



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2025-0307

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Erin Mims, RHGYC Adult Advisor

DATE: July 21, 2025

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Increase Membership of the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC)

REQUEST:

I respectfully propose that the City Council approve an increase in the membership of the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC) from 15 to 17 students. This proposal includes amending the RHGYC bylaws to reflect this change, effective for the 2025/2026 school year.

The proposed composition for the 17-member council would be:

- At least two (2) representatives from each of the four (4) City Council Districts.
- Nine (9) at-large representatives.

BACKGROUND:

The RHGYC was established by City Council Resolution RES0080-2005 to promote youth involvement in local government. Originally comprised of 13 members, it soon expanded to its current size of 15.

The program's success has led to a significant and sustained increase in student interest. The applicant numbers clearly demonstrate the need for this expansion:

- **2024/2025 School Year:** 24 applications for four (4) vacancies.
- **2025/2026 School Year:** 26 applications for four (4) vacancies.

This high level of interest underscores the program's value and the competitive nature of the selection process. Expanding the council to 17 members would achieve several key objectives:

- **Increase Opportunity:** Provide a valuable opportunity for more students to participate in civic life.
- **Enhance Collaboration:** Benefit from a broader range of ideas and perspectives.
- **Improve Representation:** Ensure consistent and robust RHGYC representation at city events throughout the year.

The timing for this change is ideal. Although Council recently approved the 15 members for the 2025/2026 term, the selection committee has just concluded interviews. We are confident in our ability to select two additional, highly qualified members from the impressive applicant pool before the new term begins.

From a logistical standpoint, the budgetary impact of adding two members is minimal. As the RHGYC Adult Advisor, I can confirm that overseeing the larger group is manageable. Most importantly, this change would empower two more students to serve as a voice for the youth in our community.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council approval of amending the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Bylaws to increase the membership to 17 students, and appoint two (2) additional students coinciding with the 2025-2026.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
City Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney ☐ Yes ☒ N/A