



# Rochester Hills

## Minutes - Draft

### City Council Special Meeting

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*Kevin S. Brown, Dale A. Hetrick, Greg Hooper, Adam Kochenderfer, Stephanie Morita,  
Mark A. Tisdell and Thomas W. Wiggins*

*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."*

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Monday, August 17, 2015

5:30 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

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In accordance with the provisions of Act 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, the Open Meetings Act, notice was given that a Special Rochester Hills City Council Meeting would commence at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2015, to discuss the proposed 2016 Budget, and to conduct regular City business.

#### CALL TO ORDER

*President Hooper called the Special Rochester Hills City Council Meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. Michigan Time.*

#### ROLL CALL

**Present** 7 - Kevin S. Brown, Dale Hetrick, Greg Hooper, Adam Kochenderfer, Stephanie Morita, Mark A. Tisdell and Thomas W. Wiggins

#### Others Present:

*Ed Anzek, Director of Planning and Economic Development  
Tracey Balint, Public Utilities Engineer  
Bryan Barnett, Mayor  
Tina Barton, City Clerk  
Nancy Bowman, Senior Human Resources Analyst  
Alan Buckenmeyer, Parks Operations Manager  
Sean Canto, Chief of Fire and Emergency Services  
Scott Cope, Director of Building/Ordinance Compliance  
Ron Crowell, Deputy Fire Chief  
Paul Davis, City Engineer/Deputy Director of DPS  
Lance DeVoe, Park Ranger II  
Dave Etz, Forestry Ranger II  
Pamela Gordon, Director of Human Resources  
Bob Grace, Director of MIS  
Deborah Happy, Administrative Coordinator - Fire  
Mike Hartner, Director of Parks and Forestry  
Deborah Hoyle, Financial Analyst  
Captain Michael Johnson, Oakland County Sheriff's Office*

*Kevin Krajewski, Network Administrator/Deputy Director of MIS*  
*Gerry Lee, Forestry Operations Manager*  
*Pat McKay, Supervisor of Interpretive Services*  
*Kim Murphey, Administrative Coordinator - DPS*  
*Linda Osiecki, Deputy Treasurer*  
*Gerald Pink, Forestry Ranger II*  
*Sara Roediger, Manager of Planning*  
*Keith Sawdon, Director of Finance*  
*Allan Schneck, Director of DPS/Engineering*  
*Leanne Scott, Deputy Clerk*  
*Paul Shumejko, Transportation Engineer*  
*Joe Snyder, Senior Financial Analyst*  
*Helen Sultana-Kelly, HR Analyst - Program Coordinator*  
*Laurie Taylor, Deputy Director of Assessing*  
*Pamela Valentik, Manager of Economic Development*  
*Bob White, Supervisor of Ordinance Services*  
*Maria Willett, Chief Assistant to the Mayor*  
*Kelly Winters, Deputy Director of Building*

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Hetrick, that the Agenda Be Approved as Presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye** 7 - Brown, Hetrick, Hooper, Kochenderfer, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

## PUBLIC COMMENT

*None.*

## LEGISLATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

**Ms. Morita** mentioned that she was pleased to see that three of the new Fire Department recruits were teaching cardiopulmonary resuscitation and defibrillator use at the Village of Rochester Hills last Saturday. She commented that the City deserves applause and congratulations on hiring these fine new candidates.

**Mayor Barnett** announced an upcoming Night Under the Lights Pitch, Hit & Run event set for this Friday evening, August 21, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at Borden Park.

## PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

2015-0316 General Budget Overview - 2016-2018

**Attachments:**

[081715 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[081715 Budget Presentation Schedule.pdf](#)  
[Suppl Presentation - Overview.pdf](#)  
[081015 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[081015 Resolution.pdf](#)

**Keith Sawdon**, Director of Finance, noted that the budget process begins with development of the Capital Improvement Plan in February, which was presented to the Planning Commission and adopted in April. A seven-year forecast was presented to Council, allowing for a proactive rather than reactive strategy. The adoption of the Strategic Plan follows. Every department looks at the Plan and uses it as a guide for achieving both near and long term Goals and Objectives. He noted that the forecast highlights several things:

- General Fund is a major funding source for several other funds, like Local Streets.
- Local Streets needs funding sources for subdivision reconstruction activity. General Fund supports this area.
- Fire Fund was able to add additional staffing. There is a need to review and update the Capital Replacement Schedule to ensure Capital Fund longevity.
- The Water Resource Fund needs a funding source to survive beyond Fiscal Year (FY) 2018. Council has asked the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee (PSITRC) to look at and recommend funding ideas.

He noted that a three year budget process is continued, with budgets based on best estimates and projections for the future, and based on delivering quality services. He stated that revenues drive services, and revenues are conservatively estimated to ensure that services can be delivered.

He mentioned significant initiatives of 2016 Budget, including Major Road and Local Street reconstruction, a Citywide Employee Compensation Study, Riverbend Park Development proposed for FY 2016-2018, final funding of the Green Space Perpetual Care Trust, the Building Inspector Laptop/Tablet program, and the creation of a Media Division cost center within General Fund away from the Mayor's office to better track media-related activity and fund those activities with PEG funding.

He provided an overview of the Budget being presented, noting the following:

- Citywide revenues of \$115 million
  - \* Decrease of five percent from the current 2015 Amended Budget
  - \* Proposed use of \$11.2 million from Fund Balance to fund \$18.9 million in capital-related projects
- Citywide expenditures of \$126 million
  - \* Decrease of 17 percent from the current 2015 Amended Budget, with most of the increase attributable to a reduction in capital projects and transfers out
- The FY 2016 Proposed Budget sets the City millage rate at 10.3605 (not including the OPC Transportation Millage which expired in FY 2015, and is on the ballot for November). The City will request an extension of the October 1

filing date for the Form 4029 for millage rates until after the Election.

The proposed Budget accomplishes the following:

- Improving revenue growth, including Property Tax Revenues, State Shared Revenue, charges for services, and building permits
- Investing in infrastructure, with the General Fund providing \$5.2 million to the Local Street Fund to accomplish \$5.3 million in reconstruction, and Major Road improvements of \$4.8 million
- Investing in Green Space with the final funding of the Green Space Perpetual Care Trust
- Investing in its people, with the Citywide Employee Compensation Study
- Investing in its parks, with the Riverbend Park Development, using contributions and donations
- Investing in technology, with the Building Inspector Laptop/Tablet Program
- The City's proposed tax rate of 10.3605 for FY 2016 is one of the lowest rates for all cities in Oakland County. If OPC's millage passes in November, that rate will change slightly.

**See Legislative File 2015-0325 for Council Discussion.**

**Discussed.**

**2015-0319** Discussion - General Fund (100's) - 2016 Budget

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[Suppl Presentation - General Fund Revenue.pdf](#)  
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#### **GENERAL FUND REVENUE**

**Keith Sawdon**, Director of Finance, reviewed General Fund Revenues, noting the following:

- Use of Fund Balance decreased by 81 percent or \$4.5 million over FY 2015. The total draw down from Fund Balance in FY 2016 is slated to be around \$1 million, and is related to Local Street reconstruction. FY 2016 is the third year of a three-year Council program.
- Property Tax Revenue increased by \$377,180.
- State Shared Revenue is expected to increase by \$50,000, or less than one percent. This is estimated conservatively.
- License and Permit revenues are expected to improve by two percent or \$54,500.

- Service Charge Revenue is expected to show some minor improvement, based on projected activity levels of the Building and Parks Departments.

#### MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT

Mr. Sawdon reviewed the Mayor's Department proposed budget, noting the following:

- Mayor's Department Expenditures decreased by 3.6 percent or \$74,040. Some costs will shift to a new Media Division cost center. No Resident Opinion Survey is scheduled for 2016. A new part-time position is proposed to provide clerical support to the Purchasing Division.
- A new Media Division is created. PEG Revenue is estimated at \$250,000 for FY 2016.
- Accounting Division expenditures increased by 1.8 percent or \$41,880 due to MIS Interfund charges related to depreciation of the Financial Software System.
- Legal Services decreased by 10 percent or \$30,000. The decrease is related to less Labor Attorney needs.
- No significant change is expected for the Building Authority.
- No significant change is expected for Street Lighting.
- No significant changes are anticipated for Community Development Block Grant.
- Community Events increased by nine percent or \$7,500 for a Winter Fireworks Event at the Village of Rochester Hills. The increase is offset with donations and contributions.
- The Administration is looking to expand the current Community Garden site. A suitable site for a second garden proposed for FY 2015 could not be found.

#### GENERAL FUND TRANSFER-OUT

Mr. Sawdon reviewed General Fund Transfer-Out, noting the following:

- General Fund Transfer-Out decreased by 44 percent or \$4.6 million due to a reduction of \$2.4 million of the amount transferred to the Local Street Fund and \$2.2 million of the amount transferred to the Facilities Fund.

#### **See Legislative File 2015-0325 for Council Discussion.**

**Discussed.**

**2015-0321** Discussion - Debt Services Funds (300's) - 2016 Budget

**Attachments:** [081715 Budget Presentation Schedule.pdf](#)  
[Suppl Presentation - Debt Funds.pdf](#)

#### DEBT FUNDS

**Keith Sawdon**, Director of Finance, noted that the City's debt has been falling over the past few years. He provided graphs comparing the City's debt trends to State of Michigan and Federal debt levels. He noted that the City does not use debt as a funding mechanism in the same manner as State and Federal governments do.

*A chart displayed the 2016 Debt obligations.*

**See Legislative File 2015-0325 for Council Discussion.**

Discussed.

2015-0322 Discussion - Capital Funds (400's) - 2016 Budget

**Attachments:** [081715 Budget Presentation Schedule.pdf](#)  
[Suppl Presentation - Capital Improvement Fund.pdf](#)  
[Suppl Presentation - Fire Department.pdf](#)  
[Suppl Presentation - DPS.pdf](#)

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

*Keith Sawdon, Director of Finance, explained that one item planned for Fiscal Year 2016 is the replacement of the Election Tabulation Equipment.*

**See Legislative File 2015-0325 for Council Discussion.**

Discussed.

2015-0324 Discussion - Internal Service Funds (600's) - 2016 Budget

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[Suppl Presentation - Insurance Fund.pdf](#)  
[Suppl Presentation - MIS.pdf](#)  
[Suppl Presentation - DPS.pdf](#)

INSURANCE FUND

*Keith Sawdon, Director of Finance, noted that no significant changes are anticipated for the Insurance Fund for FY 2016. He mentioned that the City received the net distribution check it expected on July 24, 2015.*

**See Legislative File 2015-0325 for Council Discussion.**

Discussed.

2015-0325 Discussion - Trust and Agency Funds (700's) - 2016 Budget

**Attachments:** [081715 Budget Presentation Schedule.pdf](#)  
[Suppl Presentation - Retiree Healthcare Trust Fund.pdf](#)  
[Suppl Presentation - Green Space Perpetual Care Trust Fund.pdf](#)  
[Suppl Presentation - Clerks VHJSC Cem Perpetual Care.pdf](#)  
[Suppl Presentation - Parks and Forestry.pdf](#)

RETIREE HEALTH CARE TRUST FUND

*Keith Sawdon, Director of Finance, explained an Actuarial Report is due in 2016. He noted that personnel costs have been adjusted downward to reflect the number of employees that the Retiree Health Care Trust is funding.*

GREEN SPACE PERPETUAL TRUST FUND

**Keith Sawdon**, Director of Finance, noted that it is proposed that the final funding of the Green Space Perpetual Trust Fund be undertaken in FY 2016.

He expressed his thanks to his staff noting that much has been accomplished through the years. He mentioned that the Accounting Division has won awards for its Certified Annual Financial Report for 26 straight years, the Budget Award has been received for 19 straight years, the Purchasing Division has won awards for 12 straight years, and the City's Financial Summary received awards for five years. He noted that the City's Debt Policy has been recognized, and the City has a AAA rating for its bonds from Moody's, Standard and Poors, and Fitch.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

**Mr. Kochenderfer** commented that the praise is well deserved and Council is grateful. He noted that while he understands there has been a significant capital outlay, total Fund Balance will be reduced overall from \$82 million in 2014 to a proposed \$55 million. He questioned whether Mr. Sawdon remains comfortable with the resulting Fund Balance.

**Mr. Sawdon** responded that with the exception of General Fund, Fund Balances can only be spent for their dedicated purpose. He commented that it is not prudent to hang onto these monies. He noted that the Tienken Road project was pre-funded from Major Roads and will be reimbursed. He stated that the model has that Fund Balance recovering within five years.

**Mr. Kochenderfer** questioned what reimbursement amount is expected for Tienken Road.

**Mr. Sawdon** responded that approximately \$2 million is expected. He added that Allan Schneck, Director of DPS/Engineering, received notification that the reimbursement may come in one year earlier than originally anticipated.

**Mr. Wiggins** expressed his appreciation for the great job in preparing the Budget. He questioned in looking out one to three years how roads will be funded and whether employee health care will continue to be a drain.

**Mr. Sawdon** responded that General Fund is able to help Local Roads in its reconstruction activity at a level of approximately \$4 million per year for the next 20 years and not touch its Fund Balance at all. He stated that health care will be a challenge, and he explained that the Administration is constantly redoing its plan and looking at different ways of structuring copays and deductibles to control costs. He pointed out that while the model incorporates nine percent increases, recently the increases have been around five to five-and-one-half percent.

**Mr. Wiggins** questioned whether Mr. Sawdon is comfortable with the projected General Fund balance.

**Mr. Sawdon** responded that he is. He stated that the City has been undertaking \$5 million in Local Roads reconstruction. He commented that dropping to \$4 million and keeping that amount going forward will allow for appropriate funding without touching General Fund Fund Balance.

**Mr. Hetrick** questioned whether the debt service for Local Roads is paid through a millage.

**Mr. Sawdon** responded that it is coming out of Local Roads. He pointed out that when the debt service ends, Local Roads will have even more to contribute to reconstruction activity. He mentioned that the other non-City portion encompasses a Special Assessment District.

**President Hooper** questioned what encompasses the Accounting Fees contained in the Technical Appendix.

**Mr. Sawdon** responded that the Accounting Fees include the Older Persons' Commission (OPC) and Rochester Avon Recreation Authority (RARA). He noted that OPC will be taking over their own accounting in 2016.

**President Hooper** questioned why the Golf Course revenues from the lease drop from \$170,000 this year to \$150,000 next year.

**Mr. Sawdon** responded that the City is at the maximum of its franchise fee, and the course is seeing less rounds.

**President Hooper** questioned whether the \$10,000 allocated in the Mayor's Budget for cable expense was to undertake the audit.

**Mayor Barnett** responded that this is for scholarship money for residents to participate in Community Media Network (CMN) services. He mentioned that CMN has not started their audit yet; and he noted that the City would not anticipate completing its membership with CMN if they do not complete the audit as planned this year.

**See Also Legislative Files 2015-0316, 2015-0319, 2015-0321, 2015-0322 and 2015-0324.**

Discussed.

2015-0320 Discussion - Special Revenue Funds (200's) - 2016 Budget

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[Suppl Presentation - Parks and Forestry.pdf](#)  
[Suppl Presentation - Special Police Fund.pdf](#)  
[Suppl Presentation - Fire Department.pdf](#)  
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[Suppl Presentation - DPS Straw Poll Item.pdf](#)

**ROCHESTER AVON RECREATION AUTHORITY (RARA)**

- RARA Millage Fund
- RARA Operating Fund

**Ron Jewell**, Executive Director, RARA, explained that the proposed budget was reviewed by RARA's Budget Committee and was passed unanimously by its Board at the July 31, 2015 meeting. He stated that the budget strikes a balance between cost savings, and program realignments. He mentioned that this is RARA's third year in its new main headquarters, and he noted that a turf house, gymnastics facility and indoor playscape is being added to the building. He commented that RARA is undertaking critical investments and decisions to ensure that tomorrow is brighter than today.

**Mr. Wiggins** noted that he is on RARA's Budget Committee, and the goal is to provide additional services while reducing costs.

**President Hooper** stated that his perspective for RARA and the Older Persons' Commission is that their Governing Boards should be allowed to control their budgets. He commented that he never thought that it is the City's position to do so.

**Discussed.**

**2015-0326** Discussion - Component Units (800's) - 2016 Budget

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[Suppl Presentation - Planning and Economic Development.pdf](#)  
[Suppl Presentation - Parks and Forestry.pdf](#)

**See Legislative File 2015-0320 for Council Discussion.**

**Discussed.**

**2015-0320** Discussion - Special Revenue Funds (200's) - 2016 Budget

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**OLDER PERSONS' COMMISSION (OPC)**

- OPC Millage Fund
- OPC Operating Fund

**Tim Soave**, Financial Director, OPC, stated that the Governing Board unanimously adopted a balanced Budget for the OPC on July 16, 2015. He explained that costs have increased by approximately \$52,000 due to turnover and improvements to the facility to increase efficiency. He mentioned that LED lighting planned for the pool and gym area will save around \$50,000 to \$60,000 each year. He commented that changes related to transportation have resulted an additional 15 hours of driver time due to increased requests for rides. He stated that combined dispatch and

driver classifications will allow more flexibility. He noted that last year's budget included an appropriation for a new bus; however, the monies were not needed after a grant from SMART for three additional buses came through. He pointed out that Rochester Hills levies two OPC millages. A transportation millage has ended, and a proposal for a Transportation levy for 2016 is slated for the November ballot. He explained that while the City's budget document does not assume the millage revenue, the OPC Budget has included the revenue in its documents.

He explained that when his position was created, it was planned for the OPC to take over its accounting. He noted that the OPC has contracted with a payroll firm for payroll processing, and a financial system will be presented to the OPC Board in September. He commented while the City staff has been excellent to work with, by going to its own financial and general ledger system, a system can be found to suit the OPC's needs.

**Mr. Hetrick** expressed his thanks to Mr. Soave and the OPC for what they do for the community. He questioned how the Transportation millage slated for the November ballot is included in the Budget figures.

**Mr. Soave** responded that the OPC's proposed Budget figures include the projected millage amounts as if approved by voters for its planning purposes, while the City's budget figures for the transfer of funds do not.

**Discussed.**

**2015-0326** Discussion - Component Units (800's) - 2016 Budget

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[Suppl Presentation - Parks and Forestry.pdf](#)

**See also Legislative File 2015-0320.**

**Discussed.**

**2015-0319** Discussion - General Fund (100's) - 2016 Budget

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**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

- Planning Commission
- Planning Department

- Zoning Board of Appeals
- Historic Districts Commission
- Brownfield Redevelopment
- Local Development Finance Authority
- SmartZone
- Economic Development Corporation

**Ed Anzek**, Director of Planning and Economic Development, introduced **Pamela Valentik**, Manager of Economic Development, and **Sara Roediger**, Manager of Planning. He stated that the charge of the Planning Department is to promote quality commercial and residential development, preserve residential neighborhoods, enhance the tax base, and promote the creation and retention of jobs, making Rochester Hills a premier residential and business address. He reviewed the Boards and Commissions supported by the Department.

**Ms. Roediger** highlighted Planning activity over the past year, including the adoption of three zoning ordinance amendments, and revision and modernization of planning applications. She noted that the Department reviewed a number of proposed developments and site plans, including the Barrington Park Planned Unit Development, City Walk Apartments, and EDSI and Eagle Ottawa additions. In addition, the Planning Department is assisting with Riverbend Park plans, roundabout landscaping, the Watertowns initiative, and Fire Station renovations. She noted that the planning for Auburn Road in the Olde Towne area is coming for the next year.

**Ms. Valentik** reviewed Economic Development activity, noting that Rochester Hills welcomed 8 new companies, encompassing \$25 million in investment and 220 new jobs. The City's unemployment rate of 4.2 percent is one of the lowest in Michigan; and the City's vacancy rate for combined retail, industrial and office is the lowest in ten years at 5.9 percent. She noted that the vacancy rate ten years ago was 12.6 percent. She mentioned that the office continues to support the Mayor's Business Council and RHISE initiative. The RHISE initiative is fully funded by the business community. Just last month, Mayor Barnett accepted the 2015 City Livability Award for the Mayor's Business Council program.

She stated that the City has seen some good success in encouraging international businesses to decide to locate or expand in Rochester Hills; and she commented that this is a strategy for strong partnerships to promote economic development moving forward. She mentioned the great relationship the City has with the ARaymond network.

**Mr. Anzek** noted that 2016 is expected to bring an increase in redevelopment activity. He mentioned ongoing efforts to study the Auburn Road Corridor with a focus on the Olde Towne area and extending along Auburn Road throughout the entire length in the City. He stated that following the elimination of the Personal Property Tax, the Department will monitor Local Development Finance Authority funding and begin to prioritize capital projects going forward. He noted that 2016 is the sunset for the Economic Development Corporation and its renewal will be evaluated. He commented that this can be a handy tool going forward. He commented that storefronts are filling up and retailers are still looking for space.

**Council Discussion:**

**Mr. Wiggins** questioned what tools the City needs to ensure that it continues to be successful.

**Mr. Anzek** responded that tax abatements are a tool when someone wants to build new, and that the Economic Development Corporation is another.

**Ms. Valentik** stated that as vacancy rates decline, it is necessary keep an inventory of what other spaces are available in the City. She mentioned that a interest in the Hamlin Road property has revived, and commented that staff have met with the owners of the Madison Park development. She noted that the City determines what it has to fill the needs of a business.

**Ms. Morita** commented that she has seen no activity on the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority in the last year, and questioned how changes in the law have affected brownfield redevelopment and why property owners are not using that tool.

**Mr. Anzek** responded that the brownfield pieces are still being marketed and receive many inquiries. He noted that people who are looking for land that has that kind of use are sought, such as storage or warehousing. He commented that Brownfield programs are still viable tools. He stated that these are not limited just to landfills and can encompass gas stations and other types of properties.

**Ms. Morita** noted the vacancies at Adams Marketplace.

**Mr. Anzek** responded that while he cannot answer specifically, he has heard that there have been financial issues with the entity that owns the center. He mentioned that the restaurants are not struggling as there are many employees within a two mile radius of the center. He mentioned that the City received an inquiry to site another hotel there.

**Mr. Hetrick** stated that Barrington Park and City Walk Apartments will be great additions to the city. He encouraged the Planning Department to push Council for the things it believes it needs. He commented that he looks forward to recommendations for Olde Towne.

**President Hooper** commented that the Olde Towne study was included in the FY 2015 Budget and questioned whether it would be moved to FY 2016.

**Mr. Anzek** responded that the City will be under contract for the study this year.

**President Hooper** questioned \$75,000 allocated for FY 2017 for miscellaneous planning and when a new traffic plan will be undertaken.

**Mr. Anzek** responded that this will follow the Master Land Use Plan (MLUP) update to be done in FY 2017. He commented that since the last MLUP, there have been several plans for Olde Towne. He noted that City Walk is an introduction of a

*mixed-use concept and with form-based zoning, he could see something like this setting the framework for the Olde Towne area.*

**Mayor Barnett** noted that the Master Transportation Plan is included in FY 2018 under Major Roads.

**Discussed.**

**2015-0326** Discussion - Component Units (800's) - 2016 Budget

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**See Legislative File 2015-0319 for Planning Department Discussion.**

**Discussed.**

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**BUILDING/ORDINANCE**

- Building Department
- Ordinance Compliance
- Weed Control
- Facilities Fund

**Scott Cope**, Director of Building/Ordinance Compliance, introduced **Kelly Winters**, Deputy Director of Building, and **Bob White**, Supervisor of Ordinance Services. He outlined the Vision, Mission, Foundation, Commitment and Guide for the Department. He highlighted the following activities in 2015:

- Connection with customers, including Building Safety Month events, coffee with the inspectors, deck contractor and supplier meetings.
- New deck construction guides, online access to inspection results and status of complaints.
- A Realtors Roundtable.
- Response to the tornado emergency providing damage assessments on structures.
- Shared service agreements with Shelby Township and the City of Sterling Heights

- Kendall Nightlinger, Plan Examiner, is President of the Metropolitan Mechanical Inspectors Association.
- Scott Cope is President of ICC Region V.
- The Building Department has been re-evaluated for International Accreditation Service accreditation and passed with no comments or concerns. The Document Control Program was recognized as a best practice.
- Building departments across Michigan and elsewhere in the United States have contacted the Building Department for information on improving their procedures.

**Mr. Winters** noted that 2014 construction activity remains strong, with commercial leading the way. While new house permits were steady, the average construction value of new homes rose significantly. He listed several projects in 2015, including Rochester Retail, Oakmont Assisted Living, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Bolyard Lumber, Barrington Park Condominiums, and Harbor Place Apartments. Satisfaction numbers are up.

**Mr. White** stated that the Ordinance Division hosts homeowner association forums in Spring and Fall, reaching out to residents in a positive way. He expressed his appreciation to Council for approving the hiring of a part-time Ordinance Inspector, which has helped improved service goals thus far in 2015. He noted that the division continues with its proactive Weed Control Program, with a slight decline as the number of vacant lots is lower.

He highlighted the Facilities Division, noting that the City maintains 39 City-owned buildings and 46 undeveloped parcels, along with landscape and sprinkler systems on City-owned streets. Over \$54 million in total assets are managed by the Division. Feedback is gathered through customer surveys, and the Division strives to meet its service goals. He highlighted a list of projects completed; and he noted projects planned for 2016, including an Energy Efficiency Analysis of the City's buildings and construction projects on Fire Stations 1 through 5.

**Mr. Cope** expressed his appreciation for Council's continued support, and he stated that he is extremely proud of his staff and their ability to handle the Department's extensive workload.

#### **Council Discussion:**

**Mr. Hetrick** questioned the timeline for the fire station work.

**Mr. Cope** responded that bids were received, and analysis is currently underway. He stated that it is expected that approval will be requested sometime at the end of September, with construction commencing in October.

**Mr. Tisdal** expressed his appreciation to Mr. Cope and his staff. He commented that the Department has been very responsive to several issues including demolition of a home and assisting in securing certificate of occupancies for new buildings.

CLERKS DEPARTMENT

- City Council
- Elections
- Clerk's Department
- Cemetery
- Van Hoosen Jones-Stoney Creek Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust

**Tina Barton**, City Clerk, introduced **Leanne Scott**, Deputy Clerk. She highlighted accomplishments of the Department in 2015. She noted that the Department received a congratulatory letter from the Detroit Passport Agency for achieving a 100-percent score on its recent audit, one of five out of 96 communities in the region to receive a perfect score this year.

She stated that this year and next year the focus will be on cemetery management at the Van Hoosen Jones-Stoney Creek Cemetery. Marketing activities to promote how beautiful and well kept the cemetery is will include an open house on September 17, 2015. Invitations will be sent to retirement planning managers, pastors of churches, funeral homes, retirement living facilities and anyone that deals with individuals who are planning for that stage of their life. The program will talk about the past and focus on the vision for the cemetery. She commented that the cemetery is one of the City's best-kept secrets, and credited Council Member Tisdell for being instrumental in its progress. She mentioned that new granite section markers were placed this spring, and a Facebook page keeps information on the cemetery current. For minimal funding, the page has achieved 3,000 Facebook hits. She stated that as many ways as possible are being pursued to promote the cemetery for the least amount of dollars.

**Deputy Clerk Scott** noted that plans including upgrading current software to include GIS mapping to be utilized with any mobile device. The app will allow individuals to locate loved ones, and access documents related to their burials.

**Clerk Barton** noted that as many options as possible will be explored to bring in new revenue without expanding the footprint of the cemetery.

She stated that the City was reimbursed \$61,122.27 for the recent May State Election. She commented that every single piece of paper utilized was accounted for and the State was charged. She mentioned that most cities received reimbursements in the range of \$40,000. She noted that the Department will be extremely busy from November of 2015 to November of 2016 as it will hold four elections. She added that the State will be implementing new equipment sometime in the next 12 months. She commented that over 65,000 ballots will be issued, over 900 worker assignments made, and over 100 hours of training undertaken.

She stated that the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC) stays very active in the community. She commented that Charnele Sanders, Adult Liaison to the RHGYC, does a great job with the group; and brings much energy, enthusiasm, and organization. She noted that the RHGYC raised \$15,000 for the Blessings in a Backpack charity at their annual 5K, has participated as volunteers in the Brookside Way, held a Senior Prom, volunteered at the Festival of the Hills, and participated in the City's Paint the Plow activities.

She commented that Mr. Tisdell sits as Council representative to the RHGYC.

**Clerk Barton** highlighted the professional accomplishments of the staff members this past year. She noted that education and certification is very important to her, as an educated and certified staff benefits the City and the community. She stated that she and Deputy Clerk Scott lead by example, and encourage the staff members to seek ways that they can better themselves professionally and achieve their goals.

**Council Discussion:**

**President Hooper** commended the Department for encouraging professional development of its staff members.

**Mr. Wiggins** echoed President Hooper's congratulations, noting that education is great. He noted that it is a great accomplishment to receive recognitions for the Department's work on elections.

**Discussed.**

2015-0325 Discussion - Trust and Agency Funds (700's) - 2016 Budget

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[Suppl Presentation - Green Space Perpetual Care Trust Fund.pdf](#)  
[Suppl Presentation - Clerks VHJSC Cem Perpetual Care.pdf](#)  
[Suppl Presentation - Parks and Forestry.pdf](#)

**See Legislative File 2015-0325.**

**Discussed.**

2015-0324 Discussion - Internal Service Funds (600's) - 2016 Budget

**Attachments:** [081715 Budget Presentation Schedule.pdf](#)  
[Suppl Presentation - Insurance Fund.pdf](#)  
[Suppl Presentation - MIS.pdf](#)  
[Suppl Presentation - DPS.pdf](#)

**MIS DEPARTMENT**

- MIS Fund

**Bob Grace**, Director of MIS, and **Kevin Krajewski**, Network Administrator/Deputy Director of MIS, were in attendance.

**Mr. Krajewski** stated that with all the responsibilities the MIS Department has related to technology, it really supports people, providing many of the tools people need to do their jobs easier and more efficiently. This helps the employee provide the quality service that is desired. He noted that important issues that the MIS Department deals with daily, concern security. He displayed a map representing

*internet attacks happening at any moment, and noted that the Department deals with security on a daily basis. He noted that the City's network contains a wide range of devices that can be targets of attacks, and each year the challenge to maintain a secure network environment evolves. More time is spent watching the global environment and adapting to those changes.*

*He explained that this year mandatory security awareness training was implemented for all staff members. He noted that knowledgeable staff is the City's last line of defense in protecting against hackers, viruses and zombies of the Internet. He stated that over the past few years it has become very clear that the security breaches that have occurred at other organizations have frequently been the result of the actions of untrained staff. Raising the security awareness level of City staff minimizes risk. Along with all of the other layers of security implemented this has resulted in the City never having suffered any serious incidents.*

*He expressed his appreciation to Council for their support in helping the Department do its job. He thanked MIS team members for their time and efforts in providing a high-quality IT environment for the benefit of residents, staff and the business community.*

**Council Discussion:**

**Mr. Wiggins** noted that contractual service is increasing over prior years and questioned whether this is due to outsourcing.

**Mr. Grace** responded that this is due to two areas, including the expansion of the use of email to every employee, and increases in the amount of printing.

**Discussed.**

**2015-0319** Discussion - General Fund (100's) - 2016 Budget

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[Suppl Presentation - Crossing Guards.pdf](#)

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

*- Human Resources Department*

**Pamela Gordon**, Director of Human Resources, introduced Nancy Bowman, Senior HR Analyst, and **Helen Sultana-Kelly**, HR Program Coordinator.

*She explained that Council's goal calls for the efficient management of taxpayer resources, and noted that the Department will be undertaking a Human Resources Audit over the next few months, to make the best use of current and potential operational resources and to identify short, medium, and long term goals.*

*She noted that Ms. Bowman has been instrumental in establishing a Local Municipal Roundtable for local HR professionals. Meeting three times over the past year, representatives of seven different communities share ideas and information, establishing good connections between the communities for networking, surveying and comparing notes. This opportunity has led to joint safety training with the City of Troy.*

*She stated that a highlight of this year has been working to implement the goals of the voter-approved Fire Millage. The Department has worked with Sean Canto, Chief of Fire and Emergency Services, on key personnel and labor issues including the recent MAFF Contract settlement opening the way to transition the City's Paid-on-Call system to a Part-Time Supplemental Staffing System, as well as the selection process that yielded the nine new firefighters who were sworn in last week. Negotiations have also been opened with the full-time fire union and key compensation and other issues will be addressed to effectuate the staffing transition in the Fire Department.*

*She commented that compensation and benefits will be key challenges in the years to come. This past spring a third annual employee survey was conducted to provide data for policy decisions as well as union negotiations moving forward. The survey identified wages as a top concern for the workforce, especially considering that the City is emerging from the recent recessionary years in better shape than many local municipalities. Concerns were also voiced about out of pocket costs associated with health plans. Plan changes have helped control overall costs and compliance with current and upcoming State and Federal mandates; however, these issues will impact the City's ability to attract and retain top talent as the workforce demographics change, especially with the coming wave of retirements anticipated over the next two to five years. With this in mind, the first comprehensive compensation study in 15 years will be undertaken next year. Unlike the previous study which began in 2000, took approximately two years, and only looked at wages, this study will take a broader view of compensation as well as benefits. Once completed, an annual total compensation statement will be implemented for employees in order to provide them with a clear picture of the true cost of personnel for the City. By looking at compensation as a whole, it is believed that better decisions can be made based on what employees truly value about working here, and allow for efficient use of tax dollars in maintaining the workforce.*

*She expressed her appreciation to Council for their support.*

**Council Discussion:**

**President Hooper** noted that 44 percent of the City's workforce is currently eligible to retire. He questioned what age this is based on.

**Ms. Gordon** responded that early retirement eligibility is at age 55 with five years of service.

**President Hooper** questioned whether \$100,000 amount allocated for professional services will be for the wage survey for all employees, union and non-union.

**Ms. Gordon** responded that it is for all groups. She noted that each union will have to sign on and agree; however, the plan is to include all full-time employee groups. She commented that the full-time fire union and part-time employees may be an exception to being included in the study.

**Mr. Wiggins** stated that it is a great time to be undertaking this type of study. He noted that it is very important to reward employees. He commented that he would hope all eligible employees would not choose to retire all at once.

**Ms. Gordon** responded that the 44 percent figure represents those eligible to retire. She commented that it is not likely that they would all choose to retire at once.

#### ASSESSING/TREASURY

- Assessing
- Board of Review
- Treasury

**Laurie Taylor**, Deputy Director of Assessing, and **Linda Osiecki**, Deputy Treasurer, were in attendance.

**Ms. Taylor** stated that Rochester Hills' Taxable Value is rebounding nicely from the recent recession years. She noted that Rochester Hills was named in a recent article as being one of the top 50 cities in the nation with the fastest increasing home values. In 2017 and 2018 the amount of increase is estimated to be approximately one-and-one-half percent. She stated that the goal of the Assessing Department is to be extremely conservative in estimating the future rate of inflation. She explained that the Department launched an enhanced website in 2015 which includes more details such as photographs and sketches. Users can now access and print information from their home, reducing counter traffic. She commented that the improving real estate market has decreased the number of Board of Review appointments and has yielded a decline in the number of real estate listings, and a dramatic reduction in the number of foreclosures.

**Ms. Osiecki** stated that Treasury's objective is to motivate residents to pay electronically. Two methods are offered: self-initiated electronic payment and automatic bill payment. She noted that electronic payment of taxes has doubled over the past three years. There is now real-time web hosting of Treasury information. She commented that the Department has more interaction with residents than any other department, and has a greater than 90 percent positive rating. She mentioned that a request for proposal for bank services will be issued next year.

PARKS

- Parks Department
- Forestry Division
- Museum Division
- Tree Fund
- Green Space
- Green Space Perpetual Care Trust
- Rochester Hills Museum Foundation Trust Fund

**Mike Hartner**, Director of Parks and Forestry, announced that this is his 35th and last budget presentation to City Council, as his plans are to retire at the end of the year. He stated that it has been a privilege and his honor to serve the residents of Avon Township and Rochester Hills as their Parks and Forestry Director. He introduced **Alan Buckenmeyer**, Parks Operations Manager, **Lance DeVoe**, Park Ranger II, and **Pat McKay**, Supervisor of Interpretive Services.

**Mr. Buckenmeyer** stated that Rochester Hills' parks had one million visitors last year, and in spite of a cool and wet spring is on task to achieve that attendance again this year. He commented positive comments were received after the resurfacing of the Clinton River Trail, and use of the Trail has increased tremendously. He mentioned that the City's new social media tools allow visitors to share their thoughts. He commented that the total number of users is not as important as the safety and satisfaction of both users and staff. The recent Oakland University survey listed satisfaction at 93 percent, and he stated that the Department is always striving to improve that number.

**Mr. DeVoe** noted that the next phase of development at Riverbend Park has begun. An active and engaged steering committee is getting down to the details of design. The 2016 Budget will carry over any remaining work of the design contract with DesignTeam+ and Ralph Nunez. He stated that the hope is to spark additional corporate interest in sponsoring some or all of the specific elements identified during the process.

**Mr. McKay** stated that a part-time Museum Assistant is proposed for 2016, primarily to help with the events in the newly-renovated Calf Barn. He pointed out that there is a 300 percent increase in scheduled events in the new Calf Barn, and it is anticipated that this will continue to grow. Revenues are projected to increase from rental fees and charges. Marketing of Stoney Creek Schoolhouse rentals to private and neighboring school districts is also proposed to expand revenue opportunities and fully utilize the building.

**Mr. DeVoe** noted that the Green Space Stewardship Management Plans will be implemented next year, with a pilot project with Niswander Environmental begun to remove stands of phragmites from several high-profile areas around Rochester Hills later this year. The dense stand of phragmites choking off the wetland on Hamlin Road from Crooks to Riverbend Park and the stand encroaching Carter Lake at Spencer Park will be taken on. Next year more projects will be added

identified as priority areas from the Management Plans for Green Space properties and the Clinton River.

**Dave Etz**, Forestry Ranger II, and **Gerry Pink**, Forestry Ranger II, discussed the Forestry Division.

**Mr. Etz** stated that Forestry Rangers in Rochester Hills trim and remove dead branches from over 19,000 street trees throughout the city. The Forestry Division also plants trees in the street right-of-way every spring and fall. Over 8,000 trees have been planted to date since the founding of the Forestry Division. The Division also clears vegetation from pathways, the Clinton River, and that blocking road signage throughout the City, as well as removing dead and hazardous trees and cleaning up after storm damage.

**Mr. Pink** explained that with City Council's recent concurrence, an aggressive five-year program will begin to plant 2,500 new trees in areas of the city that never had the developer dollars to plant trees in front of their homes or have lost trees to the Emerald Ash Borer. Trees will also be added to sites to enhance the canopy cover of Rochester Hills. Sites will be selected by Forestry staff and the best available 250 street-tolerant trees will be planted for each of the spring and fall cycles for the next five years. He expressed thanks to City Council for allowing this to happen.

**Mr. Hartner** stated that the ramifications of these projects will add benefits for generations. He commented that he is confident that the children's children of the city will see the impacts of some of these improvements in their lifetimes. He stated that this will yield clean air, clean water, and a great natural environmental to play and learn in.

#### **Council Discussion:**

**President Hooper** expressed his appreciation for Mr. Hartner's decades of service. He questioned what is the scope of the area cleared and maintained along the Clinton River Trail, commenting that vegetation has crept in.

**Mr. Hartner** responded that this is more the condition on the Paint Creek Trail. He explained that twice a year, a side mower will be run through to cut down woody vegetation. He commented that as trees get larger and they start encroaching, it becomes more difficult. As the outside trees grow, the Clinton River Trail will be covered over similar to the Paint Creek Trail. He stated that a 10-foot wide surface with two-foot shoulders on each side are maintained. A 100-foot road right-of-way is maintained.

**President Hooper** questioned why there is an increase of \$35,000 to Professional Services for next year.

**Mr. Hartner** responded that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires a Master Plan update every five years to continue eligibility for State grants. While the Planning Division leads that charge, those costs come through the Parks Budget.

**President Hooper** mentioned the Borden Park office relocation and maintenance yard project scheduled for 2017 and questioned whether this project is a higher priority over additional field development.

**Mr. Hartner** responded that fields are scheduled for major renovation in 2016 and 2017.

**Mr. Buckenmeyer** noted that a renovation project is scheduled for this year, and one scheduled for the next three or four years. He commented that three different buildings have been put together into one project. Currently a study is underway relative to the office relocation to determine whether a currently existing building will be demolished. He commented that the building currently used as an office is over 30 years old and is in poor condition. Furthermore, a permanent location for Forestry is sought, along with expansion of the maintenance yard. While the study is currently underway, the project is tentatively slated for 2017. He mentioned that the only piece of property where additional fields can be located is at Nowicki Park. He stated that while there is a Master Plan for the park including baseball diamonds and soccer fields, the project has not gone into a Capital Improvement Project. He commented that there is no additional space at Borden for field expansion.

**Mr. Kochenderfer** congratulated Mr. Hartner on his upcoming retirement. He commented that he strongly supports the addition of a part-time Museum staff member, noting that it is incredible what has happened at the Museum as it is bringing in additional revenue and awareness of the facility.

**Mr. Hetrick** wished Mr. Hartner the best of luck in his upcoming retirement. He questioned how weed control is funded out of the Green Space Perpetual Care Fund and how Green Space will be in transition to Perpetual Care.

**Mr. Hartner** responded that while the Green Space Fund is being used right now, the Perpetual Care Fund will maintain and keep control activities going once it builds up. He pointed out that there will still be \$3 million in the Green Space Fund after the transfer of funds to Perpetual Care.

**Mr. Brown** expressed his congratulations to Mr. Hartner. He questioned how the rate increases for the Museum are being received.

**Mr. McKay** noted that the full increases in revenues will be realized in 2016, as most of 2015 was previously booked.

**Mr. Brown** questioned whether there has been a decline in bookings.

**Mr. McKay** responded that there has not been any decline. He noted that revenues will be monitored; and if there is room to increase fees further, they will come back to Council for discussion.

**Ms. Morita** expressed her congratulations to Mr. Hartner, noting that he will be missed. She questioned how Green Space funds are being used to control phragmites on properties not purchased with Green Space funds such as the wetlands on Hamlin between Crooks and Riverbend Park.

*Mr. Hartner* noted that the adjustment made to the acceptable uses of the funds allow them to be used for natural features that the City owns and controls. He pointed out that this includes the Clinton River, Green Space properties, and any open spaces that have a need. He mentioned that the funds can only be used for natural features, not soccer fields or built environments.

*Ms. Morita* questioned whether the City Attorney had been consulted.

*Mr. Hartner* confirmed that the City Attorney had, and he had concurred.

Discussed.

2015-0326 Discussion - Component Units (800's) - 2016 Budget

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[Suppl Presentation - Planning and Economic Development.pdf](#)  
[Suppl Presentation - Parks and Forestry.pdf](#)

**See Legislative File 2015-0326.**

Discussed.

2015-0320 Discussion - Special Revenue Funds (200's) - 2016 Budget

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[Suppl Presentation - Special Police Fund.pdf](#)  
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**See Legislative File 2015-0326.**

Discussed.

2015-0325 Discussion - Trust and Agency Funds (700's) - 2016 Budget

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**See Legislative File 2015-0326.**

Discussed.

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Discussed.

**(Mr. Brown exited at 7:25 p.m. and re-entered at 7:28 p.m.)**

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**SPECIAL POLICE FUND**

- *Special Police Fund*
- *Crossing Guards*

**Captain Michael Johnson**, Oakland County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), stated that he has been Station Commander in Rochester Hills for the last seven years. He commented that he oversees the activities of 47 deputies and nine command officers to provide law enforcement services to Rochester Hills.

**Keith Sawdon**, Director of Finance, noted that several years ago voters approved additional funding for Police Services, which eliminated General Fund's subsidy for police service. That funding began in 2015 and will continue in 2016 and beyond. The millage spread is the amount needed to satisfy the contract that is provided by the OCSO. A slight increase is seen; however, this is expected as sheriff contracts do change. An increase of two-and-one-half or three percent is used. He explained that the proposed Budget has two-and-one-half percent incorporated. He commented that 2015 was the end of the current OCSO contract, which called for an increase of 1.68 percent. The County is currently in contract negotiations with its sheriff deputies; and on advice of the County's Business Officer, numbers in the range of two-and-one-half percent are expected.

**Captain Johnson** noted that he will be presenting a contract to Council later this fall that will be for three years, 2016 through 2018. OCSO and Oakland County are currently in negotiations with the deputies' union and numbers are hoped to be forthcoming in early fall.

He highlighted 2014 calls for service, noting that they were up to 31,697, a 499-call increase, or 86 calls per day average. Part A crimes, considered more serious, had a downward trend. Part B crimes, predominantly against property, were also down. False alarms were 6.6 percent of total calls, and have been reduced nearly one-third since the inception of the False Alarm Ordinance. He pointed out that

alarm registration can be accomplished online, with a goal of making the registration process as simple as possible.

He mentioned that overtime hours have trended up slightly in 2014; and noted that utilization of compensatory time rather than overtime saved approximately \$8,500 this year.

He highlighted the results of the 2013 Public Opinion Survey, noting that resident satisfaction increased to 82 percent, and 99 percent felt safe in their homes, 96 percent in their neighborhoods, and 95 percent safe in the city overall. He commented that there is no planned change in the Crossing Guard Program.

**Public Comment:**

**Lee Zendel**, 1575 Dutton, stated that Rochester Hills has 0.79 officers per thousand, below the ratios contained in the FBI's Uniform Crime Report for the entire United States (2.2 officers per thousand), cities of 50,000 to 99,000 in population (1.6 officers per thousand), and cities in the Midwest (1.5 officers per thousand). He stated that to meet the average, the City should have 80 officers. He commented that Council should seriously consider adding officers.

**President Hooper** noted that Council has reviewed those statistics. He stated that he is certain that if Captain Johnson felt that there was a need and Council concurred, staffing would increase. He commented that it is a testament to the services of the OCSO. He questioned whether any trends are observed regarding the need for staffing.

**Captain Johnson** responded that he has reviewed response times, and the average is 8.7 minutes. He commented that this is fairly remarkable considering traffic. He added that response times for emergencies is under five minutes, and for non-emergency calls, it is 14 minutes.

**Mr. Hetrick** commented that he has been the recipient of the work done by the OCSO and he commends them wholeheartedly. He suggested that at least one more officer be added, perhaps a community liaison officer or someone who would be able to bring the statistics down. He suggested it be looked at for 2017.

**Captain Johnson** noted that the contract can be amended at any time.

**President Hooper** noted that one officer was added last year.

**Ms. Morita** commented that every single interaction she has had with people in the OCSO has been exemplary. She stated that it is unfortunate that her street is relatively busy, and noted that they had someone peddling without a license who had warrants out for his arrest and was taken out and dropped a half-mile away at Walmart. She stated that with 30,000 calls for 70,000 residents, Council should examine whether it needs to add another officer.

**Captain Johnson** stated that the substation does work hard and is busy. He commented that in comparison, the City of Pontiac responds to more than 60,000 calls and has 74 deputies.

**Ms. Morita** stated that it is all relative, and that one of the things that the Strategic Planning Committee reviewed was whether the OCSO needed more personnel for the city. She commented that whether it is one officer or more, this is something Council should examine.

**Mr. Kochenderfer** stated that it is not in his area of expertise how many officers it takes to run a police department. He commented that the crime trends are consistently downward or stable, and response times sound reasonable and are meeting objectives. He requested that monitoring continue; and if there is a need, Council should be made aware.

**Mr. Tisdell** stated that it is not just the expertise and efficacy of the sheriff's deputies. He pointed out that Rochester Hills is approximately 50 percent above the median income for the nation, with 60 percent of residents having degrees with one-third being professional degrees, and one of the lowest unemployment rates in the state. He noted that when all these factors are considered, crime rates fall. He stated that not only is the OCSO doing a great job, it is a reflection of the quality of residents the area has.

**Captain Johnson** stated that there are many reasons for these numbers. He noted that the improvement in the economy and some great arrests made in the last couple of years. He pointed out that home invasions were previously up to an average of 120 to 130, and were down to 50 last year. He stated that new technology helps, as a new program called Leads Online has pawn brokers required to take photos of the seller and the jewelry they pawn. An instance where movers decided to help themselves to jewelry from a new resident resulted in the recovery of the item on the same day.

**Mayor Barnett** stated that the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments should be issuing its statistics later this month. These statistics look at the seven-county Southeast Michigan area. He commented that Rochester Hills is likely to be named one of Southeast Michigan's safest cities.

**Mr. Brown** commented that he would ask Captain Johnson to keep Council informed of the OCSO's needs and trends.

**Discussed.**

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**See Legislative File 2015-0320.**

Discussed.

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- Fire Department Fund
- Fire Capital Fund

**Sean Canto**, Chief of Fire and Emergency Services, stated that months of effort and input from all divisions of the Department have resulted in a budget document that lays a clear financial path to guide the Fire Department. He commented that the primary mission of the Rochester Hills Fire Department is to provide a range of programs designed to protect the lives and property of the citizens and visitors of Rochester Hills. The Budget addresses the future needs of the Rochester Hills Fire Department and areas of improvement in various services, program enhancements and operational improvements, all while remaining prudent with taxpayer dollars. He introduced **Deborah Happy**, Administrative Coordinator-Fire, **Deputy Fire Chief Ron Crowell**, **Captain Karl Holder**, **Captain Tim Matz**, and **Lieutenant William Cooke**.

He read the Mission Statement, and stated that it is based on three things: what is best for the community, what is best for the Department, and what is best for the member. He explained that this year, at the Department's Annual Meeting, the Department was introduced to the Vision Statement, highlighting how the Department wants to serve the community, develop all resources both internal and external, and empower the members with the authority to do their jobs.

He highlighted the 2015 accomplishments of the Department, including the implementation of Mobile Data Terminal and AVL program with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Dispatch, bid preparation for remodeling of the fire stations, and efforts to work with Mutual Aid partners to ensure the closest units respond to calls. He added that nine new Firefighter/Paramedics have begun training, along with

efforts to convert Paid-on-Call personnel to Part-Time. In addition, the promotion process has begun for 12 Lieutenants. Policies and procedures are also being updated.

Chief Canto noted goals for 2016, including undertaking a comprehensive risk assessment of the community, tailoring the Department's response and training to match the risks, and validation of the level and quality of services within the organization to measure the Rochester Hills Fire Department against national standards. He commented that a goal is to provide the members of the Department with quality training and state-of-the-art equipment to be able to perform their jobs safely, efficiently, and effectively.

He noted that the Department also plans to continue aggressive Community Risk Reduction Programs. He explained that this was previously the Fire Marshal's office; however, that has moved from predominantly focusing on fire inspections to community risk reduction and programs that mitigate risk as an overall hazard to the organization. He mentioned that fall prevention is a focus as many runs are due to falls.

He commented that upon evaluation of the Fire Department Fleet, plans are to replace Engine 3 with a glider chassis, saving costs. Rescue 1 is slated for refurbishment. He stated that the Department is right-sizing their fleet, focusing on multi-purpose vehicles. He added that ambulances are being refitted, reinstalling the box back on a new chassis.

He noted that the Department averages approximately 550 runs each month, and is on track for approximately 6,600 runs this year. EMS calls comprise the largest number of incidents within the Department. Responses are mostly between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., with a large group of runs being Monday through Friday.

Chief Canto summarized the challenges facing the Department:

- Call volumes continue to increase.
- The Community Risk Reduction Division is trying to keep up with growing demands of a growing community. More and more requests are received for Community Education Programs.
- Mutual Aid Partner call volumes are also increasing.

He noted that the Fire Department's Motto is: "Driven to be the Best."

### **Council Discussion:**

**President Hooper** expressed his appreciation for Chief Canto's leadership and to the Fire Department Team for their service to the Rochester Hills residents. He questioned what the benefit is of reclassification and promotion to Lieutenant.

**Chief Canto** responded that each station is an individual house, run by an officer responsible for the daily activities of that station, including runs, reports, training and evaluations. He noted that this person is considered a company officer. He explained that each station will have a company officer and two firefighters,

*which is the norm within fire service. Prior to this change there was no person in charge. Each station had two firefighters; with a Battalion Chief and Lieutenant at one station.*

**President Hooper** noted that there is a significant drop in revenue projected for the cellular tower lease.

**Chief Canto** responded that a provider came off that cellular tower this year.

**President Hooper** pointed out that the EMS cost center is decreasing; however, nine new officers are being added.

**Chief Canto** responded that the cost center has been changed to reflect an EMS Coordinator and two EMTs that work under that division. He noted that the bulk of the cost center was moved under Cost Center 339 and stated that this could better be termed "Emergency Services."

**President Hooper** commented that what he is afraid of is not accounting for all EMS costs in one place.

**Chief Canto** responded that the EMS cost center is administrative, and the emergency service including Fire and EMS be grouped under 339. He explained that three or four personnel had previously been split between the two divisions. They will now be grouped into one area that can be accounted for.

**President Hooper** noted that the titles should be adjusted for the cost codes. He questioned where the Department stands on the purchase of a new ladder truck. He noted that it was in the 2015 Budget.

**Chief Canto** responded that a Request for Proposal (RFP) has been issued by the Purchasing Department, with the intent to create an award where apparatus can be purchased over the next three years. He noted that this is similar to the process DPS has used to purchase dump trucks. He commented that by putting out the RFP in this manner, a truck can be built to meet the needs of Rochester Hills. He stated that a request should be coming for Council's review in late September or early October for a truck along with two ambulances.

**Mr. Wiggins** expressed his thanks to Chief Canto and his team, noting that the residents supported the millage and the increase in firefighters. He commented that questions he had regarding capital expenditures had been addressed.

**Mr. Hetrick** expressed his congratulations to Chief Canto for his efforts to rebuild the organization. He stated that it was exciting last week to see the new firefighter candidates take their oath of office and he will be just as excited to see them in their careers. He questioned whether the capital outlay of \$1.6 million in 2015 is for refurbished units.

**Chief Canto** responded that the refurbished units are the ambulance units. The ladder truck will be a new apparatus in 2015. The 2016 capital expenditure will be for the engine, the rescue and the two ambulances.

**Discussed.**

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**Discussed.**

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**DPS**

- Major Road Fund
- Local Street Fund
- Pathway Maintenance Fund
- Pathway Construction Fund
- Water Resources Fund
- Sewer - Operating Division
- Water - Operating Division
- Water & Sewer - Capital Fund
- Water & Sewer - Debt Fund
- Fleet Fund

**Allan Schneck**, Director of DPS/Engineering, and **Paul Davis**, City Engineer/Deputy Director of DPS, were in attendance. Mr. Schneck noted also in attendance were **Paul Shumejko**, Transportation Engineer, **Tracey Balint**, Public Utilities Engineer, and **Kim Murphey**, Administrative Coordinator-DPS. He stated that he would also like to recognize those not in attendance, including Bruce Halliday, Fleet Manager, Ed Leafdale, General Foreman of Water & Sewer, and Bob Lemon, General Foreman of Roads and Pathways.

**Mr. Schneck** noted that DPS is comprised of four business units, including Water & Sewer; Fleet; Roads, Pathways and Water Resources; and Administrative Services. He stated that these units seamlessly work together to ensure that the City's infrastructure is reliable, dependable, and performs in an acceptable manner.

*The Roads, Pathways and Water Resources Division serves the community's*

transportation needs. Over 38 miles of Major Roads and 218 miles of Local Roads are maintained, including 23 miles of gravel. Over 6,000 traffic signs and 97 miles of non-motorized pathway are also maintained. He commented that road maintenance is constant. He mentioned several road paving projects set for 2016, including North and Tan Industrial Park, and a rehabilitation of 500 feet of Rochdale Drive and 3,000 feet of North Fairview Lane. The Road Commission for Oakland County intends to commence with the reconstruction of Dequindre Road from South Boulevard to Auburn in 2016.

He noted that conditions have improved greatly over the past two years in Local Roads and the funding provided has made a positive impact. Roads considered "Poor" have decreased from 33 percent of the City's roadways in 2013 to only 19 percent in 2015.

The Water & Sewer Division maintains over 320 miles of sewer, 7,800 sanitary sewer manholes, 420 miles of watermain, over 4,500 isolation valves, and approximately 33,000 water meters. He explained that significant upcoming projects include the replacement of Booster Station 2 located at Adams and Tienken Roads, as well as some smaller projects to fix deficiencies that have become maintenance issues. He mentioned that the Tienken Court Shopping Center has a watermain that is very shallow and has presented freezing problems over the years, as well as a two inch force main on Wimberly Drive that continually provides problems.

He mentioned the creation of the North Oakland County Water Authority, and its importance in proactively and innovatively achieving a regional solution to offset future rate increases from the Great Lakes Water Authority (former the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department).

Mr. Schneck noted that vehicles, equipment, and support are provided by Fleet Services. He stated that in-sourcing contracts with other agencies have promoted Interlocal cooperation. The Fleet Services Division is nationally-recognized as one of the 100-Best Fleets in North America. Their ranking as 65th out of 100 is paired against 38,000 municipal fleets across North America. The Fleet Division maintains 132 vehicles as well as 200 pieces of power equipment. He provided a list of Interlocal service agreements to date.

He explained that the coordination of day-to-day efforts is accomplished through the Administrative Services group. Administrative Services provides the initial assistance to customers of all divisions within DPS. Departmental procedures are reviewed and updated to ensure efficient operations along with maintaining a vast amount of departmental correspondence. Oftentimes these individuals are the initial respondents to customer inquiries. Not too long ago during a winter operations event, over 700 phone calls came in over two days.

He highlighted the Department's accomplishments and achievements, noting the award of a \$2 million Stormwater Asset Management and Wastewater Grant, the official formation of the North Oakland County Water Authority (NOCWA) which has provided over \$1 million in savings, and recognition by peers at the American

*Public Works Association for two projects, including NOCWA and shared services initiatives. He mentioned that Christian Hills West Watermain Replacement Project was recognized as an innovative process utilizing a pre-chlorination pipe-bursting method. He noted that a second competitive grant assistance program was awarded through the State Treasury for NOCWA. He commented that the men and women of DPS deliver on community involvement beyond their required work, including the Paint the Plow program, Tons of Trucks, helping with the Rochester Community Garden, Eagle Scout projects, Relay for Life, science and technology events with the Rochester Community School system, and Paddlepalooza.*

*He commented that the Department has created an acronym for DPS: Dependable, Professional, and Significant. He expressed his appreciation for Council's support over the years, and he thanked his team for their efforts.*

**Council Discussion:**

**President Hooper** questioned where the proposed 2017 water main replacement project in Section 33 is proposed.

**Mr. Schneck** responded that the project will replace approximately 25,730 feet of six-inch and eight-inch cast iron pipe in Belle Cone Gardens, Sunnysdale Gardens, and Homestead Acres Subdivisions in Section 33.

**Mr. Davis** added that the proposed project is east of Crooks in between South Boulevard and Auburn. He explained that the Department had several people contact the City that are on a private well system which serves a number of older homes in a neighborhood that is south of Auburn Road and east of Crooks. He explained that the system has a licensed operator that operates the well system similar to the City of Rochester. The individuals who have contacted the City stated that there are repairs necessary; however, the group that operates the well does not wish to make the repairs. These individuals are looking for the City to connect them in to the public system through the watermains that are already in place. He mentioned that the City's Ordinance does not require residents to connect into the water system like it does for the sanitary sewer system when it is available. He commented that at some point the City may be looking at that well system to eventually be phased out and those residents connected into the City's public system. He pointed out that similar to the Christian Hills project undertaken this year, six-inch mains are being upgraded to eight-inch minimums which have been the standard for a while now. This project replaces some older cast iron main, it upgrades the service, and will better serve the City's needs if we need to for that Sunnysdale Gardens well system.

**Mr. Wiggins** stated that it appears that the Fleet Schedule in 2016 has 35 new pieces of equipment being added. He questioned why this appears to be quite a bit higher than previous years, along with 2017 and 2018.

**Mr. Schneck** responded that just as the fleet has aged, Bruce Halliday, Fleet Manager, reviews the depreciation schedules. Once the schedules sunset, a scorecard is done on every piece of equipment each year to determine whether

*it is experiencing more maintenance times. A replacement schedule is prepared based on the scorecards. He noted that the organization is progressive and innovative and has standards, policies and procedures in place to ensure that severe breakdowns do not occur.*

**President Hooper** questioned whether indoor storage has made an impact on maintenance.

**Mr. Schneck** responded that the Department has seen design life go from seven years replacement up to 12 to 15 years. He added that it is not only beneficial for winter operations; it is also beneficial when temperatures are hot, similar to today.

**Ms. Morita** extended her congratulations to the Department for their responsiveness. She stated that she is excited to see more improvements planned for along Adams Road including right turn lanes. She questioned whether it is the City's responsibility to maintain any irrigation system in the median immediately north and south of Hamlin Adams. She noted that it is a County road.

**Mr. Schneck** responded that aesthetics and landscaping are under the responsibility of the City.

**Ms. Morita** noted that there are established trees in the median north of Hamlin. She noted that south of Hamlin there are no trees; and she questioned why an irrigation system is warranted in that location.

**Mr. Davis** responded that prior to installing irrigation systems, the City received complaints from residents. He noted that there has been a demand on Parks and Forestry personnel to do manual watering during certain times of the hot summer, which places a demand on personnel. He stated that the City is moving forward with an intention to install irrigation systems on the boulevards. He commented that should Council decide that they do not wish to support that, it would be a new direction to move in. He mentioned that plans and specifications are being finalized for bid for the irrigation system between Crooks and Adams North.

**Ms. Morita** questioned whether someone is going out now and manually watering those trees.

**Mr. Davis** responded that this was what occurred on Livernois. He noted that the City received many complaints that the boulevards were getting dried out and the trees were dying. He pointed out that Livernois was one of the first irrigation systems installed on a boulevard.

**Mike Hartner**, Director of Parks and Forestry, confirmed that staff have watering tanks on the backs of pickup trucks. He commented that last year was worse than this year, and he noted that the trees took additional watering just to survive. He stated that if the City wishes to upgrade its boulevards, it needs to install water amenities.

**Ms. Morita** questioned whether trees could be planted after the irrigation system is installed.

**Mr. Hartner** responded that they could.

**Mr. Hetrick** commented that it is exciting that the City's local streets have moved from 32 percent rated poor to 19 percent. He questioned whether the capital outlay just over \$5 million will take that number closer to 10 percent.

**Mr. Schneck** responded that this is contingent upon the types of repairs required, and how the City focuses its resources. He commented that significant progress was made this year on asphalt surfaces with 10.1 miles being done. He stated that concrete roads are a little more involved. He noted that an analysis is done each year to see where the funds are maximized to improve the roads.

**Mr. Hetrick** commented that he would like to avoid additional budget requests mid-year. He questioned whether this amount is sufficient to cover needs.

**Mr. Schneck** responded that it is his belief that it is sufficient. He commented that there is also a strategy to have projects bid in the first or second quarter, in order to have the projects delivered by September, October or November.

**Mr. Davis** added that there was a period of time a few years ago where good bid prices were received from contractors; however, bids now are coming in much higher. He commented that this is often a reflection of when the projects are put out for bid. He mentioned that Hamlin Road came in higher, as well as a pathway project. He stated that other agencies are also seeing higher prices. He noted that projects will be adjusted based on the budget. He commented that the Department needs to focus on getting projects out sooner.

**President Hooper** commented that November, December, and January are the best times to go out for a bid.

**Mayor Barnett** commented that the City has had the blessing of receiving an additional funding source of Metro Act funds. He pointed out that these funds can only be spent in right-of-way areas.

He stated that he is grateful for Council's support of the proposed Budget, noting that it is the 15th budget that he has been associated with both as a Council Member and as Mayor. He commented that none of the budgets have gone as well as they do with the present Council. He stated that Council provides direction. He noted that Council directed that roads be fixed, and they are being fixed. He commented that public safety is a priority, and crime is down along with fire response times being addressed. He stated that on behalf of the City's team of employees, Council's partnership is valued. He noted that the result has been a smooth budget process. He expressed his appreciation to City staff, noting that much effort was put into tonight's presentations.

**Keith Sawdon**, Director of Finance, noted that since the Budget was assembled in June and July, there has been a new development. He explained that the State of

Michigan appropriated monies out of General Fund to be used for local road agencies. The City's share of this appropriation is \$732,000. He commented that the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) is proposing to split the cost of a \$2 million rehabilitation project on South Boulevard three ways, or \$667,000 each for Rochester Hills, Troy, and Oakland County. He mentioned that RCOC is also proposing to provide the preliminary and construction engineering for the project at no cost to the communities, valued at approximately \$400,000. He suggested that this be included in the Straw Poll process for Council's consideration for 2016.

**President Hooper** questioned whether Livernois Road between Avon and Walton could be considered for these funds, as even with the patching done at the end of last year, the joints are still failing.

**Mr. Sawdon** noted that South Boulevard was the RCOC's proposal; Livernois was not a part of their suggestion.

**Mayor Barnett** explained that this is the City of Troy's highest ranked project and they lobbied the RCOC heavily along with contacting Rochester Hills for its inclusion. He commented that this does not mean that it is Rochester Hills' highest priority.

**Mr. Hetrick** questioned where South Boulevard falls in the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

**Mr. Sawdon** responded that it is not included in the CIP.

**Mr. Hetrick** questioned where the project would fall considering the road condition.

**Mr. Schneck** stated that the roadway is considered in poor condition. He pointed out that the City's funding comes from the Federal Aid Committee, which is a larger part of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG); and he noted that the South Boulevard Project has not been submitted for Federal Aid and has no funding on the horizon.

**Mr. Hetrick** questioned where redoing Livernois would fall in priority.

**Mr. Schneck** commented that Livernois is another great candidate, along with Hamlin between old Adams and new Adams. He stated that South Boulevard encompasses a substantial stretch of roadway east and west and services both agencies. He stated that the merits of the proposal are not too bad, as it is very much like the Tri-Party Program. Furthermore, the RCOC stated that they would cover the preliminary and construction engineering.

**Mr. Hetrick** questioned what other choice the City would have to utilize the \$732,000 in funding.

**Mr. Schneck** responded that the State took \$400 million out of their General Fund and targeted it toward roads, funneling it to agencies through Act 51. He commented that the City was not expecting these funds.

**Mr. Hetrick** questioned where we would utilize the money if we chose not to apply it to South Boulevard.

**Mr. Sawdon** responded that it would be treated similar to Gas and Weigh Tax Funds.

**President Hooper** questioned whether the RCOC received approximately \$10 million for their allocation.

**Mr. Sawdon** responded that this was their allocation and they are choosing to spend approximately \$2 million on this project.

**Mayor Barnett** commented that while the RCOC recognizes that this project is not Rochester Hills' top priority, the RCOC is willing to sweeten the pot paying for the additional items. He stated that the road is certainly in poor condition and the City's two partners seem overwhelmingly interested in making this project happen.

**Mr. Brown** questioned whether the City has the capacity to work this project in for next summer.

**Mr. Schneck** responded that with the RCOC contributing the preliminary and construction engineering, the City may review utilities; however, there would be no additional capacity needed.

**Mr. Brown** questioned whether traffic flows would be impacted on the south side of the city.

**Mr. Schneck** responded that he does not foresee a large project for next year. He stated that he would suspect that it could be staged in phases.

**Mr. Kochenderfer** noted that this is an opportunity being presented to the City. He questioned if this project were not on the table, would there be a higher priority project that could be undertaken for under \$732,000.

**Mr. Schneck** responded that he would consult the CIP; however, he cannot think of one that jumps out as needing to be addressed. He noted that the State will be undertaking the intersection of Avon and Rochester next year. He pointed out that any other project would not have an additional partner involved.

**Mr. Wiggins** questioned whether there would be out of pocket expenses beyond the amount received.

**Mr. Sawdon** responded that there would not.

**Mr. Wiggins** questioned whether this would take the road to a boulevard or remain two lanes.

**Mr. Schneck** responded that it would be a deep mill and fill with a resurfacing.

**Mr. Wiggins** stated he would like to see if there is another project that could be undertaken for those funds.

**Mr. Tisdell** noted that if the funds are not applied to this project, there is no other option to leverage them into a three-fold bottom line and have the engineering paid for.

**Ms. Morita** stated that she would like to see feedback regarding what other projects could be accomplished for \$732,000. She commented that Livernois Road is a wreck and would like the RCOC to review that road as well.

**President Hooper** stated that this item would be placed on Council's Straw Poll. He questioned whether any other items are to be included.

**Joe Snyder**, Senior Financial Analyst, questioned whether the addition of one Officer for the Sheriff's Department should be included, would be for 2016 or 2017, and what classification of Officer.

**Mr. Hetrick** responded that he would like to see it included in 2016 for the purposes of the Straw Poll.

**Captain Michael Johnson**, Oakland County Sheriff's Office, responded that the classification would be a Deputy 2, with no fill and no vehicle.

**President Hooper** noted that the Public Hearing is set for Monday, September 14, 2015.

Discussed.

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Discussed.

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Discussed.

2015-0323 Discussion - Water and Sewer Funds (500's) - 2016 Budget

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[Suppl Presentation - DPS.pdf](#)

**See Legislative File 2015-0320.**

Discussed.

**2015-0324** Discussion - Internal Service Funds (600's) - 2016 Budget

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[Suppl Presentation - Insurance Fund.pdf](#)  
[Suppl Presentation - MIS.pdf](#)  
[Suppl Presentation - DPS.pdf](#)

**See Legislative File 2015-0320.**

Discussed.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*None.*

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

*Regular Meeting - Monday, August 31, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business before Council, President Hooper adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.*

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*GREG HOOPER, President  
Rochester Hills City Council*

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*TINA BARTON, MMC, Clerk  
City of Rochester Hills*

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*MARY JO PACHLA  
Administrative Secretary  
City Clerk's Office*

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