



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2025-0288

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Erin McKay, Youth Council Adult Advisor

DATE: June 27, 2025

SUBJECT: Appointment of 2025/2026 Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC)

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 local government through active participation and the mutual exchange of ideas and experiences. On June 21, 2021 the Bylaws were amended to increase the RHGYC composition from thirteen (13) members to fifteen (15) members appointed by City Council following the established application/appointment process. The member composition will consist of at least (2) representatives from each City Council District and (5) at-large representatives.

This year we are very pleased to mention that we received thirty-seven (37) applications that met the minimum qualifications to be considered. Of the thirty-seven (37) applications received Eleven (11) applications were from the current youth council members requesting to be reappointed to an additional term on the council.

The established application/appointment process included the following:

- Submission of application packet by interested students which included the following:
 - Application
 - Essay Questions
 - Two Letters of Recommendation
- Interviews by the interview team consisting of Youth Council Adult Advisor Erin McKay, City Council President Ryan Deel and Youth Council Representatives: Eliza Pizzuti, Jackson Otlewski and Seo-Yun (Yuna) Woo.

Twenty six (26) students participated in the interview process. The interview team evaluated the candidates on application quality, adult references, interview and representation.

As in the past years, we continue to be very pleased with the large number of students interested in serving on the RHGYC; nonetheless, it does make the final selection process difficult. Each applicant was extremely bright and pleasant, and could bring something different and unique to the group. In the end however, the Interview Team took into account the composition of the RHGYC district representation, school representation and the number in each graduating year, and we are recommending to Council that they appoint fifteen students to the youth council again this year. The terms of office will be for one (1) year coinciding with the school calendar year beginning on September 1, 2025 and expiring on August 31, 2026.

If all fifteen students are appointed, the representation would be as follows:

- City Council Districts
 - District 1- Three (3) Students
 - 2 returning students
 - 1 new student
 - District 2- Six (6) Students
 - 5 returning students
 - 1 new student
 - District 3-Two (2) Students
 - 2 new students
 - District 4- Four (4) Students
 - 4 returning students
- Schools
 - Adams- 4 representatives
 - Rochester- 2 representatives
 - Stoney Creek- 6 representatives
 - International Academy- 2 representatives
 - Notre Dame Preparatory- Representative
- School Grades
 - Ninth Grade- 2 students
 - Tenth Grade- 3 students
 - Eleventh Grade- 4 students
 - Twelfth Grade- 6 students

Therefore, City Council is requested to appoint the following students to a one-year term on the Rochester Hills government Youth Council (RHGYC) 2025/2026.

| Name | High School | Council District |
|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Isabella Blakeley | International Academy | 2 |
| Oliver Blakeley | Rochester High School | 2 |
| Saachi Dahanukar | Adams High School | 1 |
| Brennan Deel | Stoney Creek High School | 4 |
| Jackson Deel | Stoney Creek High School | 4 |
| Lucas DiGrande | Notre Dame Preparatory | 2 |
| Kishyo Giri | Stoney Creek High School | 4 |
| Janelle Hayes | Stoney Creek High School | 4 |
| Sasha Joshi | Adams High School | 1 |
| Eliza Pizzuti | Adams High School | 2 |
| Dev Shah | International Academy | 3 |
| Siddh Sheth | Stoney Creek High School | 2 |
| Mohammed Uzair | Rochester High School | 3 |
| Christina Wang | Adams High School | 1 |
| Seo-Yun Woo | Stoney Creek High School | 2 |

The students and their parents have been invited to the August 11, 2025 City Council Meeting for the “Swearing-in Ceremony.”

| APPROVALS: | SIGNATURE | DATE |
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| Department Review | | |
| Department Director | | |
| Mayor | | |
| City Clerk | | |

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney ☐ Yes ☒ N/A