

MINUTES of the **Special Rochester Hills City Council Work Session** held at the Rochester Hills Municipal Building, 1000 Rochester Hills Drive, Rochester Hills, Michigan on Wednesday, October 25, 2000.

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 Work Session would commence at 6:00 p.m. Michigan Time on Wednesday, October 25, 2000. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss Tienken Road.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Hill called the Special Rochester Hills City Council Work Session to order at 6:35 p.m. Michigan Time.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: President Melinda Hill, Members Bryan Barnett, John Dalton,
Barbara Holder

Absent: Members Gerald Robbins, Jim Duisterrmars (Enter 6:38 p.m.),
Lois Golden (Enter 7:10 p.m.)

Others Present: Marc Ott, City Administrator
Beverly Jasinski, City Clerk
Stephen Erickson, Director of Department of Public Services
James Dietrick, City Engineer
Kim Murphy, Administrative Coordinator

Council Member Lois Golden gave prior notice she would be arriving late. Member Gerald Robbins gave prior notice he would not be able to attend.

No Resolutions were adopted.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. DISCUSSION – Regarding Tienken Road

Council members were provided with the following documents: (Ref. Regular City Council Meeting, October 25, 2000, Packet, Item 11a)

1. Minutes – Special City Council Work Session, 12/01/99
2. Minutes – Regular City Council Meeting, 8/23/00
3. I-75 Corridor Study in Oakland County
4. Article – *Traffic Calming Techniques*
5. Focus on Traffic Calming (Harmonizing) Measures and Roundabouts

6. Article – *Roundabouts: Looking at a New Design for Intersections*
7. Article – *The British Roundabouts are Coming!*

Mr. Stephen Dearing, P.E., Traffic Engineering Group Manager, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. presented an overview of the Tienken Road Corridor Study including:

- The fundamental recommendation of the Study for the Tienken Road corridor, except the Rochester Road / Tienken Road intersection, is to expand Tienken Road to three (3) lanes, one lane in each direction with a center turn lane.

Sheldon Road Paving:

- A major County drainage project is planned for Sheldon Rd. north of Tienken.
- The City will receive one-half of the project plans in November 2000, with the balanced completed in Spring, 2001.
- The concept is three (3) lanes on the southern portion and two (2) lanes on the northern portion.
- The construction is not anticipated to be completed prior to commencement of school in Fall 2001, however traffic will be maintained.

Sheldon Road / Tienken Road Roundabout:

- Public Hearing:
Comments were negative. Concerns were expressed regarding safety issues. It was noted a roundabout will not work and will result in excessive cut-through traffic in the subdivisions.
- The public is not familiar with the advantages of roundabouts.
- A roundabout may be safer than a signal area because crashes are not head-on or broadside, they are sideways so the severity is much less than what could occur at a signal.
- The plans for a roundabout are progressing.

Livernois at Tienken Road Area:

- Improvements are characterized as relatively minor traffic operation improvements. This is not a high priority project.
- Turn lanes need lengthening for additional storage.

- Capacity could be improved by the addition of a second eastbound lane that would merge into a single eastbound lane.
- Both roads belong to the Road Commission of Oakland County.
- Possible funding sources are the Congestion Mitigation Air Capacity (CMAC) Federal program and Tri-Party.

Paint Creek Trailway at Tienken Road:

- Usage would justify a traffic signal, however no funding sources are available.
- A boulevard median is recommended to provide pedestrians with a safe haven for crossing Tienken. It is more difficult to cross a two-lane road than a one-lane road where the threat of traffic is only coming from one direction.
- Tri-Party funds may be available if this project is considered a stand-alone project.

Tienken Road Hill:

- Public Hearing:
Comments supported adding a center turn lane. Residents expressed concern with cutting down the hill because there are homes on it. The consensus was it is a bad situation. Residents were apprehensive due to the uncertainty of the project at this time.
- Three lanes are proposed to go up the hill, however the amount of congestion and crashes would justify the possibility of cutting down the hill.

Rochester Road / Tienken Road Area:

- Public Hearing:
Comments were in opposition to any boulevard.
- Due to the number of crashes and traffic problems a change is needed, but it does not have the acceptance of the community.
- A possibility would be to make improvements to one road, i.e. Rochester Road, and revisit the area in ten (10) to fifteen (15) years to see if the problem of congestion and crashes has been alleviated.

Historic District:

- Public Hearing:

Comments indicated a need for pedestrian safety and concern with increased traffic.

- Runyon Road could be an alternative for the bike path.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further City Council business to discuss, President Hill adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

MELINDA HILL, President
Rochester Hills City Council

SHARON A. SALVADOR
Administrative Assistant to
the City Clerk

BEVERLY A. JASINSKI, Clerk
City of Rochester Hills