



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

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**Legislative File No:** 2005-0529

**TO:** City Council Members  
**FROM:** Susan Galeczka, Deputy Clerk  
**DATE:** July 29, 2005  
**SUBJECT:** Appointment of 2005/2006 Rochester Hills Government Youth Council

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City Council at its Regular Meeting of March 16, 2005 adopted Resolution RES0080-2005 establishing the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC) to promote youth involvement in local government through active participation and the mutual exchange of ideas and experiences. The RHGYC composition includes thirteen (13) members appointed by City Council following the established Application/Appointment Process, which will consist of two (2) representatives from each City Council District and (5) at-large representatives.

The following efforts were employed to encourage program recruitment:

- Council Member Holder met with several principals from Rochester Hills schools providing each with an informational packet including flyers, applications and a City-produced video.
- Margaret Manz and I made a short presentation at the District-wide PTA meeting for Rochester Schools where we answered specific questions and distributed flyers and applications.
- PTA Secretary Lisa Kowalski distributed the program information electronically to all PTA members.
- Current Youth Council members acted as recruiters within their own schools encouraging their peers to apply, speaking to government classes and providing program information over the school's public address system during morning announcements.
- Channel 55/10 staff created a video, which aired on Channel 55/10 throughout the recruitment period and was provided to each school for viewing.
- Articles appeared in the *Rochester Eccentric*, *Detroit Free Press*, *Detroit News* and *Oakland Press*.
- An informational meeting was held on Thursday, May 5, 2005 at City Hall.
- Council Member Holder promoted the program during the "Any Other Business" portion of Council meetings leading up to the application deadline.

- Program informational packets were distributed to students attending Council meetings for school credit, as well as those students attending the Building Safety Week open house.
- Information was posted to the City's Web Page.

The established Application/Appointment process included the following:

- Submission of application packet by interested students which included the following:
  - ✓ Application
  - ✓ Essay Questions
  - ✓ Two Letters or Recommendation
- Interview by the Interview Team consisting of City Council Vice President Barb Holder, the City Clerk Jane Leslie, one (1) Communication Committee Citizen Representative, Mike Kaszubski, and two (2) Youth Representatives, Andrew Roscoe, who is currently serving, and Ann Ruggiero, who served as a Youth Representative during the 2003/2004 term.

The City received twenty-two (22) application packets of which three (3) students were eliminated because they did not reside in the City of Rochester Hills. In addition, one (1) student withdrew his application and one (1) student chose not to participate in the interview process. As a result, seventeen (17) students participated in the interview process. The interview team evaluated the candidates on application quality, adult references, interview and representation.

To accommodate two students who were unable to make the initial interviews, the Interview Team will be meeting with them on Tuesday, August 2nd. Following those final interviews the Team will review the candidates and select the students they will be recommending to City Council for appointment to the RHGYC. Vice President Holder will bring forward the Interview Team's recommendation on Wednesday night with a proposed resolution. The terms of office shall be for one (1) year coinciding with the school calendar year beginning on September 1 and expiring on August 31 of the appropriate year, with the opportunity for reappointment.

At the August 17th Council Meeting the 2004/2005 Youth Representatives will be providing their final report to City Council and the new 2005/2006 RHGYC members will be sworn in.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

**RESOLUTION – To be provided at the 8/3 Council meeting**

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