
CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS

*Planning and
Development*

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TO: Mayor Somerville, City Council

FROM: Ed Anzek

RE: Goals and Objectives

On Wednesday, March 8, 2006, Council is scheduled for their second workshop meeting regarding the discussion of their Goals and Objectives. The first meeting held on February 8, 2006 was a free and open forum to enable each council member to get their thoughts, concerns, and issues regarding the Budget "on the table."

The second meeting is scheduled to begin with a discussion of the Police Millage that expires soon, additional millages that expire, and further discussion of revenue issues first introduced by Julie Jenuwine at the February 8th meeting. Having acknowledged that, it is anticipated that not much time will be available for a thorough and complete discussion of Goals and Objectives.

However, there are some pressing issues that require direction by the Council. Attached for your reference are the Goals and Objectives that were developed last year. More accurately stated, were "revised and updated" last year. These objectives have provided priority for staff and progress is being made and resources spent to accomplish the tasks associated with certain objectives.

The question is whether efforts should continue, be delayed, cease, or redirected? It is acknowledged herein that the last question is not one that can be answered without significant dialogue about the objective (project/program) with the new council members. An example is the Reservoirs. Last year it was decided to construct two water reservoirs. The approving resolution linked the financing of the reservoirs with the DPS Facility. The DPS facility has been deferred until an additional review by three council members is complete. Staff needs direction regarding the reservoirs. Roger Rouse has sent a summary memo regarding this issue several weeks ago.

All Directors will be asked to attend the Workshop that are working on completing various objectives to gain affirmation from the Council for continued efforts. For certain, we do not want to spend time and money on some objective that may not be supported by this City Council

Also, by copy of this memo each Director is requested to begin to prepare a list of all programs that are performed in their Department. The purpose is to evaluate the need for and benefits gained from that program. It is anticipated that this information will enable Council to learn more about what and why programs are done. Needless to say, if the program doesn't meet it's intent, it is subject to refinement or elimination. This effort will be presented and discussed at the Administrative Workshop in April.

Attachments: Goals and Objectives (in 2005 for 2006 Budget).
Past Cost-Cutting Efforts. Prepared for Residential Street Committee: April 2005

cc: Directors