



Rochester Hills

Minutes

City Council Regular Meeting

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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."*

Monday, September 26, 2016

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

*President Tisdell called the Regular Rochester Hills City Council Meeting to order at
7:01 p.m. Michigan Time.*

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Susan M. Bowyer, Kevin S. Brown, Dale Hetrick, James Kubicina, Stephanie
Morita, Mark A. Tisdell and Thomas W. Wiggins

Others Present:

*Ed Anzek, Director of Planning and Economic Development
Bryan Barnett, Mayor
Tina Barton, City Clerk
Sean Canto, Chief of Fire and Emergency Services
Scott Cope, Director of Building/Ordinance Compliance
Lisa Cummins, Manager of Purchasing
Kurt Dawson, Director of Assessing/Treasury
Lance DeVoe, Park Ranger II
Ken Elwert, Director of Parks and Forestry
Vince Foisy, Supervisor of Communication Services
Pamela Gordon, Director of Human Resources
Bob Grace, Director of MIS
Deborah Hoyle, Financial Analyst
Captain Michael Johnson, Oakland County Sheriff's Office
Kevin Krajewski, Network Administrator/Deputy Director of MIS
Linda Osiecki, Deputy Treasurer
Kim Sabatini, Account Clerk II
Allan Schneck, Director of DPS/Engineering
Lea Schultz, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Representative
Joe Snyder, Chief Financial Officer
John Staran, City Attorney
Tamara Williams, Chief Assistant to the Mayor*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Aye 7 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Kubicina, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

COUNCIL AND YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC):

President Tisdell introduced **Lea Schultz**, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Representative. He stated that Lea is a Junior at Stoney Creek High School and is in her first year on the RHGYC. He noted that she is involved in the National Honor Society (NHS), German NHS, English NHS, French NHS and French Club, a Health Industrial Jobs Club and Key Club.

Lea Schultz reported that RHGYC members manned a water station for the Brookside Way this past Sunday, and will be hosting a public educational event at the Fire Station soon.

Rochester-Auburn Hills Community Coalition (RAHCC):

Vice President Morita stated that the RAHCC is looking for students to join their board. Any high school student interested should contact her.

Older Persons' Commission (OPC):

Mr. Hetrick announced that the OPC's upcoming event, Rewired, Not Retired, hosted by Chuck Gaidica, will be held on October 6, 2016.

PRESENTATIONS

2016-0390 Presentation of the Deer Management Advisory Committee - 2016 Report

Attachments: [092616 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[2016 DEER MANAGEMENT REPORT.pdf](#)
[DMAC Draft Minutes 072716.pdf](#)

Deborah Barno, Chairperson for the Deer Management Advisory Committee (DMAC), reported that the DMAC met twice this year, first in January to facilitate the selection of a new Chairperson upon Mr. Kubicina's appointment to City Council, and then in late July to review the data obtained from the aerial survey and Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) crash numbers.

She noted that while the aerial survey, conducted in February of this year, showed an increase in deer mostly in Bloomer Park and the Oakland University

property, there has not been an increase seen in the residential areas surveyed. She stated that the deer count was 244 in 2015 and was 311 for 2016. She pointed out that the deer vehicle crash numbers decreased for the past year, dropping by 30 to 144.

She stated that the DMAC's metrics for recommending additional measures are a 20 percent increase in the deer population, combined with deer vehicle crash numbers over 200. While the population numbers for the survey have increased, this is not reflected in an increase in deer vehicle collisions.

She explained that there have not been an increase to the number of complaints regarding the feeding of deer, nuisance or wild animal complaints, or deer killed on roadways. She noted that any complaints that come in to the City regarding deer damaging gardens and landscape are referred to DMAC Member Monique Balaban, who contacts the residents to offer to meet with them to provide information and samples to show what they can do to deter deer damage in their gardens.

Ms. Barno stated that the DMAC's recommendations for this year, include the following:

- Continue and expand policies from 2015.
 - * Increase the number of changeable message boards in high deer/traffic crash areas and expand the time period from October 1 through December 1, for a recommended cost not-to-exceed \$6,000 (an increase of \$2,000 from 2015).
 - * Continue the aerial deer count survey.
 - * Continue with the Fall 2016 educational campaign to go out with Fall utility bills.
- New actions recommended include:
 - * Parks and Forestry staff will investigate and pursue through the Road Commission for Oakland County the addition of prismatic reflective tape on deer signs within the City of Rochester Hills.
 - * In Spring 2017, begin a Spring educational campaign to go out with Spring utility bills increasing the awareness of the deer fawning season.

Public Comment:

Lee Zendel, 1575 Dutton Road, stated that the aerial survey is not reflective of the true deer population in Rochester Hills. He pointed out that there were a significant number of crashes on Avon Road from Rochester Road to John R, and noted that this area is one to three miles away from a survey area. He noted that the data contains only those crashes reported to police. He stated that drivers with older cars, high deductibles, slight damage, or involving alcohol will not report a deer vehicle crash. He commented that the population increase is frightening and he stated that Rochester Hills should undertake a multi-year culling program similar to what Ann Arbor undertook earlier this year. He mentioned that 63 deer were culled by United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) sharpshooters with zero safety incidences.

Lance DeVoe, Park Ranger II, noted that most of the population increases were in undeveloped areas, including the City Hall site, Oakland University and Bloomer Park. He stated that he reviewed the snapshot of the undeveloped areas and arrived at a rough estimate of 1,200 to 1,800 deer city-wide. He explained that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) uses a different method to estimate deer population, relying on the number of deer-vehicle accidents. He noted that the MDNR is looking at statewide areas that do not have the concentration that Rochester Hills has, and he commented that it is his opinion that using deer-vehicle accidents alone will not generate an appropriate estimate of the population.

President Tisdell pointed out that the DMAC metrics for recommending control measures such as culling or attempts at contraception include a 20 percent positive change in the deer count along with crashes exceeding 200. He questioned whether the City of Ann Arbor was charged by the USDA for the culling.

Mr. Zendel stated that he found that the USDA charged Ann Arbor \$35,000.

President Tisdell questioned how the number of deer-vehicle accidents varies from reported to actual numbers.

Mr. DeVoe stated that many people do not report the crashes. He commented that it is impossible to speculate how many go unreported.

President Tisdell questioned during what timeframe disease hit the population.

Mr. DeVoe responded that the 2009 deer count was way down due to the disease breakout of 2008. He noted that the deer count went from 184 to 134; however, it has since climbed to 311. He commented that the numbers have bounced around since then; however, they have stayed between 250 to 311.

Council Discussion:

Mr. Kubicina expressed his thanks to the DMAC members. He noted that his recent water bill did not include any information regarding deer crash avoidance.

Ms. Barno stated that the DMAC's recommendation was to include information with the Fall bills this year. She commented that the deadline may be past for Fall bills.

Mr. Kubicina stated that the benchmarks were developed while he was on the DMAC, noting that over 20 contentious meetings were held during the summer. He stated that DMAC Member Tom McDonald suggested the benchmarks as a compromise to look at the aerial survey and tie it to the number of collisions. He pointed out that he saw the prismatic tape in use in Gratiot County on their road signs and he noted how the tape lights up the signs significantly. He mentioned that Gratiot County applied for a State grant which covered all materials.

Dr. Bowyer stated that she is on the DMAC, and commented that residents can easily learn to live peaceably with the deer. She noted that with the days

getting shorter, motorists must be aware that if they see one deer, there are likely more. She commented that it is easy to choose certain plants over others, and noted that Ms. Balaban is qualified to assist residents in choosing plants for their gardens.

Mr. Brown questioned how residents can know where to report the deer they see on the roadways.

Mr. DeVoe responded that residents can call the City and staff can direct them to the right place based on who owns the roadway. He noted that if the deer is on a City road, DPS staff will pick it up. If on a County road, the County truck will get it. He commented that City DPS staff try to pick up the deer the same day; however, the County will often wait until it has two or three in the area to pick up.

Allan Schneck, Director of DPS/Engineering, noted that the City has had conversations with Oakland County regarding deer disposal. He mentioned that as a result of the last negotiations for the Single Waste Hauler Contract, the DPS staff do not have to pay for landfill disposal of deer.

Mr. Hetrick questioned whether the increase in funding for signage was included in this year's budget.

Ken Elwert, Director of Parks and Forestry, responded that after going out for bids for the signage, the amount was adjusted for this year and for 2017.

Mr. Hetrick stated that he knows that it is tough for gardeners to avoid deer damage. He expressed his appreciation for Ms. Balaban's assistance, and suggested that the website also has information for residents.

Mr. Wiggins commented that it is one thing for a garden to be eaten; however, it is much different to have damage to a vehicle. He suggested that there may be a time one to three years from now that the situation will be more serious and Council will be forced to make a decision.

Mayor Barnett expressed his thanks to the DMAC and City Staff. He noted that it is a continuing issue with heated commentary. He mentioned that the Administration approached the Road Commission for Oakland County previously regarding prismatic tape and they had been cool to the idea. He noted that the Administration can approach the County again to see if they would consider it.

President Tisdell stated that he had Mr. Schneck forward him a map of the deer signs in the city, and he noted that there are 42, with some owned by Oakland County and some owned by the City. He suggested that a dollar figure be obtained to see what it would take to apply the prismatic tape to the City's signs. He noted that the deer information could be placed at the top of the City's website during the crash season. He commented that by extending the timeframe for the moveable signs, approximately 35 percent of the deer crash activity would be covered.

Mr. Elwert noted that \$6,000 will not provide signage for the entire length of time. He mentioned that the Administration is waiting until the road construction

season is over to determine whether prices might be more favorable. He commented that signage would be used for up to two months.

President Tisdell stated that signage can be used for all of November and as much of October as the funding will permit. He commented that once the cost can be obtained for adding the prismatic tape to City signs, that information can be provided to Oakland County.

Mr. DeVoe noted that ten of the 42 deer signs are owned by the City.

Mr. Wiggins questioned whether there is a cost estimate for the prismatic tape.

Ms. Barno responded that DMAC Member Mr. Naughton stated that through his work, he knows that the cost is minimal and is only pennies per strip.

Mr. Elwert stated that the original intention is, if the Council is interested in pursuing the possibility of using prismatic tape and the RCOC deems it appropriate, to target use of the prismatic tape next year. He commented that the Administration would like to engage the options more formally and does not want to rush into such a project.

Presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT for Items not on the Agenda

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.

2016-0391 Approval of Minutes - City Council Special Meeting - August 22, 2016

Attachments: [CC Special Mtg Min 082216.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0221-2016

Resolved, that the Minutes of a Rochester Hills City Council Special Meeting held on August 22, 2016 be approved as presented.

2016-0392 Approval of Minutes - City Council Regular Meeting - August 29, 2016

Attachments: [CC Min 082916.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0222-2016

Resolved, that the Minutes of a Rochester Hills City Council Regular Meeting held on August 29, 2016 be approved as presented.

2016-0393 Approval of Minutes - City Council Regular Meeting - September 12, 2016

Attachments: [CC Min 091216.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0223-2016

Resolved, that the Minutes of a Rochester Hills City Council Regular Meeting held on September 12, 2016 be approved as presented.

2016-0384 Request for Adoption of the 2017 Annual Permit for Work on State Highways

Attachments: [092616 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[MDOT Annual Permit Ltr 090816.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0224-2016

Resolved Whereas, the City of Rochester Hills hereinafter referred to as the "GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY" periodically applies to the Michigan Department of Transportation, hereinafter referred to as the "DEPARTMENT" for permits, hereinafter referred to as "PERMIT," to construct, operate, use and/or maintain utility or other facilities, or to conduct other activities, on, over, and under State Highway Right of Way at various locations; within and adjacent to its corporate limits;

Now therefore, in consideration of the DEPARTMENT granting such PERMIT the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY agrees that:

1. Each party to this Agreement shall remain responsible for any claims arising out of their own acts and/or omissions during the performance of this Agreement, as provided by law. This Agreement is not intended to increase either party's liability for, or immunity from, tort claims, nor shall it be interpreted, as giving either party hereto a right of indemnification, either by Agreement or at law, for claims arising out of the performance of this Agreement.
2. Any work performed for the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY will be solely as for the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY and not as a contractor or agent of the DEPARTMENT. The DEPARTMENT shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities by vendors and contractors of the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY, or their subcontractors or any other person not a party to the PERMIT without its specific prior written consent and notwithstanding the issuance of the PERMIT. Any claims against the State of Michigan, the Michigan Transportation Commission, the DEPARTMENT, and all officers, agents and employees thereof and those contracting governmental bodies performing permit activities for the DEPARTMENT and all officers, agents, and employees thereof will be the sole responsibility of the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY.

3. The GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY shall take no unlawful action or conduct, which arises either directly or indirectly out of its obligations, responsibilities, and duties under the PERMIT which results in claims being asserted against or judgment being imposed against the State of Michigan, the Michigan Transportation Commission, the DEPARTMENT, and all officers, agents and employees thereof and those contracting governmental bodies performing permit activities for the DEPARTMENT and all officers, agents, and employees thereof, pursuant to a maintenance contract. In the event that the same occurs, for the purposes of the PERMIT, it will be considered as a breach of the PERMIT thereby giving the State of Michigan, the DEPARTMENT, and/or the Michigan Transportation Commission a right to seek and obtain any necessary relief or remedy, including, but not by way of limitation, a judgment for money damages.
4. The GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY It will, by its own volition and/or request by the DEPARTMENT, promptly restore and/or correct physical or operating damages to any State Highway Right of Way resulting from the installation, construction, operation and/or maintenance of the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY's facilities according to a PERMIT issued by the DEPARTMENT.
5. With respect to any activities authorized by PERMIT, when the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY requires insurance on its own or its contractor's behalf it shall also require that such policy include as named insured the State of Michigan, the Transportation Commission, the DEPARTMENT, and all officers, agents, and employees thereof and those governmental bodies performing permit activities for the DEPARTMENT and all officers, agents, and employees thereof, pursuant to a maintenance contract.
6. The incorporation by the DEPARTMENT of this resolution as part of a PERMIT does not prevent the DEPARTMENT from requiring additional performance security or insurance before issuance of a PERMIT.
7. This indemnification resolution shall continue in force from this date until cancelled by the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY or the DEPARTMENT with no less than thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party. It will not be cancelled or otherwise terminated by the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY with regard to any PERMIT which has already been issued or activity which has already been undertaken.

Be It Further Resolved, that the following position(s) are authorized to apply to the DEPARTMENT for the necessary permit to work within State Highway Right of Way on behalf of the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY.

Allan E. Schneck, P.E. - DPS Director
Paul M. Davis, P.E. - Deputy Director/City Engineer
Paul G. Shumejko, P.E., PTOE -Transportation Engineer
Tracey A. Balint P.E. -Public Utilities Engineer

2016-0389 Request for Approval of the Winter Maintenance Agreement for Livernois Road between the Road Commission for Oakland County and the City of Rochester Hills for 2016/2017

Attachments: [092616 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[2016-2017 Winter Maint Agreement Livernois.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0225-2016

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the 2016-2017 Winter Maintenance Agreement between the City of Rochester Hills and the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) for Livernois Road and further authorizes the Mayor to execute a contract on behalf of the City.

2016-0385 Request for Purchase Authorization - BLDG/FAC: Blanket Purchase Order/Contract for Construction Management Services for Pre-Construction Services and Preparation of Guaranteed Maximum Price for Fire Station #4 in the amount not-to-exceed \$27,460.00; George W. Auch Company, Pontiac, MI

Attachments: [092616 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Cost Breakdown.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0226-2016

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a Blanket Purchase Order/Contract for Construction Management Services for pre-construction services and preparation of Guaranteed Maximum Price for Fire Station #4 construction/renovation in the amount not-to-exceed \$27,460.00 to George W. Auch Company, Pontiac, Michigan and further authorizes the Mayor to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

Passed the Consent Agenda

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

Aye 7 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Kubicina, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

LEGISLATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

Mr. Brown reported that the Rochester Avon Historical Society held its Cemetery Walk this past weekend at Mt. Avon Cemetery in Rochester. His Boy Scout Troop provided guide services for the event, where attendees learned about historical features from the greater Rochester area. He reminded anyone interested in working as an Election Inspector for the November 8 General Election to contact the Clerk's Office. He noted that September 27, 2016 is National Voter Registration Day.

Mr. Hetrick expressed his thanks to the sponsors, organizers and volunteers of the Brookside Way race. He noted that Jennifer Kincer and her daughter did a great job singing the National Anthem at the race.

Mr. Kubicina reported that he did a ride-along with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office last Friday evening. He announced several upcoming Rochester Area Youth Assistance (RAYA) events, including a Spaghetti Dinner on October 22, 2016 at the Rochester Fire Station on Second Street, and a Girls Stand Strong mentoring program running on two Mondays in November and December. A fund raiser includes prominently displaying a business card at four RAYA events for \$40.

Mayor Barnett announced the following:

- The Brooksie Way race had 6,500 runners. Thanks go to the race organizers and volunteers, the City's team members who helped, and the residents who put up with a unique traffic challenge on that Sunday morning each year. There is much good done by this event, including mini-grants given to support area programs and organizations.
- He attended Live Clean Nutrition's ribbon cutting. The family-owned business is located in the Campus Corners shopping center.
- He attended ACE High School's welcome breakfast.
- OPC's 2016 Senior Picnic was held at Bloomer Park. Over 500 seniors attended.
- Yates Cider Mill has opened a satellite roadside stand on the Clinton River Trail behind Rochester College. The stand is open Saturday and Sunday through November 15, weather-permitting.
- The Clinton River Clean-up Day is set for September 30, 2016. Contact the City for more information or to volunteer.
- Fire Prevention Week is October 9 through 15. The Fire Station Open House is set for October 2, 2016 from noon to 3:00 p.m. An Apparatus Display Day will be held at Meijer on Rochester Road at Auburn Road on October 7, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- The Stone Wall Pumpkin Festival is set for October 8, 2016 at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm.
- The Oakland County Sheriff's Office will host a Women's Self-Defense Class on three Saturdays in October from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Vice President Morita announced that City Hall will be the location of a seminar hosted by the Rochester Auburn Hills Community Coalition presented by Ken Krygel on teens and drugs. Parents are invited to attend with their children. Anyone interested in obtaining more information can contact her or the Clerk's Office for more information. She noted that Sunday is the first night of Rosh Hashanah.

Dr. Bowyer announced the following:

- The Turn the Village Teal event last weekend had a great turnout, even though the weather was less than perfect.
- Thanks go to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office for their efforts keeping the Brooksie Way runners safe.
- City Hall will host a Homeowners' Association (HOA) Leadership Forum on October 6, 2016. Presidents and Board Members of HOAs are welcome.
- The Stone Wall Pumpkin Festival is only 12 days away. Members pay \$5 and receive a pumpkin; non-members pay \$8. Children under two are free.
- The Museum will host a program on Michigan Bats on October 29, 2016.
- Pine Trace Golf Club is the site of a Run the Fairway race on November 12, 2016.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney John Staran stated that there have been significant new developments at the State level regarding medical marijuana. He noted that he

will be presenting this information at the Joint Planning Commission/City Council meeting tomorrow evening.

NEW BUSINESS

2016-0382 Request for Approval for the 2016-2017 Police School Liaison Program between the Rochester Community School District, the City of Rochester, Oakland Township, and the City of Rochester Hills

Attachments: [092616 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[2016-17 Pol Liaison Calc.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Joe Snyder, Chief Financial Officer, stated that the Police School Liaison Program for 2016-2017 is similar to prior year agreements, with a bottom line that is nearly identical due to no contractual increase for the Sheriff's Office for 2016. He explained that the change in cost distribution results in Rochester Hills sharing 65 percent of the cost at \$275,000. He noted that last year, Rochester Hills shared 68 percent of the cost, paying \$288,000.

Vice President Morita commented that she loves the program. She questioned whether Avondale Schools might participate in the program, as 30 percent of the City's students go to the Avondale School District.

Captain Michael Johnson, Oakland County Sheriff's Office, responded that 12 years ago a deputy was assigned to Avondale Schools. He noted that at that time, the district paid only a small percentage of eight to 10 percent of the cost of the program. The district opted to leave the program at that time, and upon checking whether to reinstate it a few years later found it to be much more costly. He commented that he would be willing to discuss having an officer in that program again.

Vice President Morita stated that there has been a leadership change in the Avondale Schools' administration and suggested that it might be considered.

President Tisdell noted that the dollars for the program are already covered in the Police Millage.

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

Aye 7 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Kubicina, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0227-2016

Resolved, that the City of Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the Police Liaison 2016/2017 (school year) budget in the amount of \$600,184, of which as a participating party, the City of Rochester Hills' contribution is \$275,272 as presented.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Mayor is authorized to execute the documentation on behalf of the City.

2016-0380 Request for Purchase Authorization - TREASURY: Contract for banking services in the amount not-to-exceed \$180,000.00 through September 30, 2019; Huntington National Bank, Columbus, OH

Attachments: [092616 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Bank RFP Cost-ECR Comparison.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Joe Snyder, Chief Financial Officer, stated that Council is requested to authorize a three-year contract with Huntington Bank for banking services. He explained that six proposals were received and were reviewed by an internal selection committee consisting of staff members from Treasury, Accounting, Fiscal and Purchasing. He stated that four banks were short-listed and interviewed; and each bank was asked to demonstrate their online banking services, discuss their lockbox operations, review their fee structure, discuss future trends in the banking industry, and explain their transition plans.

Kurt Dawson, Director of Assessing/Treasury, stated that banking services provided to the City include all aspects of financial activity, encompassing general accounts, depository, web services, retail lockboxes for payment, cash vault, electronic deposit services, remote deposit of checks, wire transfer, disbursement processes, home payments to the City, pay and positive payee security on all checks, online reporting, reconciliation and investment services. He explained that Huntington Bank was deemed to be the best value for the City. They demonstrated they had the lowest banking service fees and they reviewed their quality of services and level of customer support. Local references provided included Oakland County and the City of Southfield. He pointed out that Huntington Bank has their own lockbox service for payment of water and sewer bills. He noted that Huntington is a good fit for the City, and requested Council authorize a contract running through September 30, 2019.

Mr. Brown questioned why Flagstar was not chosen.

Mr. Dawson responded that consideration of an earnings credit is significant when interest rates are low; however, as rates continue to rise, investment of overnight funds can provide much more interest. He stated that the City keeps \$7 to \$10 million in the bank year-round to handle daily cash flow needs; and he explained that these funds can be moved to other options to earn more money.

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

Aye 7 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Kubicina, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0228-2016

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a contract for banking services to Huntington Bank, Columbus, Ohio in the amount not-to-exceed \$180,000.00 through September 30, 2019, subject to contract language acceptable to the City Attorney, 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.

2016-0386 Request for Purchase Authorization - FACILITIES: Blanket Purchase Order for City's Telecommunication Services including voice, data, and CATV for a three-year period in the amount not-to-exceed \$206,000.00; WOW Business, Inc., Taylor, MI

Attachments: [092616 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[Proposal Summary.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Vince Foisy, Supervisor of Communication Services, stated that Council is requested to authorize a Purchase Order for the City's Telecommunication Services to WOW Business, Inc. He explained that the City currently utilizes four providers; and WOW is proposed to take over everything with the exception of one radio circuit that AT&T must continue to provide.

President Tisdell questioned whether WOW was the low bidder.

Mr. Foisy responded that it was. He noted that the change will result in a newer platform and 150 percent more speed.

Vice President Morita questioned whether the change will result in any differences in emails or communications.

Kevin Krajewski, Network Administrator/Deputy Director of MIS, responded that while there will be changes made behind the scenes, there will be no difference for email or communications.

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

Aye 7 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Kubicina, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0229-2016

Resolved, that Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a Blanket Purchase Order/Contract to WOW Business, Inc., Taylor, Michigan for the City's Telecommunication Services including voice, data, and CATV for a three-year period in the amount not-to-exceed \$206,000.00 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.

2016-0394 Request for Approval to exempt AFSCME and IAFF union, as well as non-union employees from Public Act 152 for benefit plan year 2017

Attachments: [092616 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[PA 152 2017 Analysis \(1\).pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Pamela Gordon, Director of Human Resources, stated that the City currently has contracts in force with all Union groups, with a plan design strategy for health care of a core high-deductible plan, with an option for employees to buy up to other plans, paying the difference. She noted that the net increase for 2017 will be 3.2 percent, while the national medical cost trends are increasing at 6.5 percent.

She pointed out that the Administration is successfully staying within the acceptable limits established by Council.

President Tisdell commented that the program has been working well for the City, and benefits both Union and non-union members.

After the vote, Mayor Barnett expressed his appreciation to Council for their approval and support of the City's employees.

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

Aye 7 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Kubicina, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0230-2016

Whereas, Public Act 152 mandates specified health care premium contributions by City employees unless the governing body elects to exempt employees by a two-thirds majority vote,

Whereas, projected health care cost increases for 2017 continue to be consistent with objectives established by City Council.

Whereas, cost-effective City medical plan contributions have been included in ratified agreements between the City and AFSCME locals 2491, 1917.28 and IAFF local 3472 for the plan year beginning January 1, 2017.

Whereas, the City administration intends to maintain the same health care strategy for the City's non-union employees in 2017,

Resolved, the City of Rochester Hills shall be exempt from the requirements of Public Act 152 of 2011 for the 2017 plan year.

2016-0280 Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget

Attachments: [092616 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
[091216 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)
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Mayor Barnett expressed his appreciation to Council Members for their work on the Budget. He announced that Joe Snyder has been named the new Chief Financial Officer for the City, and stated that he has been expertly trained by Keith Sawdon. He explained that a press release will be going out tomorrow, and noted that the City has new innovative leadership that has been well trained in keeping it on the same strong fiscally-responsible path.

Joe Snyder, Chief Financial Officer, highlighted the Budget process, noting that it began in April of this year, and incorporated feedback from a variety of sources including the Capital Improvement Plan, the Seven-Year Financial Forecast,

and input from the Mayor, Staff and Directors. He stated that most of the summer was spent in budget meetings, and commented that the proposed Budget maintains the financial stability of the City into the future and enhances the quality of life in the city. He noted that the proposed Budget was presented to Council on August 8, 2016, a four-and-one-half hour workshop was held on August 22, 2016, and Council's Straw Poll decisions incorporated. A Public Hearing was held on September 12, 2016, and Millage rates adopted to fund the 2017 Budget Plan. He stated that he wished to personally thank Council for their attention, questions, feedback and vision throughout the process, and he commented that this is a document that everyone can be proud of.

Mr. Brown congratulated Mr. Snyder on his appointment as Chief Financial Officer. He stated that he would cite a comment made by City Clerk Tina Barton, and noted that this is a great example of what happens if the City trains its employees and they stay. He mentioned that it is great to have people in the wings ready to take over in a leadership role and shows how strong the City's "bench" is. He noted that the Administration can bring people in from the inside to move up.

After the vote, **Mayor Barnett** commented that the City's Department Directors appreciate Council's support. He stated that Budget approvals were previously rarely unanimous, and he commented that this speaks hopefully to the clarity of information that Council is provided and the fact that the Administration is hearing Council clearly. He expressed his appreciation to Council for their work, and for the trust that they place in the City employees to do what they do.

President Tisdell expressed his appreciation for the work of the Strategic Planning and Policy Review Technical Review Committee for working hand-in-hand with the Fiscal Department.

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

Aye 7 - Bowyer, Brown, Hetrick, Kubicina, Morita, Tisdell and Wiggins

Enactment No: RES0232-2016

Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 2 of 1968, Public Act 621 of 1978, the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act for Local Government, the Special Appropriations Act pursuant to PA 493 of 2000, and Section III of the Charter for the City of Rochester Hills, the Mayor as the Chief Executive Officer prepared the proposed budget for the ensuing year and submitted it to the Council at its first meeting in August; and

Whereas, at its August 8, 2016 meeting City Council acknowledged receipt from the Mayor of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Plan and set a Public Hearing to be held September 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to solicit comments on the proposed budget plan from the public; and

Whereas, at its September 12, 2016 meeting City Council held said Public Hearing on the proposed budget plan and the related millage rates to defray the Fiscal Year 2017 proposed budget expenditures; and

Whereas, subsequent to the City Council's review and comments, the Mayor adjusted the original proposed budget; and

Resolved, the following list of funds sets forth the general appropriations for the City and adopts the following City Budgets for Fiscal Year 2017.

Be It Further Resolved, the Mayor is hereby authorized to administratively adjust the operating budget line items up to \$25,000 per event, but in no case may total expenditures of a particular fund exceed that which is appropriated by the City Council without a budget amendment. Adjustments from capital accounts and fund balances shall be made only by further action of the City Council.

Adoption of the FY 2017 Annual Appropriation Budget(s) for the City of Rochester Hills, Michigan

Fund 101 - General Fund	\$ 23,396,280
Fund 202 - Major Road Fund	4,982,640
Fund 203 - Local Street Fund	9,437,590
Fund 206 - Fire Fund	10,379,960
Fund 207 - Special Police Fund	9,643,940
Fund 213 - RARA Millage Fund	619,390
Fund 214 - Pathway Millage Fund	592,160
Fund 232 - Tree Fund	199,660
Fund 244 - Water Resources Fund	567,200
Fund 265 - OPC Millage Fund	1,081,390
Fund 299 - Green Space Millage Fund	266,090
Fund 331 - Drain Debt Fund	209,550
Fund 369 - Older Persons Building Bond Refunding Fund	784,960
Fund 393 - Municipal Building Refunding Bond - 2010 Series Fund	838,670
Fund 394 - Local Street Refunding - 2011 Series Fund	506,420
Fund 402 - Fire Capital Fund	257,600
Fund 403 - Pathway Construction Fund	361,250
Fund 420 - Capital Improvement Fund	456,140
Fund 510 - Sewer Operations	15,083,280
Fund 530 - Water Operations	18,919,430
Fund 593 - Water & Sewer Capital Fund	13,318,790
Fund 595 - Water & Sewer Debt Fund	1,401,660
Fund 631 Facilities Fund	9,306,240
Fund 636 - MIS Fund	2,125,940
Fund 661 - Fleet Fund	4,291,730
Fund 677 - Insurance Fund	402,000
Fund 736 - Retiree Health Care Trust	148,470
Fund 752 - Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	-
Fund 760 - Green Space Perpetual Care Fund	-
Fund 843 - Brownfield Redevelopment Fund	-
Fund 848 - LDFA Fund	708,230
Fund 851 - SmartZone Fund	19,000
Fund 870 - Museum Foundation Trust Fund	10,000
Fund 893 - EDC Fund	950
Total	\$ 130,316,610

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Barnett announced that the month of October will be significant to the development of Riverbend Park. He explained that within a 20-mile radius there are approximately a dozen parks with "River" in their names, leading to much

confusion. He stated that a community-wide contest will be launched to rename Riverbend Park, and explained that a naming committee of seven individuals will ultimately determine the new name for Council to consider. He pointed out that the naming contest will be extended with a fund raising component, to engage excitement in the community.

Mr. Brown questioned whether a renaming could be premature in the event that a significant donor offers funding.

Mayor Barnett responded that he does not foresee this as a problem as there is much flexibility in naming significant features. He stated that none of the donors that they have spoken with have indicated that their donations are hinging on any naming rights.

Mr. Wiggins suggested that options should be kept open.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Regular Meeting - Monday, October 10, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Council, President Tisdell adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

*MARK A. TISDELL, President
Rochester Hills City Council*

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

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

Approved as presented at the December 5, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting.