

Mayor Barnett stressed that this is not a new expense, but rather a vehicle has been in place for the Mayor's use and is part of the City Charter. He further noted the cost savings in that he will bear the financial burden of insurance, maintenance, fuel, etc.

Mr. Yalamanchi requested responses to several questions submitted by resident Deanna Hilbert, 3234 Quail Ridge Circle. Mayor Barnett and Ms. Lee responded as follows:

- The Mayor's monthly car expenses thus far have averaged approximately \$300.
- A car allowance is considered income and is taxable as such.
- It is assumed that the \$350 will be used for vehicle related expenses, but no documentation will be required.
- Other communities that have implemented this same plan did so as a cost saving measure.

Mr. Yalamanchi agreed that this is the type of cost containment alternative the City needs. He suggested that the administration apply this to other individuals who use City vehicles.

Ms. Lee explained that there are very few City vehicles provided to workers to be taken home.

Mr. Duistermars noted that this was a reasonable request stressing that, as Rochester Hills has a strong Mayor form of government, the Mayor acts as an ambassador of the City in addition to his City business duties.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Melinda Hill, 1481 Mill Race, urged Council to eliminate the Mayor's vehicle and urged the Mayor to withdraw his request for reimbursement.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Ms. Raschke disagreed noting her support for the car allowance and "called the question" to end debate on the issue.

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Call the Question to Close debate on the Motion currently on the Floor - Recommendation from Administration & Information Services (AIS) Committee regarding Car Allowance for Mayor in lieu of assigned City Vehicle

A motion was made by Raschke, seconded by Duistermars, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution.

Resolved by the Rochester Hills City Council to hereby Call the Question to Close debate on the Motion currently on the Floor, that being the recommendation from the Administration & Information Services (AIS) Committee regarding a Car Allowance for the Mayor in lieu of an assigned City Vehicle.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Duistermars, Holder, Hooper, Raschke, Rosen and Yalamanchi

Nay: Ambrozaitis

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