



# Rochester Hills

## Minutes - Draft

### City Council Regular Meeting

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*David J. Blair, Jason Carlock, Ryan Deel, Carol Morlan, Theresa Mungoli, Marvie Neubauer and David Walker*

**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, September 23, 2024

7:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

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#### CALL TO ORDER

*President Deel called the Regular Rochester Hills City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Michigan Time.*

#### ROLL CALL

**Present** 7 - David Blair, Jason Carlock, Ryan Deel, Carol Morlan, Theresa Mungoli, Marvie Neubauer and David Walker

#### Others Present:

*Anne Christ, City Attorney  
Lt. Jason Dalbec, Oakland County Sheriff's Office  
Ken Elwert, Parks & Natural Resources Director  
Bill Fritz, Public Services Director  
Chief Todd Gary, Fire/Emergency Services Director  
Brooke Insana, Human Resources Director  
Rochelle Lyon, Information Systems Director  
Eliza Pizzuti, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Member  
Sara Roediger, Planning & Economic Development Director  
Leanne Scott, City Clerk  
Joe Snyder, Chief Financial Officer  
Karen Somerville, Deputy Assessing Director  
Laurie Taylor, Assessing Director  
Mike Viazanko, Building/Ordinance/Facilities Director  
Captain Russ Yeiser, Oakland County Sheriff's Office*

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

**Aye** 7 - Blair, Carlock, Deel, Morlan, Mungiolli, Neubauer and Walker

## **COUNCIL AND YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC):**

**President Deel** introduced the RHGYC Representative, Eliza Pizzuti.

**Ms. Pizzuti** stated that she is an 11th grader at Rochester Adams High School and this is her third year serving on the Youth Council. She shared that she also sits on the Deer Management Committee. She shared that the Youth Council has a busy fall schedule planned, focused on community engagement. She reported that the Youth Council will be participating at the following events: State of the City on Thursday, September 26, 2024; Rochester Hills Annual Bike Show and Family Day on October 6, 2024; Fire Open House on October 9, 2024; the Community Foundation Tailgate on October 10, 2024; Pumpkin Lighting at the Van Hoosen Farm on October 12, 2024 and the Fall Festival at the Rochester Hills Museum on October 16, 2024. She noted that their next regular meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2024.

**Ms. Mungiolli** acknowledged and thanked Clerk Scott and her team for their upcoming work regarding the election. She announced that absentee ballots are scheduled to be available Thursday, September 26, 2024. She advised residents who applied to receive an absentee ballot to watch for their ballots in the mail. She shared that Early Voting will begin on October 26, 2024 at the Rochester Hills Public Library. She encouraged residents to take advantage of Early Voting to avoid potential lines on Election Day.

She addressed the issue of election signs, noting that signs placed between the street and sidewalk are in violation of the City's sign ordinance. She clarified that signs removed by ordinance officials are due to violation. She emphasized that campaign signs should be placed in front of yards. She acknowledged the potential of heightened tensions in the upcoming weeks leading up to the election and urged everyone to exercise their right to vote through absentee voting, early voting, or voting at the polls.

### **OPC Social & Activity Center:**

**Vice President Walker** announced that the OPC's Annual 50+ Expo will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the OPC Social and Activity Center. He shared that over 90 local service providers will be present, offering information and resources on retirement living, caregiving, finances, wellness and technology. Flu shots will be available from the Oakland County Health Division. He stated that admission and parking are free. Shuttle service from St. Paul's United Methodist Church will be available. He thanked the following sponsors: Age Ways Blue Cross Blue Shield, Next Step for Seniors, Pixley Funeral Home and Pomeroy Living.

### **Avondale Youth Assistance (AYA):**

**Ms. Morlan** announced that the movie Screenagers will be available for a

special screening at Avondale High School on September 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. She shared that the movie addresses the impact of excessive screen time for youth and provides strategies on how to manage screen time.

## PRESENTATIONS

2024-0453 Legislative Update by State Senator Michael Webber

**Attachments:** [092324 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)

**State Senator Michael Webber** provided the following legislative update:

### **Budget & Revenue Sharing**

- The state budget passed in June and takes effect on October 1st.
- Statutory revenue sharing for cities, villages, townships, and counties increased by \$75 million (13.6%).
- He is continuing to work with the Michigan Municipal League (MML) on the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund legislation, which passed the House with broad support but faces challenges in the Senate. This would provide more certainty for local government funding, rather than relying on annual appropriations.
- A Public Safety Trust Fund component was enabled in the budget process, with a couple of related bills still pending in the Senate.

### **Roads & Infrastructure**

- Cities and villages saw a \$36 million increase for roads based on the Public Act 51 formula.
- The state paid off \$340 million in road bond debt this year. A challenge going forward is that existing road funding is being used to pay off debt, rather than for current road projects.

### **Sound Walls/Abatement**

- Senator Webber introduced Senate Bill 643 to create a fund within the MDOT budget for sound abatement projects.
- This fund would allow cities and counties to apply for grants for projects not covered by federal criteria, similar to a program in Minnesota.

### **Minimum Wage & Tip Credit (Michigan Supreme Court Decision)**

- He is actively engaged in discussions regarding the Michigan Supreme Court's decision on minimum wage and the tip credit for restaurant workers.
- There is broad support among restaurant owners and workers (over 83% in polling) to keep the tip credit, with concerns that phasing it out could lead to restaurant closures and negatively impact communities like downtown Rochester.
- He is hopeful for a bipartisan resolution on this issue this year.

He noted that residents can visit [senatormichaelwebber.com](https://senatormichaelwebber.com) or call 517-373-0994 for more information or to sign up for his monthly e-newsletter.

**Mr. Blair** thanked Senator Webber for the updates and mentioned discussions with Representative Tisdell regarding legislation to restrict cell phone usage in schools. He questioned whether the legislation has interest to pass in its current form.

**Mr. Webber** acknowledged that it is a growing issue. He referenced articles about Novi schools and other school districts that have created phone policies. He stated that he has not spoken to Representative Tisdell directly about the legislation. He questioned whether the cell phone policies should be addressed at the state level versus the local school districts. He noted that school districts are able to implement their own policies.

**President Deel** thanked Senator Webber for attending and providing updates. He expressed his appreciation for Senator Webber bringing the city's voice to Lansing.

**Presented.**

**2024-0449** Midwest Strategy Group Presentation

**Attachments:** [092324 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Presentation.pdf](#)

**Adam Wright**, Government Relations, Midwest Strategies and **Mike Compagnoni**, Government Relations, Midwest Strategies were present to provide a legislative update.

**Mr. Wright** stated that they had met with the Mayor and Directors earlier in the day to receive an update on the City's activities and priorities. He provided the following updates:

**Legislation Impacting Rochester Hills**

- Revenue Sharing Trust Fund
- Public Safety & Violence Prevention Fund
- Franchise/PEG Fee Legislation
- Ground Emergency Medical Transport Legislation
- Paid Sick Leave & Minimum Wage Update

**Political Landscape In Lansing**

- Legislative Session Calendar
- Michigan Senate expected to hold committees & session during October
- Michigan House of Representatives not expected to meet in October

**November General Election**

- There are up to 11 highly competitive seats that we are monitoring
- GOP Seats in Oakland, Jackson, Monroe/Wayne Counties
- DEM Seats in Macomb, Wayne, Calhoun, Northern & West MI

- Democrats have a 56 to 54 Seat Majority
- Republicans need to pick up two seats to win

**- Lame Duck Session**

- Economic Development Package
- Budget Supplemental
- MPSERS
- Revenue Sharing Trust Fund
- Paid Sick Leave & Minimum Wage

**President Deel** expressed his gratitude for the report and work performed by the lobbyists in Lansing. He commented that this representation is unique, highly advantageous and proactive for Rochester Hills, ensuring the City's interest are represented in Lansing. He emphasized the importance of Rochester Hills having its voice heard and a 'seat at the table' regarding legislative actions that could impact the community.

**Mayor Barnett** thanked Mike and Adam for their efforts, acknowledging their meeting with the City team to discuss specific priorities. He stated that their contributions have proven valuable in achieving both moral victories and financial ones for the City. He emphasized that their service is a wonderful investment and a great relationship that consistently proves its value.

**Presented.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT for Items not on the Agenda**

**Christopher Poling**, 2075 Highsplint Drive, a seven-year resident whose children attend Hamlin Elementary, voiced safety concerns about the mid-block crosswalk on Hamlin Road. He described the 40 MPH road as dangerous, citing frequent instances of speeding vehicles and drivers failing to yield to pedestrians, even with a crossing guard and flashing lights present. He stated that he and other parents have previously approached school and city officials for solutions.

## **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.

**2024-0450** Request for Approval of Winter Maintenance Agreement for Livernois Road between South Boulevard and Tienken Road between the Road Commission for Oakland County and the City of Rochester Hills for the 2024-2025 winter

**Attachments:** [092324 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Letter.pdf](#)  
[Agreement.pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

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

Enactment No: RES0266-2024

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the 2024-2025 Winter Maintenance Agreement between the City of Rochester Hills and the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) for Livernois Road between South Boulevard and Tienken Road and further authorizes the Mayor to execute an agreement on behalf of the City.

- 2024-0441** Request for Purchase Authorization - COMMUNICATIONS: Purchase Order for Motorola Portable Radio Equipment in the amount of \$38,880.60; Motorola, Inc., Chicago IL

**Attachments:** [092324 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Pricing.pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

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

Enactment No: RES0267-2024

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a purchase order for Motorola Portable Radio Equipment to Motorola Solutions, Inc. Chicago, Illinois in the amount of \$38,880.60.

- 2024-0442** Request for Purchase Authorization - CLERKS: Blanket Purchase Order for Election Ballot Printing in the amount not-to-exceed \$45,000.00; Printing Systems, Inc., Taylor, MI

**Attachments:** [092324 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

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

Enactment No: RES0268-2024

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a blanket purchase order for election ballot printing to Printing Systems, Inc., Taylor, Michigan in the amount not-to-exceed \$45,000.00.

- 2024-0451** Request for Purchase Authorization - FACILITIES: Purchase Order/Contract for the demolition of two (2) residential homes located on South Boulevard in the amount of \$35,000.00 with a 10% project contingency in the amount of \$3,500.00 for a total not-to-exceed project amount of \$38,500.00; Oakwood Building Company, Inc., Shelby Township, MI

**Attachments:** [092324 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Bid Tabulation.pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

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

Enactment No: RES0269-2024

**Resolved**, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a purchase order/contract for the demolition of two (2) residential homes located on South Boulevard to Oakland Building Company, Inc., Shelby Township, Michigan in the amount of \$35,000.00 with a 10% project contingency in the amount of \$3,500.00 for a total not-to-exceed project amount of \$38,500.00 and further authorizes the Procurement Manager to execute an agreement 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.

**2024-0448** Request for Approval of the 2024 Transportation Asset Management Plan

**Attachments:** [092324 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Transportation Asset Mgmt Plan.pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Revised Draft\).pdf](#)

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

Enactment No: RES0270-2024

Whereas, the Department of Public Services request the Rochester Hills City Council to approve the City of Rochester Hills 2024 Transportation Asset Management Plan.

**Resolved**, the Rochester Hills City Council approves the City of Rochester Hills 2024 Transportation Asset Management Plan.

### **Passed the Consent Agenda**

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

**Aye** 7 - Blair, Carlock, Deel, Morlan, Mungioli, Neubauer and Walker

### **LEGISLATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS**

**Mr. Carlock** acknowledged Mr. Poling's concern regarding speeding on Hamlin Road. He announced that the City will begin collecting traffic data to help the City team determine effective solutions, anticipating that the findings will benefit other areas with similar issues across the City.

**Ms. Neubauer** announced the Vintage and Custom Bike Rally Show, scheduled for October 6, 2024. She stated the event is a fundraiser to support those impacted by the splash pad shooting. She thanked the numerous sponsors of the event.

**Ms. Mungioli** addressed Mr. Poling's safety concerns, stating that safety by the schools is important. She noted that a similar request near the Brookdale Woods subdivision and Adams High School, confirming ongoing traffic studies and budget allocation for a crosswalk in that area for the next year. She encouraged continued communication from residents, emphasizing that Rochester Hills' primary objective is to be the safest City, prioritizing proactive, not reactive, measures.

She congratulated Maria Willet on her new position and thanked her for her years of service to the City.

**Mr. Blair** shared that he recently had an exciting opportunity to attend a

ribbon-cutting ceremony for Dutton Farm's new building. He described the new facility as amazing and noted that it will enable Dutton Farm to support more individuals and expand its programs. He encouraged everyone to visit Dutton Farm, if they have the opportunity.

**Clerk Scott** stated that absentee ballots would be delivered to the Post Office this Thursday, September 26th, and advised residents to watch for their arrival. She encouraged anyone interested in working the November 5th General Election to contact the Clerk's office at 248-656-4630.

**Mayor Barnett** addressed the public comment regarding the safety concerns near Hamlin Elementary. He shared he has personal familiarity with the Hamlin situation, having had children attend Hamlin Elementary. He recalled efforts, including securing a \$300,000 grant from former U.S. Representative Joe Knollenberg for speed signs at high-traffic schools like Hamlin Elementary, West Middle School and Hampton Elementary. He emphasized the City's long-standing commitment to improving traffic safety in these areas. He mentioned the 'Safe Start' program, which includes dedicated police patrols during school drop-off and pick-up times. He assured that despite significant past investments in the Hamlin intersection and crosswalk, the City is always open to exploring new technology and improvements.

He provided the following City updates:

- The City hosted its first 5K Run at Bloomer Park, which drew over 300 participants event serving as a tribute to the City's 40th birthday. He shared that all proceeds were to benefit the Brooklands Splash Pad Fund.
- Dutton Farm recently opened its new facility. He emphasized that this expansion will significantly reduce their waiting list and allow them to serve many more individuals.
- The latest episode of the 'Right Down the Street' podcast features the superintendents of Rochester Community Schools and Avondale Schools discussing the start of the school year. He noted that the episode offers exciting insights into both districts and encouraged listeners to tune in.
- The City's Master Plan Update Survey is now available online, which guides Rochester Hills' future vision. The plan is resident-centric and must evolve with changing community needs. Residents are directed to go to [rochesterhills.org](https://rochesterhills.org) to participate.
- The City has secured a \$440,000 2024 Safe Streets Grant, identified by the Department of Public Services. The Grant will specifically enable the development of a comprehensive safety action plan, to address non-motorized gaps, enhance safety, and establish a neighborhood traffic calming program and policy.
- The 'State of the City' event, scheduled for this Thursday, September 26, 2024 at Stony Creek High School. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., with the show commencing at 7:00 p.m.

## ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Anne Christ had nothing to report.



## NEW BUSINESS

**2024-0372** Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

**Attachments:** [092324 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[090924 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[081924 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[2025 Budget Presentation Schedule.pdf](#)  
[SUPPL 2025-2027 = CC Budget Questions + Admin Responses.pdf](#)  
[SUPPL Strategic-Master Plan Status 073124 PNR.pdf](#)  
[SUPPL Museum 2020-2025 Division Plan.pdf](#)  
[081224 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[081224 Resolution.pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

**Joe Snyder**, Chief Financial Officer, explained that this request is for the approval of the Fiscal Year 2025 City Budget. He stated that the first step in establishing the 2025 Budget was meeting with the City Council's Strategic Planning and Technical Review Committee in May to set Council's goals and objectives for the upcoming year. He shared that on July 29th, he presented the Seven-Year Financial Forecast, covering Fiscal Years 2025 to 2031.

He continued that on August 12th, the proposed three-year budget plan for 2025-2027 was formally presented to the City Council. He stated that City Council subsequently reviewed the budget information and submitted a list of questions, which along with administrative responses have been included in the budget agenda package.

He shared that a public budget workshop was held on August 19th, where each department presented their proposed budget plans and answered questions. He added that a public hearing was held on September 9th.

**Ms. Mungoli** thanked Mr. Snyder and the team for the extensive work in preparing the budget. She requested clarity regarding the 20 pages of questions and answers that accompanied the budget documents, asking where residents would be able to access this specific documentation.

**Mr. Snyder** responded that the documents will be available on the City's website with the budget package as an additional attachment related to this agenda item.

**President Deel** noted that the budget originated from strategic goals, was vetted through departmental presentations and council questions, which will be documented. He highlighted the City's numerous fiscal accounting and management awards, attributing them to the dedicated team and their process. He expressed pride in the City's financial stewardship as a resident and Council Member.

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

**Aye** 7 - Blair, Carlock, Deel, Morlan, Mungioni, Neubauer and Walker

Enactment No: RES0271-2024

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 12, 2024 meeting City Council acknowledged receipt from the Mayor of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Plan and set a Public Hearing to be held September 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. to solicit comments on the proposed budget plan from the public; and

Whereas, at its September 9, 2024 meeting City Council held said Public Hearing on the proposed budget plan and the related millage rates to defray the Fiscal Year 2025 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 2025.

**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.

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Fund 101 - General Fund	\$	35,389,400
Fund 202 - Major Road Fund		9,449,170
Fund 203 - Local Street Fund		11,391,220
Fund 206 - Fire Fund		16,112,280
Fund 207 - Special Police Fund		13,144,020
Fund 208 - Parks Infrastructure Millage Fund		785,140
Fund 213 - RARA Millage Fund		864,660
Fund 214 - Pathway Millage Fund		831,490
Fund 232 - Tree Fund		204,000
Fund 244 - Water Resources Fund		1,366,840
Fund 265 - OPC Millage Fund		1,494,560
Fund 285 - ARPA Fund		-
Fund 286 - EGLE Grant Fund		250,000
Fund 299 - Green Space Operating Fund		323,910
Fund 331 - Drain Debt Fund		227,820
Fund 402 - Fire Capital Fund		2,361,390
Fund 403 - Pathway Construction Fund		722,500
Fund 420 - Capital Improvement Fund		3,762,360
Fund 510 - Sewer Operations		17,356,940
Fund 530 - Water Operations		24,292,430
Fund 593 - Water & Sewer Capital Fund		17,009,350
Fund 595 - Water & Sewer Debt Fund		1,655,850
Fund 596 - Solid Waste Fund		719,660
Fund 631 - Facilities Fund		13,495,230
Fund 636 - MIS Fund		4,129,870
Fund 661 - Fleet Fund		4,625,880
Fund 677 - Insurance Fund		505,000
Fund 736 - Retiree Health Care Trust		247,250
Fund 752 - Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		880,000
Fund 760 - Green Space Perpetual Care Fund		339,810
Fund 243 - Brownfield Revolving Fund		-
Fund 844 - Brownfield Redevelopment Fund/Legacy		708,790
Fund 845 - Brownfield Redevelopment Fund/Rochester @ Avon		28,820
Fund 848 - LDFA Fund		854,770
Fund 870 - Museum Foundation Trust Fund		100
Total	\$	185,530,510

- 2024-0437** Request for Approval for the Police-School Liaison Program 2024-2025 School-Year Contract between the Rochester Community Schools, the City of Rochester, Oakland Township, and the City of Rochester Hills

**Attachments:** [092324 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Contract.pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

**Joe Snyder**, Chief Financial Officer and **Captain Yeiser**, Oakland County Sheriff's Office, presented the 2024-2025 Police School Liaison Program contract. He shared that the Agreement, involving Rochester Community Schools, Charter Township of Oakland, the City of Rochester, and the City of Rochester Hills, reflects agreed-upon contribution percentages and student population shifts. He stated that the final 2025 Oakland County rates for service, effective January 1, 2025, have not yet been finalized by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. He noted that preliminary starting point rates from Commissioner Spitz are included in the packet and final rates covering 2025-2027 are anticipated in the fourth quarter of 2024 and will be presented as part of a separate contract between the Oakland County Sheriff's Office and the City of Rochester Hills. He stated that once finalized, these amounts will be allocated for the fiscal year 2025 portion of the school year, potentially differing slightly from the preliminary figures.

**Vice-President Walker** expressed great concern regarding the proposed rate increases for the Police School Liaison Program, stating that the year-over-year increases, ranging from 17% to 21%, appear unsubstantiated and not based on tangible or quantifiable metrics like inflation. He acknowledged the program's vital necessity noting that the City has already conveyed its deep concern to the County. He stated that these increases hinder fiscal responsibility and forecasting, and does not justify the cost as they are not receiving additional value from the program. He expressed his hope that the final rates would not be as severe as the forecasts suggest, but despite the great concern and disappointment, the City has no choice but to approve the contract as presented to ensure the continuation of this much-needed school liaison program.

**President Deel** requested Mr. Snyder provide some background information for the purposes of explanation on the basis for the year-over-year increase.

**Mr. Snyder** shared that in the Spring, Sheriff Bouchard gathered Oakland County communities contracting with the Sheriff's Office, including Rochester Hills, along with their leadership staff for a meeting. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to outline anticipated double-digit increases for Oakland County Sheriff's Office services. He noted it was a rough meeting, with collective unhappiness and outspoken concern from both community representatives and Oakland County

*Sheriff's Office administration. He emphasized that higher costs translate to fewer officers for communities, many of which have millages at their cap and cannot absorb increases. He noted the presence of county commissioners at the meeting, to whom their full concerns were expressed. He concluded that despite these strong objections, there was very little that could be done from their end.*

**President Deel** questioned whether the fee increase was a result of additional costs or brought on by inflationary purposes.

**Mr. Snyder** stated that the increases were attributed to an administrative component applied to the contractual rate, implying it stemmed from Oakland County administration rather than actual staff cost increases for the Sheriff's Office.

**Mayor Barnett** clarified that the discussed increases were not related to contractual arrangements but stemmed from what the County described as administrative costs. He noted that in their perspective, this had not been appropriately shared previously. He shared Sheriff Bouchard's strong disagreement with this stance. He explained that despite efforts to leverage the influence of Democratic representatives from Rochester Hills and Pontiac, the Oakland County Commission with a 13-6 Democratic majority, ultimately approved the increases.

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

**Aye** 7 - Blair, Carlock, Deel, Morlan, Mungioli, Neubauer and Walker

Enactment No: RES0272-2024

**Resolved**, that the City of Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the Rochester Community Schools Police-School Liaison Program Budget for the 2024-2025 School-Year in the amount of \$953,058, of which as a participating party, the City of Rochester Hills' contribution is \$356,715 as presented, and to invoice the respective entities for their contractual share of the program.

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

**2024-0438** Request for Approval for the Police-School Liaison Program 2024-2025 School-Year Contract between the Avondale School District and the City of Rochester Hills

**Attachments:** [092324 Agenda Summary.pdf](#)  
[Contract.pdf](#)  
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

**Joe Snyder**, Chief Financial Officer, and **Captain Yeiser**, Oakland County Sheriff's Office presented the 2024-2025 Police School Liaison Program Contract with the Avondale School District, which covers Deerfield Elementary and Avondale Middle School, both located within the City of Rochester Hills. He noted that the final 2025 Oakland County Sheriff's Office rates for service, effective January 1st, have not yet been finalized. He shared that preliminary starting point rates are included in

*the packet, with final rates anticipated in the fourth quarter of 2024. He noted that once known, the final amounts will be allocated to the Avondale School District for their fiscal year 2025 portion.*

**Ms. Moreland** acknowledged the previous discussion regarding budgetary concerns brought forth by Vice-President Walker. She reiterated that keeping kids safe is a priority.

**Vice-President Walker** expressed particular concern regarding the 21% year-over-year increase for the Police School Liaison Program for Avondale School District, highlighting the size of the district. He reiterated that the financial burden is even more troubling.

**President Deel** inquired if the cost increase allocation was uniform across all three communities served by Avondale Schools: Troy, Rochester Hills, and Pontiac.

**Mr. Snyder** clarified that the financial burden of this specific Police School Liaison position is entirely absorbed by the Avondale School District. He explained that the officer assigned to this role serves the school district for 10 months and then integrates into the Rochester Hills team for the remaining two summer months.

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

**Aye** 7 - Blair, Carlock, Deel, Morlan, Mungioli, Neubauer and Walker

Enactment No: RES0273-2024

**Resolved**, that the City of Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the Avondale School District Police-School Liaison Program Budget for the 2024-2025 School-Year in the amount of \$155,378, and to invoice the respective entities for their contractual share of the program.

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

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

*None.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE - Regular Meeting - October 7, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.**

## ADJOURNMENT

*There being no further business before Council, it was moved by Mungioli and seconded Neubauer to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.*

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RYAN DEEL, President  
Rochester Hills City Council

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LEANNE SCOTT, MMC, Clerk  
City of Rochester Hills

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SHEILA BROWN, MiPMC, Deputy Clerk  
City of Rochester Hills

Approved as presented at the (insert date, or dates) Regular City Council Meeting.