



Rochester Hills

Minutes - Draft

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Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee

Thomas Blackstone, Dale Hetrick, Orville Hoksch Jr., Jorge Ipina, Walter Johnson, LeAnne Rogers, Tom Stephens
Council Members: Greg Hooper, Michael Webber
Youth Representatives: Pranita Balusu, Sharanya Pai

Wednesday, July 2, 2014

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hetrick called the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 9 - Thomas Blackstone, Dale Hetrick, Orville Hoksch, Greg Hooper, Jorge Ipina, Walter Johnson, LeAnne Rogers, Tom Stephens and Michael Webber

Others Present:

Sean Canto, Fire Chief
Ron Crowell, Deputy Fire Chief
Kurt Dawson, City Assessor/Treasurer
Joe Snyder, Senior Financial Analyst

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2014-0270 Approval of Meeting Minutes - May 14, 2014

Attachments: [05142014 Minutes.pdf](#)
[Resolution.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Hooper, seconded by Ipina, that this matter be Approved as Presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Blackstone, Hetrick, Hoksch, Hooper, Ipina, Johnson, Rogers, Stephens and Webber

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical

Review Committee meeting held on May 14, 2014 be approved as presented.

DISCUSSION

2014-0080

2014/2015 Priorities Discussion

Attachments: [Supp Press Release.pdf](#)
[Educational Postcard - Final \(1\).pdf](#)
[Supp. Facilities Improvement and Personnel Staffing Report.pdf](#)
[Draft Ballot Language.pdf](#)
[OCRC Guide to RoadFunding.pdf](#)
[Appendix - Proposed 2014 Ballot Language.pdf](#)
[Police Road Recom 030711\(1\)\(1\) \(5\) \(1\).pdf](#)
[Purpose and Charge \(1\).pdf](#)

Chairperson Hetrick provided educational postcards to the Committee Members that planned to distribute them to local businesses such as Firestone, Belle Tire/Auto Lab at Kmart, the Rochester Hills Public Library, Whole Foods and the Rochester Chamber of Commerce. He thanked Member Rogers for the press release that she had written and passed out copies so the Members could review it.

Member Rogers commented that her main focus on the press release was the message to the public of 'no extra cost'.

The Committee Members briefly discussed the confusion among the City's residents as to which of the City's roads are 'local' and which are 'county' roads.

2014-0242

Attachments: [Supp Questions part 2.pdf](#)
[Supp Fire Department Staffing Questions for 061114 Meeting.pdf](#)
[Supp ISO PPC Analysis.pdf](#)
[Supp Survey Monkey.pdf](#)
[Supp ISO PPC Info.pdf](#)
[Supp 2011 MFS.pdf](#)
[Supp TV Change Stats 2014.pdf](#)
[Rochester Hills Population Projections.pdf](#)
[Fire Station Building Report.pdf](#)
[Comparison of Local Municipal Fire Departments.pdf](#)
[Supp - Average Start Up Cost.pdf](#)
[Supp. Facilities Improvement and Personnel Staffing Report.pdf](#)

Chairperson Hetrick stated that he had brought his lap top so that the Committee could prepare the document for the presentation to City Council in regard to the fire staffing improvement plan.

Member Hooper asked Kurt Dawson, the City's Assessor/Treasurer to walk the Committee Members through the Headlee Amendment and the effect an override could have.

The Committee had a financial workshop with Mr. Dawson and and Joe Snyder,

Senior Financial Analyst (documents attached).

Mr. Dawson explained that what Proposal A to the Headlee Amendment did was to basically state that if taxable values as a community increased greater than the rate of inflation, then Headlee could roll back the millage rate.

Chief Canto then gave some examples of cost saving measures he has utilized in the past such as rather than purchase new ambulances, the 'box' is unbolted from the chassis and just the chassis would be replaced as well as trying to purchase in multiple units which can result in a cost savings on fire vehicles.

Discussion ensued among the Committee Members as to:

- *Approximately when the City would be 'built out';*
- *City's budget measures in regard to City employee health care costs;*
- *Paid-on-Call fire fighters are reliable but new recruits and retention have decreased;*
- *The City has called other communities for mutual aide and the trend seems to be growing;*
- *Budget projection discussions in regard to the current fire millage rate in the City's Charter and the rate of inflation as to the length of time to fund fire services; and*
- *Possible impacts if consideration is given to the possibility of a Headlee Override.*

Chairperson Hetrick suggested that the Committee move on to its workshop to create its power point presentation and recommendations for City Council in regard to proposed staffing for the City's Fire Department.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- *Wednesday, July 9, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.*
- *Tentative - Wednesday, July 16, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.*

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee, Chairperson Hetrick adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Dale Hetrick, Chairperson

*Prepared by Christine A. Wissbrun
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