



**City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS**

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Legislative File No: 2009-0214

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Dan Casey, Manager of Economic Development, ext. 2577
DATE: May 13, 2009
SUBJECT: Public Hearing Regarding the Request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate

REQUEST:

Schedule the public hearing regarding the application for an industrial facilities exemption certificate by Webasto Roof Systems, Inc. for the Regular Meeting of City Council on June 22, 2009.

BACKGROUND:

The City received a request to establish an IDD on May 12, 2009 from Webasto Roof Systems, Inc., owners of a building located at 2700 Product Dr. in the TAN Industrial Park. The City also received an application for an industrial facilities exemption certificate from Webasto Roof Systems, Inc. for the same property.

Webasto, in its application, is seeking an 8-year abatement of personal property. It proposes to relocate \$3.36-million in existing manufacturing equipment from a facility in Lexington, Kentucky. The project will retain 207 jobs located in Rochester Hills and create 46 new jobs by September 1, 2009. Webasto is considering closing one of its plants in Lexington Kentucky, or its Rochester Hills plant. It also has applied for a Standard MEGA and Retention MEGA from the State of Michigan, and has received an incentive package from the State of Kentucky.

Webasto Roof Systems, Inc. is the largest North American supplier of sunroof and panorama roof systems to automotive Original Equipment Manufacturers. Webasto's customer base includes almost all North American OEM's. Webasto has been located in Rochester Hills since 1984 and currently employs 286 colleagues in three buildings in Rochester Hills, including its North American headquarters and a technical center.

The company will be making a brief presentation prior to the public hearing.

RECOMMENDATION:

Schedule the Public Hearing for the Regular Meeting of City Council on June 22, 2009.
