



Rochester Hills

Minutes - Draft

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Marvie Neubauer, City Council Liaison; Erin McKay Mims, Youth Council Liaison*

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Joshi called the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Meeting to order at 6:05pm.

ROLL CALL

- Present** 11 - Janelle Hayes, Brennan Deel, Jackson Deel, Lucas DiGrande, Sasha Joshi, Christina Wang, Oliver Blakeley, Saachi Dahanukar, Jueon Kim, Dev Shah and Andrew Thomas
- Excused** 4 - Eliza Pizzuti, Siddh Sheth, Seo-Yun Woo and Isabella Blakeley
- Absent** 1 - Kishyo Giri

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was motioned by O. Blakeley and seconded by Wang to approve the April 15, 2026 Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Special Meeting Minutes.

[2026-0228](#) Approval of Minutes - Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Special Meeting - April 15, 2026

Attachments: [RHGYC Special Min 041526.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Resolved, that April 15, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Dais Reports:

- Siddh Sheth: 4/27/2026- Tabled until next meeting*

Technical Review Committee Reports:

- Public Safety and Infrastructure (Yuna Woo) 3/18/2026- Tabled until next meeting*

- Water System Advisory Council (Christina Wang) 4/29/2026*

- Water supply system, sampling water quality, drinking water, water system usage with neighboring cities,pressure districts, and emergency response plan, all discussed*

- Utility rate model overview*

- Cemetery Citizens Advisory Committee (Saachi Dahanukar) 4/30/2026*

- Ordinance, budget update after 5 years, and approval of new projects*

- Beautification project*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Debrief on the Cultural Fair

- What worked and opportunities for improvement

Wang said In the LEGO Batman set, there was a mistake on the signage Food had most people, performances needed more support.

Kim said there is a need for an announcement system for when the drawings occur in the food room Drawings were late; the second one was later. In the future, let's schedule it earlier and have more signage next year.

J. Deel said the food area was humid and hot, be aware of the temperature.

Hayes said the performances had over 100 people in the auditorium watching, a big increase from last year, and more engaging performances. They were great in terms of bringing people together.

Thomas said no need to switch tasks, let's stick to staying on the table the whole time.

O. Blakeley said replacements need more breaks instead of switching jobs.

DiGrande said volunteers can help earlier in the planning process.

Hayes also mentioned that the process of switching between prize drawings and Emcees went well and should be continued in the future. Hayes also mentioned there were too many people in the food room we need to disperse better.

J. Deel mentioned complaints about running out of water maybe plan to increase the amount next year.

Dahanukar mentioned the set up and clean up went well and the leadership team can make the decisions for the delegation of tasks.

Joshi mentioned the first performances didn't have many audience members, performers could get upset due to not having a consistent

audience.

Wang mentioned that the performance groups sat outside of the food room; it got cramped we might need to consider a seating option. Maybe the performance area can have seating places.

Performers were not using a performance entrance, better signage, or a more central entrance.

Advisor Mims said more direction to the check-in table for event attendees. The check in table could be outside on warm days in the future.

Wang mentioned the rehearsal area was requested, but it was hard to accommodate.

Hayes mentioned that the sound check was successful and that the vendors featured great cultural attire.

B. Deel said he liked the Garth Pleasant Arena better from last year.

Kim spoke on how confusion can be reduced at the raffle table, what to put in and keep, make it simpler, write their name, and drop it in the box. People wanted more tickets, 2-3 max per person.

Hayes asked If there are opportunities for folks to donate money for more tickets.

Advisor Mims and Council Woman Neubauer shared positive feedback on youth council working together and planning a great event.

NEW BUSINESS

Cemetery Beautification Project

-The Clerk's Office oversees the Cemetery, and there will be an opportunity for the Youth Council to plan flowers and make the cemetery look nice.

- Date and Time TBD, Erin will coordinate with Clerk Scott for a good day and time. We have to consider burials and other projects happening at the cemetery.

-Thursday, May 28 and Friday, May 29 are the tentative dates

RHGYC Applications

- Deadline is Friday, May 22, 2026 at 5:00pm: HARD DUE DATE

- Interviews will take place Monday, June 15 and Tuesday, June 16

- Please encourage classmates and friends to apply! The criteria is you must be a high school

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Oak in the Hills

Spencer Park Saturday, May 16, 2026 from 11:00am-3:00pm

- Outdoor activities, rock climbing, pickle ball, zip lining, kicking off the summer vibe

- Table for Youth Council, need people helping there (snacks provided)

Festival of the Hills

Borden Park on Wednesday, June 24, 2026 from 6:00pm-9:00pm

- Working the bounce house and feeding the animals

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Regular Meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Rochester Hills Government Youth Council, it was moved by Dahanukar and seconded by Hayes to adjourn the meeting at 6:48pm.