



# Rochester Hills

## Minutes - Draft

### City Council Regular Meeting

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*Kevin S. Brown, Greg Hooper, Adam Kochenderfer, Stephanie Morita, Mark A. Tisdell,  
Michael Webber 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, May 19, 2014

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

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**City Council scheduled a Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Regular City Council Meeting for the Purpose of adopting a Resolution to convene to Closed Session immediately following the Special Meeting to discuss the status of a settlement agreement between the City of Rochester Hills and IAFF Local 3472 and to consult with the City Attorney to discuss written attorney/client privileged communication.**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

*President Hooper called the Regular Rochester Hills City Council Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Michigan Time.*

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

#### **Others Present:**

*Bryan Barnett, Mayor  
Alan Buckenmeyer, Parks Operations Manager  
Sean Canto, Chief of Fire and Emergency Services  
Scott Cope, Director of Building/Ordinance Compliance  
Pamela Gordon, Director of Human Resources  
Mike Hartner, Director of Parks and Forestry  
Ed Leafdale, General Foreman  
Pam Lee, City Accountant  
Pat McKay, Supervisor of Interpretive Services  
Tara Presta, Chief Assistant  
Keith Sawdon, Director of Finance  
Allan Schneck, Director of DPS/Engineering  
Leanne Scott, Deputy Clerk  
John Staran, City Attorney  
Taylor Thorpe, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Representative  
Bob White, Supervisor of Ordinance Services*

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Kochenderfer, that the Agenda be Approved as Amended to move Presentations and Recognitions ahead of Public Comment. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Brown, Hooper, Kochenderfer, Morita, Tisdell, Webber and Wiggins

## PRESENTATIONS

2014-0194 Request for Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) presented by the audit firm of Plante & Moran, PLLC

Attachments: [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Presentation.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

**Joe Heffernan** and **Lisa Manetta** were in attendance representing Plante & Moran, PLLC, the City's Auditing Firm.

**Mr. Heffernan** explained the function of the auditing firm, noting that the financial statements are completed by the City and reviewed by the auditing firm for weaknesses or misstatements. He stated that no weaknesses were found. He pointed out that a review is conducted of internal controls and sample of transactions where the most risk is involved and estimations are used. He commented that it is the auditor's opinion that the City's financial statements are fairly stated and can be relied upon.

He mentioned that he will return before Council in August for a mini seminar/workshop on the financial process.

**Ms. Manetta** presented a recap of the financial statements, reviewing the following:

Governmental Funds - Fund Balances:

- Fund Balances overall are increasing over time.
- Approximately 60 percent of Fund Balance is restricted and needs to be used within certain parameters set by either legislation or outside parties, such as dedicated property tax millages or Act 51 monies.
- Unassigned Fund Balance is just under \$30 million, and can be used at the discretion of Council.

Governmental Revenues, Expenditures and Fund Balances:

- Fund Balances have increased even during the time of revenue decreases.
- This shows the City's ability to adjust expenditures accordingly to maintain an increase to fund balance. Many communities were not able to do this.

**Mr. Heffernan** noted that taxable values were reduced by 20 percent over time, with all communities in Southeast Michigan experiencing significant reductions. He commented that Rochester Hills' three-year budgeting and five-year forecasting processes kept the City looking ahead to keep spending in line with revenues.

Governmental Revenues:

**Ms. Manetta** pointed out that property tax is the most significant source of revenue. She mentioned that there will be a slight increase in revenues for 2014.

**Mr. Heffernan** explained that as market values decline, taxable values decline. As housing values return, taxable value increases are limited to five percent or the rate of inflation.

**Ms. Manetta** reviewed State sources of revenue, including Shared Revenue and Gas and Weight Tax from Act 51. She mentioned that these have become more dependable sources of revenue, and she noted that they have increased and leveled off slightly. Other revenues include charges for services, licenses, fines, and interest.

Governmental Expenditures:

- Expenditures for Public Safety are the most significant at 40 percent of governmental funds expenditures.
- Capital outlay varies from year to year based on timing and amount of projects.
- Expenditures for Debt Service are declining, as bonds are being paid off or refunded.

Water and Sewer Fund Activity:

- The Water and Sewer Fund shows an overall positive trend for equity.

**Mr. Brown** commented that the intent is to have the Water and Sewer Fund in a financial position to pay the water bills; and not merely to continue an upward curve for equity.

**Mr. Heffernan** reviewed the Auditor's report to Council, and noted the following:

- The City implemented General Accounting Standards Board Statement 65.
- The City utilizes fewer estimates in the development of the statements than most communities. Rochester Hills has no defined pension plan and its Other Post Employment Benefits program is fairly restrictive.
- Estimates included insurance liability and the amount of property tax refunds pending.
- Estimates are relatively conservative, and nothing risky was seen.

He noted that over all of its client base, approximately 85 percent of the time Plante & Moran finds adjustments to make during the audit process. In the case of

*Rochester Hills, nothing was found and no significant issues were encountered to bring to Council's attention. The City's financial outlook is seen to be good, mostly due to the City's practice of developing a three-year budget and five-year forecast.*

*He explained changes coming for State revenue sharing methods, reviewed projections for the 2014 and 2015 budgets, and noted supplemental payments. He explained upcoming changes to the Personal Property Tax Exemption, noting that owners with less than \$80,000 in taxable value will be able to file for an exemption, and mentioned that certain manufacturing property will not be subject to sales tax. He noted that the State proposes two new sources to replace lost revenues, including an Essential Services Assessment Tax. He cautioned that ballot proposals for these new revenues will be put to a vote of the people in August and will need to pass in order for the replacement revenues to become effective.*

*Mr. Heffernan noted additional revenues from the Winter Maintenance Fund, noting that these monies are not a part of Act 51. He mentioned health care cost burdens, and noted that there is a proposed change allowing retroactive pay for police, fire and all employees which will be helpful in negotiating with unions.*

**President Hooper** questioned how many communities Plante & Moran represents.

**Mr. Heffernan** responded that the firm represents approximately 125 communities.

**President Hooper** questioned what the firm's opinion is on the stability of Rochester Hills in comparison to the other communities it represents.

**Mr. Heffernan** responded that Rochester Hills would fall in the top five percent of the communities it represents.

**President Hooper** commented that the City's favorable financial position is a testament to City Council, Staff, and the Administration. He pointed out that Council made a decision to invest an additional \$5 million in 2014, 2015 and 2016 toward Local Roads from Fund Balance.

**Mayor Barnett** pointed out that the City is the first community in Michigan to develop a three-year budget and commented that its financial position is due to Council's actions. He mentioned the Dashboard, available for review on the City's Website, which highlights the City's position in different areas. He added that the City's good efforts in Census reporting in 2010 have yielded benefits. He noted that the City was in the top five communities in the country in getting responses to Census. He pointed out that Keith Sawdon, Director of Finance, and Pam Lee, City Accountant, were in attendance and deserve much credit.

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

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

Enactment No: RES0109-2014

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby acknowledges receipt of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) from the Administration and the auditing firm of Plante & Moran, PLLC for the 2013 Fiscal Year.

**2014-0209** Update from Strategic Communication Services (SCS) Governmental Representation and Consulting Services

**Attachments:** [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)

**Robert Law, Bill Bullard, and John Kerr** were in attendance representing Strategic Communication Services (SCS)

**Mr. Law** noted that six or seven members of the firm are working on projects for the City.

**Mr. Bullard** explained that his role is for legislative advocacy at the State level. He mentioned four different bills currently under consideration and noted that he works with the Administration to ensure that the City's voice is heard. He noted that SCS rendered assistance regarding issues including slip and fall legislation, changes to the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund to allow long-term investing, Freedom of Information Act costs, and Personal Property Tax Reform. He mentioned movement in the House and Senate Appropriations Committees to remove hurdles local governments have to go through to receive Economical Vitality and Incentive Plan Funds.

**Mr. Kerr** stated that he works on topics of economic development, as part of a team to promote Federal and State opportunities for funding to advance projects for clients. He noted that SCS becomes part of the team, noting the potential for grant opportunities for redevelopment of sites like Suburban Softball. He stated that the group promotes cultural stewardship, assisting in the advancement of goals and projects within the Stoney Creek Historic District.

**Mr. Law** expressed his thanks to Council for the opportunity to represent Rochester Hills.

**President Hooper** noted that the firm has shown proven results on the City's return on investment.

Presented.

## RECOGNITIONS

**2014-0220** Proclamation in Recognition of Eagle Scout Nick Tran

**Attachments:** [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Proclamation.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

**Mayor Barnett** expressed his thanks on behalf of the City and Council for the

*work of the Eagle Scouts. He acknowledge Ed Leafdale, General Foreman, and noted that the City has had a tremendous relationship with Eagle Scouts, with many projects completed at Veterans Memorial Pointe, the DPS Facility and the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm.*

*He read the proclamations and recognized Eagle Scouts Danny Fergle, Matthew Fergle, and Nick Tran.*

*Council congratulated the Eagle Scouts.*

**Presented.**

**Whereas**, Nick Tran is an outstanding young man and eighth grade student at Avondale Middle School; and

**Whereas**, Nick maintains a constant presence on the honor roll and is involved in many extracurricular activities, including Boy Scout Troop 123, which he has been a part of since he was five years old; and

**Whereas**, in pursuit of his Eagle Scout ranking, Nick constructed the War Dog Memorial at Veterans Memorial Pointe honoring all dogs of service including military, police, and guide dogs; and

**Whereas**, Nick spent many hours and put in a great amount of work to complete this very worthy project and outstanding addition to our memorial park.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Mayor and City Council of Rochester Hills proudly recognize Eagle Scout, Nick Tran, and express gratitude for all of his hard work in completing the War Dog Memorial at Veterans Memorial Pointe.

**2014-0221** Proclamation in Recognition of Eagle Scout Danny Fergle

**Attachments:** [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Proclamation.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

**See Legislative File 2014-0220.**

**Presented.**

**Whereas**, Danny is an outstanding young man and student at Adams High School and is in his sophomore year; and

**Whereas**, Danny exhibits great character in his involvement in many extracurricular activities, including the Boy Scouts, which he has been a part of for nine years and is currently with Van Hoosen Middle School Troop 101; and

**Whereas**, in pursuit of his Eagle Scout ranking, Danny chose to design, build, and install two handicap accessible picnic tables at Veterans Memorial Pointe; and

**Whereas**, Danny spent a great amount of time raising funds to support the project, and gathered volunteer support from his troop, friends, and family. He completed the project in August of 2013 and it is a wonderful addition for all patrons of the park.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Mayor and City Council of Rochester Hills proudly recognize Eagle Scout, Dany Fergle, and express gratitude for all of his hard work in completing the handicap accessible picnic tables at Veterans Memorial Pointe.

**2014-0222** Proclamation in Recognition of Eagle Scout Matthew Fergle

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[Proclamation.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

**See Legislative File 2014-0220.**

**Presented.**

**Whereas**, Matt is an outstanding young man and student at Adams High School and is in his sophomore year; and

**Whereas**, Matt exhibits great character in his involvement in many extracurricular activities, including the Boy Scouts, which he has been a part of for nine years and is currently with Van Hoosen Middle School Troop 101; and

**Whereas**, in pursuit of his Eagle Scout ranking, Matt chose to assist the Rochester Hills based non-profit, God's Helping Hands with collecting school supplies and backpacks for children of need; and

**Whereas**, Matt committed to preparing one hundred backpacks filled with school supplies and raised the funds to do so. Matt then delivered the stuffed backpacks to the organization and helped distribute them.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Mayor and City Council of Rochester Hills proudly recognize Eagle Scout, Matt Fergle, and express gratitude for all of his hard work in fundraising and filling one hundred backpacks with school supplies for children in our community.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Erin Howlett**, 3597 Aynsley Drive, requested a link to the draft Oil and Gas Ordinance under consideration be placed on the City's website.

**Clifford Johnson**, 3542 Charlwood Drive, requested Council take a stand against oil and gas exploration underneath homes in the community. He stated that a question whether oil and gas exploration should be allowed needs to be placed on the ballot.

**Robert Kendig**, 2484 Wortham Drive, commented that the May 5th meeting held at Rochester College was not as promised. He noted that the two Council Members who did not vote for the lease agreement are no longer on Council and requested those who did vote for it state what their reasons were for approving the lease.

**Joe McHugh**, 1940 Columbia Road, Berkley, reported that a settlement was approved recently regarding contamination from horizontal drilling in Texas. He pointed out that the Clinton River Watershed is shared amongst communities and noted that the region cannot afford another economic hit that could result from an environmental accident.

**Gail Hammill**, 1434 Burhaven, stated that homeowners insurance policies do not cover risk or damage from oil and gas exploration. She read an excerpt from an investment prospectus for energy utility funds which detailed potential risks and stated that Council should vote to revoke the lease.

**Denise Doyle**, 1446 Burhaven, stated that Rochester Hills is a densely populated city. She commented that rather than an on-the-record presentation with questions and answers, the informational meeting held May 5th consisted of tables set up around the room.

**Jean Vickers**, 2533 Topsham Drive, mentioned an Exxon spill of 210,000 in Mayflower, Arkansas, and a spill which occurred in Marshall, Michigan. She stated that the item should be on the ballot.

**Phillip Barker**, 1434 Burhaven, noted that the lease signed in January of 2013 allows Jordan to drill horizontally under parks. He stated that the group "Don't Drill the Hills" has filed a lawsuit against the lease signed on park property, citing that it is a violation of the City Charter and Michigan Law.

**Joe Doyle**, 1446 Burhaven, stated that it is politicians themselves that give politicians a bad name, and suggested that Council made decisions behind closed doors.

**Clark Barrett**, 1376 Kingspath, commented that the true number of trucks on the roads each day due to gas and oil exploration would be 14 to 21. He stated that drilling drives property values down, especially for homes served by wells. He noted that the City should have called for competing bids from other companies.

**Scot Beaton**, 655 Bolinger, stated that he disagrees with City Attorney John Staran's legal opinion that surface rights are separate from mineral rights. He suggested that the question of a lease should be on the November ballot.

**Mike Powers**, 3632 Aynsley, cited a Wall Street Journal article on "big oil", and commented that horizontal drilling is a form of fracking, even though pressures are not as great. He stated that Council should rescind the lease.

**Lee Zendel**, 1575 Dutton, stated that the City's Director of Planning noted that there is not a single location within the City where a drilling platform can be sited according to Michigan Department of Environmental Quality regulations. He commented that while fracking is horrible, the lease agreement signed specifically states that the driller will not frack. He pointed out that anywhere contamination occurred the country, it was in areas of shale rock. Michigan has limestone. He mentioned that the only Michigan drilling fire occurred in 1962; and he stated that the pipeline leak in 2005 was not in the City, but occurred at a station near Squirrel and Silverbell. He added that a well could be economically viable with a production of only 20 barrels per day.



## LEGISLATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

**John Staran**, City Attorney, stated that a lawsuit has been filed against the City by the Don't Drill the Hills Inc. group, which disputes and challenges the oil and gas lease that the City entered into. The suit challenges the lawfulness of that lease along with the lawfulness of Council's actions in approving that lease. He stated that Council and the Mayor have been advised to refrain from commenting on litigation to the media.

He stated that although it is unfortunate that it has come to the point that residents felt it necessary to challenge the actions of the City Council, it is also an opportunity. Although a number of the speakers are sincere and are genuinely concerned, it is fairly clear that a number are here for little more than to disseminate incorrect information and fear monger, and make unwarranted accusations toward the Council and the Mayor. He noted that it is an opportunity for the court to make a ruling and put it to rest.

Mr. Staran commented that the City takes these claims very seriously. He stated that he is quite confident that the City in the end will be upheld and as Council was advised from the start that their actions were lawful. He commented that the City will do its speaking through the court.

He stated that a number of things were said that are unfortunate. He pointed out that there still continues to be statements regarding fracking. He noted fracking has not been done in Oakland County to date. He pointed out that there will be no drilling on City-owned land.

He stated that the Mayor has responded to requests for information and answers to questions, and noted that an informational open house opportunity was presented last week. He stated that he can report that progress is being made, as Council has discussed a proposed Oil and Gas Ordinance and gave direction for the development of a pipeline ordinance. He mentioned that due to the direct tie-in between the Ordinances, the nature of those regulations and the pending lawsuit, it will be difficult for this City Council and the Planning Commission to hold public hearings and discussions on those ordinances until the litigation is resolved. He stated that activities will continue at the administrative level.

**Taylor Thorpe**, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC) Representative, reported that the RHGYC has been raising monies for their annual 5K Run/Walk, slated for June 14, 2014, benefitting the charity Blessings in a Backpack. RHGYC members visited the Rochester Farmers' Market and Busch's Market to distribute flyers promoting the 5K. The group also participated in the Back to the Beach 5K Marathon at Stoney Creek Metropark this past weekend, and will be planting flowers at the Van Hoosen Jones-Stoney Creek Cemetery. Applications have been received for the 2014-2015 Youth Council and interviews will be scheduled shortly.

**Mayor Barnett** noted that he is pleased with the City's positive financial reports. He expressed his thanks to the RHGYC members and to the Rochester Rotary Club for their hours spent readying the Community Garden for the season. He noted the following:

- *The Mayor's Business Council met recently and is celebrating the expansion of several businesses and the opening of a number of new businesses in the community, including the following:*
  - \* *Hummingbird Spa is now open next to Dickey's Barbecue in the City Walk Plaza at Rochester Road and Tienken. This is the first time that the City Walk Plaza has been 100 percent occupied.*
  - \* *Kumon Math and Learning Center opened in the Busch's Plaza at Walton and Adams.*
  - \* *Adduxi opened a facility which is its first presence in the United States.*
  - \* *Inzi Controls opened a facility in the City.*
- *The City's unemployment rate is 3.9 percent. Businesses are having a hard time finding talent. The Mayor's Office has a listing of 40 job postings for engineers and other positions.*
- *The City's Financial Dashboard is available on the website.*
- *Interactive City maps are available noting current road construction projects along with proposed capital improvement projects.*
- *The Memorial Day Parade will be held Monday, May 26, 2014, from Rochester's Mt. Avon Cemetery to Veteran's Memorial Pointe.*
- *The first NoHaz collection of the year is set for Saturday, May 31, 2014 at Oxford Middle School.*
- *Paddlepalooza is set for May 31, 2014, beginning in Auburn Hills and ending near the River Crest at Avon and Livernois.*

## ATTORNEY MATTERS

*None.*

## CONSENT AGENDA

All matters under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion, without discussion. If any Council Member or Citizen requests discussion of an item, it will be removed from Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

**2014-0159** Approval of Minutes - City Council Regular Meeting - April 7, 2014

**Attachments:** [CC Min 040714.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

**This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: RES0110-2014

**Resolved**, that the Minutes of a Rochester Hills City Council Regular Meeting held on April 7, 2014 be approved as presented.

**2014-0181** Approval of Minutes - City Council Regular Meeting - April 28, 2014

**Attachments:** [CC Min 042814.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

**This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: RES0111-2014

**Resolved**, that the Minutes of a Rochester Hills City Council Regular Meeting held on April 28, 2014 be approved as presented.

**The following three (3) Legislative Files are related to Rochester Retail**

- 2014-0123** Request for Acceptance of a Highway Easement granted by Rochester Auburn Associates, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, for Rochester Retail

**Attachments:** [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Highway Easement \(Revised\) 042114.pdf](#)  
[040714 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Highway Easement 031114.pdf](#)  
[040714 Draft Resolution.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

**This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: RES0112-2014

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council, on behalf of the City of Rochester Hills hereby accepts a revised highway easement granted by Rochester Auburn Associates, LLC, whose address is 6750 Oak Hills Dr., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301, over, on, under, through and across land more particularly described as Parcel No. 15-34-227-046.

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

- 2014-0147** Request for Acceptance of a Watermain Easement granted by Rochester Auburn Associates, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, for Rochester Retail

**Attachments:** [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Watermain Easement.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

**This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: RES0113-2014

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council, on behalf of the City of Rochester Hills, hereby accepts a watermain easement granted by Rochester Auburn Associates, LLC, of 6750 Oak Hills Dr., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301, for the construction, operation, maintenance, repair and/or replacement of a watermain over, on, under, through and across land more particularly described as Parcel No. 15-34-227-046.

- 2014-0149** Request for Acceptance of a Sanitary Sewer Easement granted by Rochester Auburn Associates, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, for Rochester Retail

**Attachments:** [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[San Sewer Easement.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

**This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: RES0114-2014

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council, on behalf of the City of Rochester Hills, hereby accepts a sanitary sewer easement granted by Rochester Auburn Associates, LLC, of 6750 Oak Hills Dr., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301, for the construction, operation, maintenance, repair and/or replacement of a sanitary sewer over, on, under, through and across land more particularly described as Parcel No. 15-34-227-046.

**The following two (2) Legislative Files are related to Avon & John R Retail**

- 2014-0175** Request for Acceptance of a Highway Easement for Avon & John R Retail granted by JA Avon, LLC

**Attachments:** [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Highway Easement.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

**This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: RES0115-2014

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council on behalf of the City of Rochester Hills hereby accepts a highway easement granted by JA Avon, LLC, whose address is 400 Park Street, Troy, Michigan 48083, over, on, under, through and across land more particularly described as Parcel No. 15-14-478-042.

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

- 2014-0176** Request for Approval of the Storm Water Maintenance Agreement between the City of Rochester Hills and JA Avon, LLC, for Rochester & John R Retail

**Attachments:** [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Storm Water Sys Maint Agreement.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

**This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: RES0116-2014

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council approves the storm water maintenance agreement, relative to the details of the development and use, repair and maintenance of the storm water system, from JA Avon, LLC, for Avon & John R Retail, for City File #13-011, for Parcel No. 15-14-478-042.

- 2014-0204** Request for Purchase Authorization - FACILITIES: Purchase of an Air Conditioning Compressor in the amount of \$26,300.00; Temperature Services, Livonia, MI

**Attachments:** [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Bid Tabulation.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

**This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: RES0117-2014

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes the purchase of an Air Conditioning Compressor to Temperature Services, Livonia, Michigan in the amount of \$26,300.00.

- 2014-0193 Request for Approval of Fireworks Display Permit Application for the Festival of the Hills event, to be held at Borden Park on Wednesday, June 25, 2014

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

**This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: RES0118-2014

**Whereas**, Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. of Kawkawlin, Michigan has been selected through a competitive bid process for their safety record and the size of their show; and

**Whereas**, Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. has provided the necessary insurance with the City of Rochester Hills named as also insured; and

**Whereas**, the Rochester Hills Fire Department has no objection to the issuance of a fireworks permit provided their safety procedures are followed;

**Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council does hereby approve a permit for Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. of Kawkawlin, Michigan to provide a fireworks display for the Festival of the Hills event at Borden Park on Wednesday, June 25, 2014.

### Passed the Consent Agenda

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

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

### The following Consent Agenda Item was discussed and adopted by separate motion.

- 2014-0203 Request for Purchase Authorization - FACILITIES : Blanket Purchase Order for HVAC Preventative Maintenance and Repair Services Agreement in the amount not-to-exceed \$84,000.00; K & S Ventures, Auburn Hills, MI

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

**Mr. Brown** requested an explanation why K&S Ventures was selected as it was not the lowest cost bidder.

**Scott Cope**, Director of Building/Ordinance Compliance, and **Bob White**, Supervisor of Ordinance Services, were in attendance.

**Mr. White** responded that the bid award is the result of a Request for Proposal (RFP) issued in March of 2014 and evaluated by an RFP committee consisting of Ken Nightlinger, Mechanical Inspector, Steve Springstube, Facilities Coordinator, and Keri Bright, Purchasing Analyst. He noted that the evaluation included experience, qualifications, capacity to do the work, comparable work, methodology and cost. He pointed out that after evaluation, while RW Meade was the lowest,

*the RFP Committee unanimously selected K&S Ventures on the basis that it is the current contractor, has four years' experience with the City's systems, has an excellent service record and a great rapport with facility technicians, and is completely knowledgeable of all City buildings and systems. He mentioned that staff time is saved as technicians do not need to be escorted to the different pieces of equipment. He added that 70 percent of K&S Ventures' business is preventative maintenance of systems, while RW Meade's is only 40 percent preventative maintenance. He pointed out that K&S Ventures installed and programmed the current Johnson Controls building management web-based system.*

*He stated that K&S Ventures satisfied all the requirements for submission, while RW Meade missed several key pieces of information, including a maintenance checklist, licenses, certifications and training for the assigned mechanic. He commented that the evaluation team was concerned about RW Meade's qualifications to perform the work.*

***Mr. Brown** expressed his thanks for the response, noting that it was not obvious in the Agenda Summary why K&S Ventures was recommended. He commented that he supports the decision.*

***President Hooper** commented that it is difficult for a new contractor to win a recommendation, noting that the low bidder was not selected in part because of lack of experience.*

***Mr. Cope** responded that the City has experienced some of the difficult situations that can occur with complicated HVAC systems. He noted that in another agenda item tonight for an air conditioning compressor, the low bidder is recommended for selection, as a rebuilt generator is recommended that has the same warranty as new generator.*

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

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

Enactment No: RES0119-2014

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a Blanket Purchase Order to K & S Ventures, Auburn Hills, Michigan for HVAC Preventative Maintenance and Repair Services Agreement in the amount not-to-exceed \$84,000.00 through May 31, 2016 and further authorizes the Mayor to execute a contract on behalf of the City.

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

## **ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

**2014-0197** Acceptance for First Reading - an Ordinance to amend Sections 54-741 through 54-745 of Article XII, Utilities, of Chapter 54, Fees, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, to modify water and sewer rates and fees, repeal conflicting Ordinances, and prescribe a penalty for violations

**Attachments:** [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Ordinance.pdf](#)  
[W&S TRC Resolution 043014.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

**Keith Sawdon**, Director of Finance, explained that the Water and Sewer Technical Review Committee (WSTRC) met on April 30th and was presented with several different scenarios based on the upcoming rate changes by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) and the Oakland County Water Resources Commission (OCWRC). He explained that the City utilizes a break-even methodology, with a goal to build the Water and Sewer Capital Fund to the point where local rates are not supporting the fund. He stated that three rate scenarios were considered, including a direct pass through of rates, keeping rates at current levels, or utilizing a multi-year smoothing approach. He noted that the WSTRC once again accepted the third option, to utilize a multiple-year approach.

He reviewed the projected rate changes for the various commodities, including water, sewer and sewer-only. He pointed out that industrial customers will have rate pass-throughs for the high surcharge and non-residential surcharge waste control rates, with DWSD increasing those rates by 2.2 percent.

He explained that the average customer utilizing 12 units per cycle will see their bill go from \$123.26 to 127.77, a \$4.51 or 3.7 percent increase; and the flat rate total sewer bill will move to \$66.09, or a 5.3 percent increase.

**Mr. Wiggins** requested additional explanation of the multi-year approach.

**Mr. Sawdon** responded that rates move up and down in various different motions. He noted that the WSTRC reviewed rates as a total bill. He mentioned that the sewer charge is rising fast in comparison to the water component, and the methodology is to use the smaller rise of the water component to offset the larger rise of the sewer component.

**Mr. Brown** expressed his appreciation for the thorough explanation given to the WSTRC, allowing for an efficient meeting.

**A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Tisdell, that this matter be Accepted for First Reading by Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Resolved**, that an Ordinance to amend Sections 54-741 through 54-745 of Article XII, Utilities, of Chapter 54, Fees, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, to modify water and sewer rates and fees, repeal conflicting Ordinances, and prescribe a penalty for violations is hereby accepted for First Reading.

## NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

**2014-0177** Nomination/Appointment of one (1) Citizen Representative to the Rochester Avon Recreation Authority for a three-year term to expire May 31, 2017

**Attachments:** [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Nomination Form.pdf](#)  
[Hauser CQ.pdf](#)  
[Hunter CQ.pdf](#)  
[Marries CQ.pdf](#)  
[Muenk CQ.pdf](#)  
[Siegfried CQ.pdf](#)  
[Notice of Vacancy.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

***President Hooper*** noted that Council should appoint one individual as Citizen Representative to the Rochester Avon Recreation Authority. He stated that if more than one person was nominated, the item would return to the next Council meeting for a vote.

**President Hooper Opened the Floor for Nominations.**

***Mr. Webber*** nominated Daniel Hauser.

**Seeing No Further Nominations, President Hooper Closed the Floor for Nominations.**

*Daniel Hauser was Appointed as Citizen Representative to the Rochester Avon Recreation Authority.*

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

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

Enactment No: RES0120-2014

***Resolved***, that the Rochester Hills City Council appoints Daniel Hauser to the Rochester Avon Recreation Authority to serve a three-year term to expire May 31, 2017.

**(Recess 9:22 p.m. to 9:33 p.m.)**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**2014-0206** Request for Approval of the Settlement Agreement between the City of Rochester Hills and the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF)

**Attachments:** [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

***Pamela Gordon***, Director of Human Resources, noted that the Administration recommends approval of a two-year contract with Local IAFF 3472, through December 31, 2015. She stated that the terms of the settlement agreement were reviewed with Council during tonight's Closed Session prior to the Regular Meeting.

***President Hooper*** commented that the City values its firefighters and wants to see them appropriately paid.



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

**Aye** 7 - Brown, Hooper, Kochenderfer, Morita, Tisdel, Webber and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0121-2014

**Whereas**, negotiations between the City of Rochester Hills and International Association of Fire Fighters Local #3472 have resulted in a tentative two-year agreement, for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015.

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby grants approval of the settlement agreement with immediate effect.

**2014-0163** Request to Amend GSAB Bylaws and Rules of Procedure

**Attachments:** [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[GSAB Bylaws 050614 to CC.pdf](#)  
[GSAB Bylaws 041514 Draft 1.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

**Mike Hartner**, Director of Parks and Forestry, and **Dahlvin Peterson**, Chairperson for the Green Space Advisory Board, were in attendance.

**Mr. Peterson** stated that Council is requested to approve the amendment to the By-Laws to align the document to more clearly reflect the Ballot Proposal passed in 2013 allowing Green Space funds to be utilized for stewardship.

**Mr. Kochenderfer** stated that he has been a part of the Green Space Advisory Board discussions as they formulated and debated the proposed By-Laws changes.

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

**Aye** 7 - Brown, Hooper, Kochenderfer, Morita, Tisdel, Webber and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0122-2014

**Whereas**, the Green Space Advisory Board (GSAB) has reviewed its Bylaws and Rules of Procedure at its Regular Meeting of April 22, 2014; and

**Whereas**, GSAB has made suggested changes to appropriate Articles relevant to stewardship and non-voting members, as well as some minor housekeeping changes;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council approves the proposed amendments to the GSAB Bylaws and Rules of Procedure as presented.

**2014-0202** Request to Approve the issuance of a Request for Proposal for Phase II work on 1927 Van Hoosen Calf Barn at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

**Attachments:** [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

**Pat McKay**, Supervisor of Interpretive services, noted that Council approved the Master Plan for the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm at its

*April 28th Regular Meeting. He commented that additional funds have been raised allowing for the move into Phase II of the Calf Barn project to complete the interior space to provide a year-round multi-purpose facility. He stated that the goal is to complete Phase II by April of next year.*

**President Hooper** questioned whether the architectural firm has been selected for the work.

**Mr. McKay** responded that Council approved H2A Architects last November.

**Mr. Brown** expressed his appreciation to Mr. McKay and his staff for hosting the recent Joint Council Meeting between the Councils of Auburn Hills and Rochester Hills. He commented that it was a great experience and stated that he looks forward to the completion of Phase II of the renovations.

**Ms Morita** thanked Mr. McKay, noting that she had a tour of the facility on May 10th. She expressed her support for Phase II.

**Mr. Webber** echoed his support and questioned whether there are plans for any additional phases of the project.

**Mr. McKay** responded that there are not. He explained that Phase I of the project entailed securing the building. He commented that he is delighted that only one year later \$300,000 has been secured to continue on with Phase II.

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

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

Enactment No: RES0123-2014

**Whereas**, Phase I work, including demolition, concrete, structural steel framing and metal fabrications, rough and finish carpentry, waterproofing, weather membranes, wood shingles, wood siding, joint sealers, rough plumbing, wood siding, doors, windows, electrical, insulation, and concrete stoops and sidewalk, was completed in May 2013; and

**Whereas**, Phase I costs of \$278,000.00 was covered by private funding; and

**Whereas**, the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm Preservation and Adaptive Use Master Plan includes Phase II work; and

**Whereas**, the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm Preservation and Adaptive Use Master Plan was adopted by Council on May 19, 2014; and

**Whereas**, Phase II work will include insulation, interior finishes, HVAC, restrooms, plumbing, and electrical for approximately \$311,000.00; and

**Whereas**, all funds have again been privately raised and have been deposited at the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester;

**Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council does hereby approve the pursuit of Request for Proposal for Phase II work on the adaptive reuse of the 1927 Calf Barn at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm.

**2014-0198** Request for Purchase Authorization - DPS/ENG: Contract/Blanket Purchase Order for engineering design services for John R Roadway Improvements at South Boulevard in the amount not-to-exceed \$37,600.00; Orchard Hiltz and McCliment, Inc., Livonia, MI

**Attachments:** [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Project Scope Summary.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

**Allan Schneck**, Director of DPS/Engineering, explained that the City of Troy approached Rochester Hills regarding a project being undertaken in their community. He noted that in order to transition their geometrics from their portion of the roadway to Rochester Hills, improvements are necessary at the City's portion of the intersection. He added that the project also entails enclosing a drain and adding nonmotorized pathway. He pointed out that Orchard Hiltz & McCliment is Troy's consulting engineer, as well as being on Rochester Hills' list of engineering firms utilized for projects such as these.

**Mr. Webber** questioned the project's timeline.

**Mr. Schneck** responded that the project was slated for 2016; however, the Federal Aid Committee moved the project up to 2015. He explained that utility work may begin in 2015, with the ultimate delivery of project completion in 2016.

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

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

Enactment No: RES0124-2014

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes the Contract/Blanket Purchase Order for engineering design services for John R Roadway Improvements at South Boulevard to Orchard Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., Livonia, Michigan in the amount not-to-exceed \$37,600.00 and further authorizes the Mayor to execute a contract on behalf of the City.

**2014-0205** Request for Purchase Authorization - DPS/ENG: Cost Participation Agreement approval between the City of Rochester Hills and the Board of Road Commissioners for the County of Oakland for preliminary engineering for the future rehabilitation of Tienken Road from Adams Road to Livernois Road in the amount not-to-exceed \$192,000.00; Board of Road Commissioners for the County of Oakland; Beverly Hills, MI

**Attachments:** [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Cost Participation Agreement - PE.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

**Allan Schneck**, Director of DPS/Engineering, explained that this particular section of Tienken Road received Federal Funding for rehabilitation in 2017. He pointed out that the City felt that the roadway in its current condition would not hold up through 2017; and the Administration investigated how to advance the project. He stated that if the City chooses to contribute half of the costs for preliminary design engineering, the project could be undertaken with a solicitation for bids in March of 2015 to allow construction during the 2015 construction season. He noted that project timing is contingent on right-of-way acquisition.

**Public Comment:**

**Lee Zendel**, 1575 Dutton, noted that this project will affect the residents living on Dutton Road, as it will serve as a detour for eastbound Tienken traffic. He commented that added to the current construction of Tienken Road from Livernois to Rochester Road, Dutton could endure one-and-one-half to two years of additional traffic. He pointed out that the dirt portion of Dutton Road has no speed limit, and requested that the State Police be asked to impose a temporary speed limit on Dutton until detour is no longer in use.

**Council Discussion:**

**President Hooper** questioned whether rehabilitation would be sufficient for that portion of roadway. He commented that full reconstruction is warranted.

**Mr. Schneck** responded that the project is a "Three-R project" consisting of rehabilitation, resurfacing and restoration. He noted that potential cross-sections based on geotechnical pavement cores would include analysis of the condition of the existing concrete underneath. He commented that the parties are in agreement that all curb and gutters need to be done. He stated that while it may not be a total reconstruction, there will be a significant rehabilitation of everything.

**President Hooper** stated that he wants to ensure that the rehabilitation would not only last a short period of time.

**Mr. Schneck** responded that concerns regarding insufficient areas for drainage would be addressed as well.

**Ms. Morita** questioned whether the redesign of the intersection of Adams and Tienken would be undertaken as a part of the project.

**Mr. Schneck** responded that the scope of work will include looking at the need for extension of left turn lanes and queue lanes at that intersection.

**Mr. Kochenderfer** suggested that as Dutton will be heavily used during construction, perhaps the City could reach out to determine if anything could be done to mitigate the traffic impact.

**Mr. Webber** commented that the project needs to be done. He questioned whether Tri-Party funds will be used.

**Mr. Schneck** responded that the City will have the opportunity to obligate Tri-Party dollars for its participatory share. He pointed out that the project will be funded by 80 percent Federal and 20 percent Local funds.

**Mayor Barnett** commented that Tienken is probably the worst road in the city. He credited Mr. Schneck and his team for aggressively pursuing the project as soon as it was known when funding would be available.

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

**Aye** 7 - Brown, Hooper, Kochenderfer, Morita, Tisdel, Webber and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0125-2014

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the Cost Participation Agreement between the City of Rochester Hills and the Board of Road Commissioners for the County of Oakland for preliminary engineering for the future rehabilitation of Tienken Road from Adams Road to Livernois Road in the amount not-to-exceed \$192,000.00 and further authorizes the Mayor to execute an agreement on behalf of the City.

**2014-0208** Request for Purchase Authorization - DPS/ENG: Cost Participation Agreement between the City of Rochester Hills and the City of Rochester for construction and construction engineering services for the Bloomer Road Paving Work from Windbridge Blvd. to Bloomer Ridge in the amount not-to-exceed \$124,917.14; City of Rochester, Rochester, MI

**Attachments:** [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Cost Participation Agreement.pdf](#)  
[As-Bid Estimate 140506.pdf](#)  
[Bloomer Gravel-Paved Areas.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

*Allan Schneck, Director of DPS/Engineering, noted that a similar funding agreement for design services for the project was approved a few months ago. He explained that plans and specifications have been prepared and have been solicited. Tonight's request is for approval of the funding agreement for the actual construction as well as construction engineering for delivery of Bloomer Road Project.*

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

**Aye** 7 - Brown, Hooper, Kochenderfer, Morita, Tisdel, Webber and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0126-2014

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the Cost Participation Agreement between the City of Rochester Hills and the City of Rochester for construction and construction engineering services for the Bloomer Road Paving Project from Windridge Blvd. to Bloomer Ridge in the amount not-to-exceed \$124,917.14 and further authorizes the Mayor to execute an agreement on behalf of the City.

**2014-0195** Request to Approve the Interlocal Service Agreement between the City of Rochester Hills and the Traffic Improvement Association of Michigan (TIA) for Public Works and Fleet Services through December 31, 2014

**Attachments:** [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Fleet Services Agreement.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

*Allan Schneck, Director of DPS/Engineering, stated that the Traffic Improvement Association (TIA) is now performing traffic counts and is going through the*

*process of securing a vehicle and necessary equipment. As they do not currently have a place to perform service on the vehicle, discussions with TIA CEO Jim Santilli resulted in a determination that the City has the ability and resources to perform the preventative maintenance for the vehicle as well as the installation of the necessary safety lighting, and decals.*

**President Hooper** commented that this is another example of great work in the cooperative sharing of resources.

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

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

Enactment No: RES0127-2014

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the Interlocal Service Agreement between the City of Rochester Hills and the Traffic Improvement Association of Michigan for Public Works and Fleet Services, and authorizes the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

**2014-0224** Status update on the Rochester Hills Fire Department Facilities Improvement and Personnel Staffing Report

**Attachments:** [Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Fire Dept Report.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.pdf](#)

**Sean Canto**, Chief of Fire and Emergency Services, stated that when he joined the City back in April, one of his first tasks was to review the status of Department staffing and facilities. He noted that Pat McKay, Supervisor of Interpretive Services, provided much history for the Department. He distributed a report to Council with his findings, noting the following:

- In 2010, the City had 71 Paid-On-Call (POC) staff members. This year it has 49. He stated that the typical length of time for POC employment is 14 months, with many POCs using the Rochester Hills Fire Department as a stepping stone to a full-time career with other departments.
- The city currently has 1,456 beds within assisted living and nursing facilities. Last year, the Department made 1,498 runs to those facilities. Within the next year, including current projects underway and those proposed, it is estimated that the Department could make an additional 400 runs to these facilities.
- To date this year, the Department has responded to 2,306 incidents. The Department is on track for 7,000 incidents for 2014.
- Seventy-five percent of the runs happen Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. This is the time when most POCs are at their full-time employment positions.
- Last year, 3.25 members responded to the average run. In 2007, this number was 6.44 members responding. Neighboring communities are encountering the same issues.
- Current facilities were designed for POC members, and not for permanent staff.

Chief Canto requested that Council refer his report to the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee for their review and comment.

**President Hooper** noted that the Fire Millage is currently maxed out. He commented that it appears that the City will likely need additional resources. He stated that his recommendation would be to refer the report to the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee to work with Chief Canto to develop short term and long term recommendations. He noted that this could involve potential ballot language to present to the voters to adjust the Fire Millage in order to pay for these resources. He pointed out that November ballot language must be certified by August 12th, which would require a report back to Council from the Committee by mid-July. He stated that August 11th is the last date ballot language could be approved by Council.

**Mr. Webber** expressed his appreciation to Chief Canto. He commented that the citizen-driven committee has handled a number of issues over the years pertaining to police and local road funding. He stated that the Committee is up to the challenge, to determine what kind of department the City wants going forward, and what it would mean for funding.

**Mr. Brown** stated that it is impressive to see that the Chief has gotten to this point in such a short time. He concurred with referring the report to the Committee and giving them a timeline for a return to Council

**Chief Canto** noted that several members of the Department were involved in putting the report together.

**Mr. Wiggins** stated that a long-term plan is needed. He stated that the plan should be visionary and review other communities to arrive at a benchmark. He commented that he wished to see a one-time ballot proposal.

**President Hooper** suggested a specific date be mandated for a return to Council.

**Ms. Morita** suggested the Committee return with recommendations by July 15th.

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

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

Enactment No: RES0128-2014

**Resolved**, that Rochester Hills City Council hereby receives the Rochester Hills Fire Department Facilities Improvement and Personnel Staffing Report and refers it to the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee to review and make recommendation to City Council by July 15, 2014.

## COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Older Persons' Commission (OPC):

**Mr. Webber** reported that the OPC has named Renee Cortright as its new Executive Director to replace Marye Miller. He noted that Ms. Cortright will take the helm at the OPC on Tuesday, May 27, 2014.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*None.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

*Regular Meeting - Monday, June 2, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business before Council, President Hooper adjourned the meeting at 10:09 p.m.*

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*GREG HOOPER, President  
Rochester Hills City Council*

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*LEANNE L. SCOTT, Deputy 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.*