to form a Green Space Advisory Board.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that upon passage of the Millage Proposal to Provide Funding to Permanently Preserve Green Spaces and Natural Features with the City of Rochester Hills the Rochester Hills City Council will establish an Open Space Advisory Board for the purpose of planning and developing strategies, recommending acquisitions and maintaining the green space funded through this millage.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Hill, Barnett, Duistermars, Holder and Raschke

Absent: Dalton and Robbins

Enactment No: RES0340-2005

2005-0546

Adoption of Resolution to Change Regular City Council Meeting Schedule - To Change the September 21, 2005 Regular Meeting to Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; 0546 Resolution.pdf

President Hill noted the following reasons to reschedule the September 21st Council meeting:

- The Michigan Municipal League (MML) conference would be taking place between September 20th and the 23rd with at least two Council members attending.

- A Council Closed Session meeting will be held on September 7th that may require action on the part of Council at the next meeting.

Ms. Holder and **Ms. Raschke** indicated that neither of them would be attending the MML Conference that week. **President Hill** confirmed that she would be attending the conference.

A motion was made by Raschke, seconded by Duistermars, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution.

Whereas, the Michigan Municipal League 2005 Legislative Convention is being held on Tuesday, September 20 through Friday, September 23, 2005 and City Council has a Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September, 21, 2005.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby agrees to change its Regular Meeting of Wednesday, September 21, 2005 to Wednesday, September 14, 2005 at 7:30 p.m., at the Rochester Hills Municipal Offices, 1000 Rochester Hills Drive, Rochester Hills, Michigan.

Further Resolved that the City Clerk shall provide proper notice of the Meeting Schedule change pursuant to 15.265, Section 5(3) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Public Act No. 267 of 1976 as amended.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Hill, Barnett, Duistermars and Raschke

Nay: Holder

Absent: Dalton and Robbins

Enactment No: RES0282-2005

2005-0561

Adoption of Resolution to accept the Case Evaluation in the Case of Walterhouse v. Robbins

Attachments: 0561 Resolution.pdf

A motion was made by Duistermars, seconded by Barnett, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution.

Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby directs Attorney Michael E. Rosati of Johnson, Rosati, LaBarge, Aselyne and Field, PC, to accept the Case Evaluation in the case of Walterhouse v. Robbins.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Hill, Barnett, Duistermars, Holder and Raschke

Absent: Dalton and Robbins

Enactment No: RES0283-2005

2005-0562

Adoption of a Resolution to meet in Closed Session on Wednesday, September 7, 2005 at 6:30 p.m., Michigan Time, at the Rochester Hills Municipal Offices to consult with the Attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, Adams/Hamlin Development v. the City of Rochester Hills and to discuss an Attorney/Client Privileged Communication

Attachments: 0562 Resolution.pdf

A motion was made by Raschke, seconded by Duistermars, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution.

Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby agrees to meet in Closed Session, as permitted by State Statute MCLA 15.268, on Wednesday, September 7, 2005 at 6:30 p.m., Michigan Time, at the Rochester Hills Municipal Offices, 1000 Rochester Hills Drive, Rochester Hills, Michigan, to consult with the Attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, Adams/Hamlin Development v. the City of Rochester Hills and to discuss an Attorney/Client Privileged Communication.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Hill, Barnett, Duistermars, Holder and Raschke

Absent: Dalton and Robbins

Enactment No: RES0284-2005

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Barnett, Chairperson of the Community Development & Viability Committee, announced that the Committee would be meeting the following evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Rochester Hills Museum Dairy Barns.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATES

- *Special Budget Work Session: August 25, 2005 - 7:30 p.m. at the Museum*
- *Regular Meeting: September 7, 2005 - 7:30 p.m. at City Hall*

ADJOURN TO BUDGET WORK SESSION

Council members adjourned to a Budget Work Session at 8:22 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION

2005-0516

Discussion regarding Special Revenue Funds - 2006 Budget (200's)

Attachments: 0516 Resolution.pdf

Mr. Roger Rouse, Director of DPS/Engineering, expressed high praise for the employees in his department, noting specifically their vast knowledge and their training in multiple disciplines. He described his department as "the backbone of the City" considering its focus on essential services.

203 LOCAL STREET FUND / 000 REVENUE

Mr. Rouse indicated that approximately \$836,000 of the Fund Balance is proposed to be used as a revenue source leaving only approximately \$739,000 remaining. He stressed that, "at this same level of spending, this fund will go bankrupt in 2007."

FEDERAL & STATE GRANTS

544000 State Transportation Funds
Act 51, Gasoline & Weight Taxes

- Money received through Act 51 is based on gallons of gasoline sold, therefore, increased gas prices does not result in increased revenue to the City.

203 LOCAL STREET FUND / 444 TRANSFER OUT

President Hill expressed concern that the proposed 2006 Budget indicated that a portion of the local roads bond debt would be paid through the Debt Service Fund, as had been proposed by the Residential Streets Ad Hoc Committee, prior to the passage of the proposed local roads millage.

203 LOCAL STREET FUND / 454 CONSTRUCTION

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

801000 Professional Services
Geotechnical Consultant

- Primarily a pass-through cost in the case of private developers, these monies are reimbursed through an escrow account into which developers deposit these fees.

Mr. Barnett requested that future budgets indicate pass-through line items more clearly.

203 LOCAL STREET FUND / 464 ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

PERSONNEL SERVICES

- Reduction based on the premature death of a department employee.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**807000 Contractual Services***City Chloride Application Program*

- Chloride applications were reduced from six to four in 2005. It is proposed that applications be reduced from four to two in 2006. In addition, Chloride will only be applied when necessary.

Mr. Rousse indicated that street sweeping and catch basin cleaning had been shifted from the Local Street Fund to the Drain Fund.

203 LOCAL STREET FUND / 474 TRAFFIC SERVICES

- Due to the importance of traffic safety, the DPS is attempting to maintain the same level of service in this area as was established in 2005.

203 LOCAL STREET FUND / 484 WINTER MAINTENANCE

- It was noted by the City Staff that many measures were taken to not only reduce this budget but to preserve the existing funds as long as possible as it is likely the fund will be depleted by the year 2007 if the proposed local roads millage does not pass.

- Council members stressed that the snow plow policy should not eliminate over-time completely, but rather, the administration should use their discretion when making the determination as to what is needed to ensure residents' safety.

Mr. Rousse assured Council members that, although the new snow plow policy provided a reduced level of service from what residents' are accustomed to, it is "almost identical" to the policies of Macomb and Oakland Counties.

203 LOCAL STREET FUND / 494 ADMINISTRATION**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES****802001 Interfund Charges - MIS**

- The Administration Fund includes the MIS charge which does not appear in the other four portions of the Local Road Fund budget.

Discussed

Enactment No: RES0319-2005

2005-0514

Discussion regarding General Fund - 2006 Budget (100's)

Attachments: Agenda Summary Budget Adoption.pdf; 092805 Final Recap all changes.pdf; 091405 Agenda Summary.pdf; Memo Jenuwine 090205.pdf; Memo Jenuwine 082205 - 2006 Q&A.pdf; Memo Jenuwine Monday responses.pdf; Memo Jenuwine Tuesdays II responses1.pdf; Memo Jenuwine

202 MAJOR ROAD FUND / 000 REVENUES

- The \$10.9 million of Federal dollars the City is going to receive for the Tienken Road project does not appear in this budget. It is likely the appropriation will go to Oakland County and be disbursed to the City.

202 MAJOR ROAD FUND / 442 TRANSFER OUT

- There have been delays with the Hamlin Road Corridor development, related to the lack of an approved environmental impact assessment study, however, the project still has funding appropriated for 2008 construction.

202 MAJOR ROAD FUND / 452 CONSTRUCTION

CAPITAL OUTLAY

970000 Construction & Improvements

- MR-06A - Tienken Road & Bridge Rehabilitation
- MR-06B - Kings Cove @ Tienken - Traffic Signal

- These are the only projects for Tienken Road planned for 2006 as the Tienken Road Corridor Study needs to be revisited before Federal dollars are made available for reconstructing that corridor.

MR-01B - Crooks Road (M59 - Auburn)

- The Crooks Road project has been delayed because the highway bill was not passed and the County has been unable to move forward.

MR-01C - Crooks Road (Auburn - South Boulevard)

- Work may begin in late 2005; bids will be collected in the fall of 2005.

President Hill asked City staff to provide Council with a project total for the Tienken Road Bridge project.

202 MAJOR ROAD FUND / 462 ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

PERSONNEL SERVICES

- Employees were shifted from Local Road Fund to this fund as this area was under budgeted in previous years.

202 MAJOR ROAD FUND / 472 TRAFFIC SERVICES

- The program is basically the same with only a moderate increase associated with inflationary factors and personnel costs.

202 MAJOR ROAD FUND / 482 WINTER MAINTENANCE

- Some full-time equivalents were moved from the Local Road Fund to the Major Road Fund as it was determined that the Major Roads program should be strengthened.
- Major roads must be plowed before local roads.

202 MAJOR ROAD FUND / 492 ADMINISTRATION

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

801000 Professional Services

- PS-08 - Master Thoroughfare Plan
(50% / 50% - Split with Planning Department)

- It was determined that this should be split evenly with the Planning Department as it is a Planning Commission responsibility.

Discussed

Enactment No: RES0318-2005

2005-0516 Discussion regarding Special Revenue Funds - 2006 Budget (200's)

Attachments: 0516 Resolution.pdf

214 PATHWAY MAINTENANCE FUND

Mr. Paul Davis, City Engineer, explained it was determined that the full millage amount not be levied in its final year as it would not provide enough money to complete costly construction projects.

- Council members expressed concern that it sends a "mixed signal" to residents that there is not enough money for projects yet the City does not levy the full amount.

Mr. Barnett stressed that the millage renewal and its planned uses will need to be brought forward to Council by the Pathways Committee.

Discussed

Enactment No: RES0319-2005

2005-0518 Discussion regarding Capital Improvement Funds - 2006 Budget (400's)

Attachments: 0518 Resolution.pdf

403 PATHWAY CONSTRUCTION FUND / 000 REVENUE

CHARGE FOR SERVICE - DPS

610003 Chg. for Serv. - City Inspections

- Revenue generated from inspections on pathways constructed by private developers.

Discussed

Enactment No: RES0321-2005

(RECESS 10:06 p.m. - 10:20 p.m.)

2005-0516 Discussion regarding Special Revenue Funds - 2006 Budget (200's)

Attachments: 0516 Resolution.pdf

244 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT - DRAIN FUND

- The reduction in fund balance falls within the City's tolerance of always maintaining at least 15% to 20% of operating expenditures.

Discussed

Enactment No: RES0319-2005

2005-0519 Discussion regarding Water and Sewer Funds - 2006 Budget (500's)

Attachments: 0519 Resolution.pdf

510 SEWER DEPARTMENT - OPERATING MAINTENANCE

OPERATING SUPPLIES

748000 Operating Equipment
Miss Dig Equipment

President Hill questioned bringing the Miss Dig work in-house.

Mr. Rouse explained that they have begun bringing some services in-house, such as Miss Dig and sewer inspections, with the anticipated outcome that over time the backlog of work will be reduced to the point that the number of employees involved can be reduced and shifted to other duties. Thus, as needs change, workers can be redistributed rather than hiring new employees.

OTHER EXPENSES

932000 Maintenance - Equipment

SCADA System

- *Significant increase is due to SCADA system enhancements that will enable the system to create reports that can track pumping station volumes. This information will assist in upgrade designs.*

- *This will be a one time upgrade that will allow the system to provide data required by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) regarding bypass flow.*

511 SEWER - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

President Hill expressed her concern over the significant increase in the cost of the DPS Facility project. She indicated she would schedule further discussion for an upcoming Council meeting.

512 SEWER - REPLACEMENT FUND

- *Approximately \$40,000 to replace a piece of survey equipment that was originally purchased in 1982. It can no longer be repaired due to a lack of available replacement parts.*

- *The cost for the Radio Read meter reading system is essentially a "pass through" as water and sewer rates have been increased to recoup the cost of the system.*

530 WATER - OPERATING & MAINTENANCE

- *As a result of the Bioterrorism Security Act of 2002, the City is removing decorative fencing and shrubbery once used to hide equipment, but which can now make it more vulnerable to tampering.*

- *Many of the consulting fees are passed along to private developers.*

- *It is a legal mandate that the Water Quality Report be sent to all Water & Sewer customers annually.*

- *The funding for the demolition of the manufacturing building on Hamlin Road will likely be brought forward in a future budget amendment once the profits from the sale of the two western properties are realized.*

531 WATER - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

No discussion.

532 WATER - REPLACEMENT FUND

No discussion.

Discussed

Enactment No: RES0322-2005

2005-0520

Discussion regarding Internal Services Funds - 2006 Budget (600's)

Attachments: 0520 Resolution.pdf

631 FACILITIES FUND

FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS

546005 State Grant - Rails to Trails

PK-10C - Clinton River Trail Development Trailway Surfacing

- *It was recently learned that these funds will not be granted and, at this time, there is no other source to fund this project. It should be removed from the budget.*

- *The City-owned property on Livernois adjacent to Veteran's Memorial Pointe will remain vacant.*

677 FLEET EQUIPMENT FUND

Mr. Rousse brought to Council's attention the fact that many scheduled fleet replacements have been delayed and this will impact future budgets when it is eventually necessary to replace more vehicles than normal in a given year.

Discussed

Enactment No: RES0323-2005

2005-0517

Discussion regarding Debt Funds - 2006 Budget (300's)

Attachments: 0517 Resolution.pdf

DEBT FUNDS

313 LOCAL STREET IMPROVEMENT BOND - 2001 SERIES

No discussion.

314 LOCAL STREET S.A.D. BOND - 2001 SERIES

No discussion.

325 LOCAL STREET IMPROVEMENT BOND - 2002 SERIES

No discussion.

331 DRAIN DEBT FUND

No discussion.

337 LOCAL STREET S.A.D. BOND - 1994 SERIES

No discussion.

338 LOCAL STREET S.A.D. BOND - 1995 SERIES

No discussion.

368 OLDER PERSONS COMMISSION BUILDING DEBT FUND

No discussion.

370 MUNICIPAL BUILDING DEBT FUND

No discussion.

391 REFUNDING BOND FUND - 1998 SERIES

No discussion.

392 REFUNDING BOND FUND - 2002 SERIES

No discussion.

Discussed

Enactment No: RES0320-2005

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Debbie Geen, 3128 Walton Boulevard, Chairperson of the Residential Vision Committee, indicated that the current snow plowing policy cannot ensure adequate public safety. She further noted her dissatisfaction with the recent increase in water rates and the number of millage proposals on the upcoming election. She suggested that Mayor Somerville step down from her elected position.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Council, President Hill adjourned the meeting at 11:20 p.m.

*MELINDA HILL, President
Rochester Hills City Council*

*JANE LESLIE, Clerk
City of Rochester Hills*

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

Approved as presented at the February 15, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting.