



# Rochester Hills Master Report

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<b>File Name:</b> Planning Commission Appointment - Gerard Dettloff		<b>Final Action:</b>

**Title:** Confirmation of Mayor's Appointment of Gerard Dettloff to a three (3) year term on the Planning Commission, term to expire on March 31, 2008

**Notes:**

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## History of Legislative File

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2	City Council	03/16/2005	Postponed by Resolution				Pass

**Notes:** **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*Mr. James Rosen, 811 Snowmass Drive, requested that this item be removed from the Consent Agenda. He noted that this particular Mayoral appointment would replace him on the Planning Commission and he asked that Council postpone their confirmation until he can be reappointed. He stressed his dedication to the Planning Commission and that his experience and knowledge would be valuable to the Master Land Use Plan update as well.*

*Ms. Deanna Hilbert, 3128 Walton Boulevard, noted her support for the reappointment of Mr. Rosen and asked that council "postpone or table the issue for additional thought and consideration."*

*Mr. Terry Lanker, 583 Snowmass Drive, expressed his support for Mr. Rosen and asked Council to postpone the appointment.*

*Ms. Lois Golden, 645 Apple Hill Lane, expressed her support for the reappointment of Mr. Rosen to the Planning Commission.*

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

**Ms. Holder** encouraged any residents with questions or concerns regarding such issues to contact the Mayor or Council members directly before drawing conclusions. She noted that she agrees with the positive comments made by and about Mr. Rosen; however, she stressed that it is a Mayoral appointment and it would be inappropriate for Council to intervene in this matter.

**Mr. Robbins** explained that even if the Council chose not to confirm the current appointee, the Mayor is under no obligation to submit Mr. Rosen for reappointment. Mr. Robbins asked Mr. Rosen to describe his credentials.

**Mr. Rosen** noted that he is a Mechanical Engineer with a masters degree in environmental science from the University of Michigan. He worked for General Motors for forty (40) years and served on a GM think tank. He has also served on several committee and commissions with the City.

**Mr. Duistermars** clarified that this is an advise and consent vote only and the only thing Council should consider is whether the Mayor's candidate is competent to carry out the duties of the position.

**Mr. Barnett** similarly stated that, while he feels Mr. Rosen has done an excellent job on the Planning Commission and that he personally tried to intervene with the Mayor on behalf of Mr. Rosen, it is Council's duty to evaluate the appointee based on his or her qualifications and it would be unfair to compare the individual to someone who is not under consideration.

**Mr. Dalton** agreed with Mr. Barnett but indicated that he felt not reappointing Mr. Rosen would be a mistake. He praised Mr. Rosen's work on the Planning Commission and noted that Chairperson Kaiser is also leaving. He stressed that losing Mr. Rosen's experience would not serve the City well at this time. He asked that the issue be postponed "for a week or two to let things calm down."

**City Attorney John Staran** noted that, if the appointment is postponed beyond the expiration of Mr. Rosen's term, Mr. Rosen will continue to serve on the Planning Commission until such time as the new appointment is confirmed.

**Mr. Robbins** asked that Council take time to examine the qualifications of the current appointee and that Council consider the current makeup of the Planning Commission with regards to district representation and member longevity.

**Ms. Raschke** expressed her concern about losing both Mr. Kaiser and Mr. Rosen, stressing that his expertise is an asset to both the Planning Commission and the Master Land Use Plan update.

**Mayor Somerville** read into the record her written response to those individuals who contacted her regarding this issue. She stressed that it is important to have "fresh" perspectives on the Planning Commission and noted that the current candidate, an architect, would bring a unique perspective to the group.

**President Hill** asked that the Mayor reconsider her decision, noting that "any commission needs to have some continuity and longevity," stressing that it is difficult for new members to "get up to speed." Noting that Mr. Rosen has served on the Planning Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Capital Improvement

*Plan Team, as well as the Master Land Use Plan update, she stated that other than one other Planning Commission member, no one has served the City in the same capacity as Mr. Rosen. She further stressed that it is "terribly important to the City to have at least some sense of our past and to be able to have that expertise contribute as we move forward."*

Aye: Hill, Dalton, Raschke and Robbins

Nay: Barnett, Duisternars and Holder

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### **Text of Legislative File 2005-0200**

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***Resolved*** that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby postpones the confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Gerard Dettloff to the Planning Commission for a three (3) year term to expire on March 31, 2008.