Rochester Hills

Minutes - Draft

City Council Regular Meeting

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Vision Statement: The Community of Choice for Families and Business

Mission Statement: "Our mission is to sustain the City of Rochester Hills as the premier community of choice to live, work and raise a family by enhancing our vibrant residential character complemented by an attractive business community."

Monday, September 14, 2026 | **7:00 PM** | **1000 Rochester Hills Drive**

CALL TO ORDER

President Carlock called the Regular Rochester Hills City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Michigan Time.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - David Blair, Jason Carlock, Theresa Mungioli, Bradley Limberg, Diana Mannino and Mark Skelcy

Absent 1 - Marvie Neubauer

Others Present:

Dennis Andrews, Deputy Parks & Natural Resources Director
Tracey Balint, Public Services Director/City Engineer
Bryan Barnett, Mayor
Ann Christ, City Attorney
Ken Elwert, Parks & Natural Resources Director
Todd Gary, Fire Chief/Emergency Services Director
Debby Hoyle, Senior Financial Analyst
Rochelle Lyon, Information Systems Director
Christina McCaskey, Human Resources Manager
Sara Roediger, Planning & Economic Development Director
Leanne Scott, City Clerk
Laurie Taylor, Assessing Director
Mike Viazanko, Building/Ordinance/Facilities Director
Christina Wang, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mannino, seconded by Blair, that the Agenda be Approved as Presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 6 - Blair, Carlock, Mungioli, Limberg, Mannino and Skelcy

Absent 1 - Neubauer

COUNCIL AND YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC):

President Carlock *introduced RHGYC Representative* ***Christina Wang****.*

Ms. Wang *stated that she is an 11th grader at Rochester Adams High School and that she is in her third year of serving on the Youth Council and also serves on the Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee. She commented that she is looking forward to learning more about how the City government plays a significant role in making the community she resides in safe and sustainable. She reported that last month, the Youth Council volunteered at the Brooklands Block Party, swore in their new members, and held their 2026-2027 orientation. She announced that this month, they had their first Regular Meeting of the term and held elections. She added that they are looking forward to participating in the State of the City address and that their next meeting will be on October 7th.*

Mr. Blair *noted that a lot has been happening in the City with power and broadband lately, and presented a briefing on utility infrastructure titled "The State of Broadband in Rochester Hills." He stated that he would like to discuss the options that are available to the City's residents, what is coming to serve the residents in the near future, and what happens when the power fails like it did after the storm a couple of weeks ago. He highlighted the following information:*

- How We Got Connected
- 1990s: Dial-Up
- Carriers: AOL, EarthLink, NetZero
- Your computer placed a phone call. You could not use the phone and the internet at once.
- 56 Kbps
- 2000s-2025: DSL and xDSL
- Carriers: AT&T
- The same copper phone line as dial-up. Speed falls off with distance.
- 1-100 Mbps
- 2000s-Today: Cable Broadband
- Carriers: Comcast, WOW!, Spectrum
- Fiber to a neighborhood box, then coaxial cable for the last few blocks. Service is shared with neighbors.
- 100-2.5 Gbps
- 2010s-Today: Fiber Optic
- Carriers: AT&T, Ezee Fiber
- Tiny glass strands carry your data as pulses of light rather than electrical signals.
- > 1 Gbps
- The Half of Your Speed Nobody Advertises
- Cable and DSL
- Asymmetrical
- Download: 1,000 Mbps

- Upload: 35 Mbps
- Sending is roughly 30 times slower than receiving.
- Fiber Optic
- Symmetrical
- Download: 1,000 Mbps
- Upload: 1,000 Mbps
- Sending is exactly as fast as receiving.
- Why the upload number matters at home:
- Video calls
- Home security cameras
- Backups and large files
- What It Costs, and What to Watch For
- Read the upload number
- Watch for a contract
- Ask for the Broadband Facts label
- Who Is Building Fiber in Rochester Hills
- AT&T Fiber
- Building slowly since roughly 2019
- Expanding a neighborhood at a time, on its own schedule
- Available in some neighborhoods, but not others
- No powered equipment out in the field
- Ezee Fiber
- Rapidly accelerating buildout
- New entrant, building aggressively across the City
- Construction crews are the ones most residents are seeing now
- Powered cabinets in the field
- What the Work Looks Like in Your Yard
- Flags First
- Gas, electric, water, and telecom get marked before anyone digs. Do not remove the flags.
- The Rig Sets Up
- A boring rig is set up at one end of your street; it drills horizontally underground.
- Tracking the Head
- A locator tracks the drill progress, keeps it on track, and steers it clear of existing utilities.
- Conduit Lands
- Conduit is pulled through as the long boring bit is retracted. There are no trenches or heavy digging.
- What Is Left Behind
- Fiber is pulled through conduit into small below-grade hand holes.
- Where It Goes
- The public right-of-way, which is near the road in front of your home, or the rear easement.
- Environmental Impact
- Boring means a small pit at each end instead of an open trench across the yard.
- What You Are Owed
- The installer must restore your lawn to its prior condition. Damage to sprinkler lines, invisible fence, etc. should be reported.
- What I Run at My Own House

- Two providers, two different cables, and a firewall that switches between them automatically
- WOW!
- Cable modem service
- 600 Mbps down
- 50 Mbps up
- $65/month
- Xfinity NOW
- Cable modem, no-contract, prepaid service tier
- 100 Mbps down
- 25 Mbps up
- $20/month
- = $85 per month for both services
- UniFi Firewall
- Watches both, switches over on its own
- The Storm
- September 3rd, 2026
- Widespread power outage
- Immediately After Storm: Power Out, Cell Services Degraded, Internet Services Still Up
- Poles down on Tienken after storm. Power outages widespread in the City.
- Smartphones Citywide all switch over to cellular when they lose Wi-Fi connection. Overload towers struggle to handle the increase in demand.
- ~Five Hours After the Storm: Power Still Out, Generators Humming Along, Cell Service Completely Down, WOW! Dies, then Comcast Quits
- Cell service goes dark for thousands as batteries in smaller neighborhood cell sites are depleted.
- Larger generator-backed towers (Adams High School, etc.) are completely overwhelmed.
- WOW! drops out first as batteries in their field equipment run flat.
- Comcast dies a few hours later.
- The Day After: Power Still Out, Utility Generators in the Field, Cell Service Largely Non-usable
- Restoration Timeline
- September 4th - 11:00 a.m.
- Comcast is first to the scene with emergency power; their service comes back online.
- September 5th - 3:00 p.m.
- DTE restores neighborhood power. Comcast struggles as thousands come back online.
- September 6th - 12:30 a.m.
- WOW! service restored.
- The Storm Test: What Stays Up When the Power Goes Out
- Every service with powered equipment in the field went dark once that equipment ran out of battery.
- Cable and DSL
- Went down
- Batteries in field equipment died; some carriers deployed field generators; others did not.
- Ezee Fiber

- May have gone down

- This new ISP plans to operate four powered field cabinets with batteries that last roughly one day.

- AT&T Fiber

- Stayed up

- All fiber cables go directly to AT&T central office. Most of the City serviced by AT&T facility at 400 West Tienken Road.

- The question is not cable or fiber-it is what needs power in between.

- Fiber makes a fully passive path possible, but only where the network is built that way. Where nothing in between needs electricity, a modest battery backup on the box at your house and your router keeps you online through an entire power outage.

- Being Ready for the Next One

- Have a Way to Make Your Own Power

- Battery Power Bank

- Dual-fuel Inverter Generator

- Utilize Generators Safely

- Flashlights, Radio, and Batteries

- Check on Your Neighbors

- Follow-up and Recommendations

- Only fiber gives you symmetrical speed.

- Construction in the right-of-way is temporary.

- Not every service survives a power outage.

- Be prepared and stay safe.

Vice President Mungioli *thanked Mr. Blair for his presentation. She noted that there are currently two fiber lines going through her neighborhood and that one of her neighbors has two boxes in her yard. She commented that she would like to ensure that she does not end up with a multitude of wires underground and different plaques in the right-of-way indicating fiber companies. She acknowledged that they cannot say no to these companies, but questioned whether they can make them share a box.*

Mr. Blair *pointed out that a broadband provider is not going to want to invest heavily in a city like Rochester Hills, which is very built out and has two fiber providers and two broadband coax providers, because the competition is going to be fierce. He voiced his belief that in the next 15 to 20 years, the City will see a lot more non-wire line carriers like Starlink and cellular connections start to be the fifth and sixth option for homeowners. He emphasized that he does not believe they will see a lot more underground.*

Vice President Mungioli *noted that she recently went to Tractor Supply, where they had Starlink modems for sale. She also stated that Ezee Fiber dug a hole in her lawn and did not do an adequate job of repairing it, so she reached out to their support team. She noted that she copied the City team on the email and sent it from her City Council email address, and the issue was resolved within 24 hours. She encouraged residents to take pictures and to keep the correspondence from the fiber companies so they have their contact information. She continued by encouraging residents to ensure they have a battery backup. She shared that she invested in a house generator during COVID, so she had power during the recent storm. She also referred to the leaning poles near Adams High School after the*

storm, and thanked the staff from the City and the utility companies who implemented detour signs to instruct people not to travel underneath the poles.

PRESENTATIONS

2026-0397 Legislative Update by State Senator Michael Webber

Attachments: 091426 Agenda Summary.pdf

State Senator Michael Webber *shared that he has the honor of serving as the State Senator for the 9th District, which includes Rochester Hills, Rochester, Troy, Sterling Heights, Shelby Township, and Utica. He stated that he is back to give a fall legislative update now that they have their budget done, though there has not been a great deal of legislative work since that time.*

He highlighted the following legislative updates:

- The State budget was completed around the July 1st timeframe and ended up being a balanced bipartisan budget that lives within means, makes critical investments, and strengthens Michigan families and communities.
- Construction will soon begin on the Rochester Community House. He and Representative Tisdel worked to obtain a couple different grants to help fund this $3.2 million project, which will take about ten months to complete.
- $405,000 is going toward the continuation of the Common Ground Victim Assistance Program, which provides crisis intervention and long-term support to victims of crime in Oakland County. The program has filled critical gaps in public safety and health.
- Capital outlay projects at the State level must be put into the budget and then receive construction authorization as plans progress. Construction has been approved for Oakland University's science complex renovation project, which will be a critical enhancement for the campus and surrounding area.
- As previously discussed, the removal of the sales tax from gasoline will cause a decrease in constitutional revenue sharing. Rochester Hills is expected to receive $452,000 in statutory revenue sharing this year, as well as the increased road funding dollars that have been discussed in past years.
- He was happy to help reintroduce the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund legislation in the Senate. The bill package passed the Senate unanimously and will allow local governments to understand what their revenue is going to look like. Revenue may fluctuate but will not be subject to the whim of the legislature. Last session, the House passed this legislation nearly unanimously. The Michigan Municipal League (MML) has been working on this for several years, and it will hopefully be in place for the future Governor and legislature in 2027.
- The Governor would like to work on the housing package over the next four months. This is also still a priority for Speaker Hall. It may be too heavy of a lift following the election to obtain broad bipartisan support, with only nine or ten session days left in the year at that point. However, the City is encouraged to stay in touch with their representatives at MML.
- At the State level, they are hearing the same concerns regarding data centers, including higher utility rates, increased noise pollution, and a lack of transparency when seeking zoning approvals. There are different bill packages pending in the

legislature that offer certain guardrails and ensure that local units have the tools and information they need to help them make informed decisions. He commended the way the City is taking a step back and trying to put an ordinance together.
- To obtain more information or sign up for his monthly e-news, residents should visit senatormichaelwebber.com or call his office at 517-373-0994.

President Carlock *commented that it is good to hear that Senator Webber is hearing some of the same things as the City regarding data centers. He acknowledged that the City is not going to be able to stop data centers from being built, and inquired about the type of guardrails they can implement to protect residents.*

Senator Webber *shared that the Governor, in conjunction with the Detroit Chamber and some other groups, put out a ten-point article on data centers. He stated that he will try to find the publication and pass it along to City Council. He explained that the article addresses common concerns on data centers, and underscored that even at the highest levels of the State government, people are examining this issue and trying to come up with solutions.*

Presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion, without discussion. If any Council Member or Citizen requests discussion of an item, it will be removed from Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

2026-0372 Approval of Minutes - City Council Regular Meeting - August 10, 2026

Attachments: CC Min 081026.pdf
Resolution (Draft).pdf

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0228-2026

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Rochester Hills City Council Regular Meeting held on August 10, 2026 be approved as presented.

2026-0378 Request for Approval of a Storm Sewer System Maintenance Agreement between the City of Rochester Hills and Auburn Angara Oaks, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, for Auburn Angara Oaks

Attachments: 091426 Agenda Summary.pdf
Agreement.pdf
Resolution (Draft).pdf

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0229-2026

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the Storm Sewer System Maintenance Agreement between the City of Rochester Hills and Auburn Angara

Oaks, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, whose address is 14496 North Sheldon Road, Suite 230, Plymouth, MI 48170, for Auburn Angara Oaks, Parcel #15-32-201-001 thru -004, and #15-32-201-006.

Further Resolved, that the City Clerk is directed to record the agreement with the Oakland County Register of Deeds.

2026-0332 Request for Purchase Authorization - DPS/ENG: Blanket Purchase Order for backflow hose bibbs in the amount not-to-exceed $96,000.00 through July 30, 2029; Elite Textile Trading, LLC., Mission Viejo, CA

Attachments: 091426 Agenda Summary.pdf
Bid Tabulation.pdf
Resolution (Draft).pdf

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0230-2026

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a blanket purchase order for backflow hose bibbs to Elite Textile Trading, LLC., Mission Viejo, California in the amount not-to-exceed $96,000.00 through July 30, 2029.

Further Resolved, that the City's acceptance of the proposal and approval of the award of a contract shall be contingent and conditioned upon the parties' entry into and execution of a written agreement acceptable to the City.

2026-0383 Request for Purchase Authorization - PARKS: Increase to the Blanket Purchase Order for payment of parking transaction fees in the amount of $70,000.00 for a new not-to-exceed amount of $94,000.00 through April 30, 2028; ParkMobile, LLC., Atlanta, GA

Attachments: 091426 Agenda Summary.pdf
Resolution (Draft).pdf

This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: RES0231-2026

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes an increase to the blanket purchase order for payment of parking transaction fees to ParkMobile, LLC., Atlanta, Georgia, in the amount of $70,000.00 for a new not-to-exceed amount of $94,000.00 through April 30, 2028.

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mannino, seconded by Limberg, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 6 - Blair, Carlock, Mungioli, Limberg, Mannino and Skelcy

Absent 1 - Neubauer

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2026-0341 Public Hearing for the City of Rochester Hills Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed and 2028-2029 Projected Budget Plan; and the Proposed 2026 Millage Rates

Attachments: 092826 Agenda Summary.pdf
091426 Agenda Summary.pdf
Public Hearing Notice.pdf
081726 Agenda Summary.pdf
Budget Presentation Schedule.pdf
081026 Agenda Summary.pdf
081026 Resolution.pdf
Resolution (Draft).pdf
SUPPL 2027-2029 = CC Budget Questions + Admin Responses.pdf

***Debby Hoyle**, Senior Financial Analyst, thanked City Council for having her tonight, noting that Joe Snyder, Chief Financial Officer, is away at a conference. She summarized that the 2027-2029 Proposed Budget was submitted to City Council at the first City Council Meeting in August, which was on August 10th this year, per the City Charter. She stated that on August 17th, the City held a public Budget Workshop, where each department presented their upcoming year's budget plans and City staff was available to answer any questions. She noted that there was one item brought forward at the Budget Workshop as a straw poll question for City Council Members: whether to start broadcasting Planning Commission Meetings. She shared that the Rochester Hills Media Team is equipped to begin streaming Planning Commission Meetings at the start of 2027 if City Council so chooses. She added that this request should have no initial budget impact; however, the City is continuing to prepare for an ADA compliance mandate taking effect in April 2027. She explained that this mandate requires synchronized captions and audio descriptions on videos for both City Council and the Planning Commission, and the City does not yet know the cost of the software they may need. She also noted that using the Media Team to record additional Planning Commission Meetings will reduce the number of hours they are available for photography, videography, and social media, as they will be flexing their hours to accommodate the additional night of work. She stated that this was the only remaining outstanding item stemming from the Budget Workshop, and that brings them to tonight: the Public Hearing portion of the annual budget process, which provides an additional opportunity for public comments. She specified that the Public Hearing tonight covers two separate items: the City of Rochester Hills 2027-2029 Proposed Budget Plan and the Winter 2026 Millage Rates. She added that besides the update on the one straw poll question, they have received no further questions or comments from City Council nor the general public on the City's Proposed Budget Plan since the Budget Workshop.*

President Carlock Opened the Public Hearing at 7:36 p.m. Seeing no further discussion, President Carlock Closed the Public Hearing at 7:37 p.m.

***Vice President Mungioli** thanked Ms. Hoyle for the summary and discussion of the budget. She requested confirmation that whether or not the City began*

broadcasting their Planning Commission Meetings, they would have to incur the cost for the software needed for the ADA compliance mandate. She also sought confirmation that this cost is not built into the current budget.

***Ms. Hoyle** confirmed that the City would still have to incur the cost for the ADA software. She explained that although they do not know the exact cost of the software, there is a general budget for it. She noted that they simply wanted to inform everybody that this item will be coming forward at a later date.*

***Vice President Mungioli** requested confirmation that Planning Commission Meetings will get to benefit from the televising of City Council Meetings, as they will not split the cost between the two.*

***Ms. Hoyle** confirmed Vice President Mungioli's statement.*

***Vice President Mungioli** emphasized that she would like to ensure she has clarity on the cost associated with this request, and expressed her appreciation for Mayor Barnett adding this item into the budget consideration. Regarding the millage rates, she voiced her understanding that according to the Headlee Amendment, which has existed for over 20 years, factors like inflation may cause a millage rate of one mill to go down to 0.98 mill. She questioned which of the City's millages were impacted by Headlee and are at the maximum of what they are allowed to levy.*

***Ms. Hoyle** confirmed Vice President Mungioli's understanding, and shared that the new Library Millage, which was voter approved in 2024, is at its maximum of Headlee.*

***Vice President Mungioli** sought confirmation that this millage is simply a pass-through for the City.*

***Ms. Hoyle** confirmed Vice President Mungioli's statement, and noted that many of the City's millages, including the Parks and Local Street millages, are at their maximum of Headlee. She added that Fire and Police have a little room.*

***Vice President Mungioli** stated that she will follow up with Mr. Snyder to obtain a table displaying this information. She commented that she heard a lot of conversation following the Budget Workshop that she had asked many questions. She underscored that it is important for her as an elected official to be accountable to the residents and answer all of their questions. She shared that at the store today, a resident, who had initially recognized her from her time as a School Board Representative, thanked her for all her hard work on City Council. She voiced her appreciation for the time and dedication that City staff spent in providing answers to her budget questions.*

***Ms. Mannino** requested confirmation that there is another meeting before the final approval of the budget.*

***President Carlock** explained that the Public Hearing is tonight, and the final approval of the budget will be on the agenda for the next meeting, on September 28th.*

Ms. Mannino *sought confirmation that there were no changes to the budget as it was presented at the Budget Workshop in August and that the millage rates included in that package have not changed.*

Ms. Hoyle *confirmed Ms. Mannino's understanding.*

Discussed.

Enactment No: RES0248-2026

PUBLIC COMMENT for Items not on the Agenda

Rachel Itabashi-Campbell*, 2910 Hartline Dr, introduced herself as a longtime resident of Rochester Hills. She stated that she sent the entire City Council an email regarding the City's contract with Priority Waste just over a week ago and received only one response. She shared that she and her husband are planning to relocate to another state in a few months, primarily due to caregiving issues. She detailed that her plan was to vacate the house, then stop the trash collection services permanently; her realtor would then proceed with the listing. She revealed that she learned that she is obligated to continue paying Priority until closing, whether or not she is using the services. She noted that if she does not pay, the title company will deduct the unpaid balance from the sale, and if she overpays, there will be no refund. She expressed her understanding that the only relief she might be able to obtain is a "snowbird credit," which is just $30 for the entire year. She pointed out that the contract structure is problematic because she does not have any chance of selling their house prior to their departure. She explained that she cannot market the house as long as they live there, as her husband is disabled and not fully ambulatory, and taking him out of the house for a showing would exhaust him. She reported that City staff informed her that this contract design is necessary to obtain better rates overall, but pointed out that it does not make sense to pay for services she does not need or even receive. She added that she does not believe her case is unique, as transitioning from a house to an assisted living facility is not uncommon. She suggested that the next time the City negotiates a trash hauler's contract, they implement a provision that more broadly accommodates homeowners in absentia, not just vacationers. She emphasized that retirees want to minimize unnecessary expenses, especially in times of transition. She concluded by thanking Ms. Neubauer for always responding to her emails and sincerely trying to help residents.*

Vice President Mungioli *commented that she went through her emails, and the most recent email she has from Ms. Itabashi-Campbell is from 2024. She requested that Ms. Itabashi-Campbell forward the email again. She shared that the City is fortunate to have a great relationship with Priority Waste, and although they will see if there are exceptions they can make on a one-time deal, they must be careful with their existing contract. She thanked Ms. Itabashi-Campbell for bringing this matter to Council's attention.*

President Carlock *added that he checked his email as well and does not have an email from Ms. Itabashi-Campbell since 2024. He requested that she check her Sent folder to see if the email got stuck there.*

Mayor Barnett *thanked Ms. Itabashi-Campbell for her comments, expressing his appreciation for the kindness with which she presented her situation. He stated that one of the things the City did when they started this waste program 15 years ago was try to make it as easy as possible for both sides: at the time, GFL, and the City. He specified that the City Council at the time created an ordinance that required every single-family home to have a weekly pickup, and pointed out that the City must enforce ordinances and that special accommodations can start to proliferate. He recognized the fact that the City's universal process does not account for situations like Ms. Itabashi-Campbell's, which is why they try to include minor caveats like the snowbird credit, which provides about six weeks of credit. He further acknowledged that this response does not resolve Ms. Itabashi-Campbell's issue, but emphasized that this is the way the City has operated for the past 15 years to ensure fairness across all users. He encouraged Ms. Itabashi-Campbell to meet with Mike Viazanko, Building/Ordinance/Facilities Director, before she leaves, noting that the City will advocate for her. He added that they can address the matter of receiving a credit if she overpays, and underscored that they will assist her as much as they can under the provisions he shared this evening.*

LEGISLATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

Vice President Mungioli *stated that over 15,000 absentee ballots will be mailed out on September 24th to residents who are on the Permanent Absentee Ballot List or who have submitted an application to receive an absentee ballot. She encouraged residents to vote their absentee ballot and send it back sooner rather than later so they do not continue to be bothered by emails, text messages, and social media advertisements for various political candidates. She added that voters have until the day before Early Voting begins to spoil their absentee ballot. She concluded by thanking Clerk Scott and her team for all the work they will be doing over the next two months.*

Mayor Barnett *reported that voter turnout for the August Primary Election was 40 percent, and of that, 60 percent voted absentee, 35 percent voted on Election Day, and seven percent voted during Early Voting at the Rochester Hills Public Library. He noted that this turnout was slightly higher than the last similarly positioned election, in 2022, and encouraged people to get out and vote.*

He then provided the following updates:

- He thanked residents for their patience during the recent storm a week and a half ago, and voiced his appreciation for the Fire Department, the Sheriff's Department, the Department of Public Services, and the Forestry team in the Parks Department. The City received a hundred calls for service in the 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. time slot, and many of those calls involved downed wires and traffic situations.
- Residents can receive a free tree through the City's Free Tree Program, led by Ken Elwert, Parks & Natural Resources Director, and his team. The trees are planted on City property by the City team.
- Pat McKay, Museum Manager, has been awarded the Lifetime Achievement

Award by the Michigan Historic Preservation Network. He expressed the City's pride in Mr. McKay's achievement.

- The RHISE Cup kickoff took place at the Museum. This is a great initiative led by Sara Roediger, Planning & Economic Development Director; Pam Valentik, Economic Development Manager; and their team. Over 200 individuals from different businesses in the community are participating in this competition, which includes events such as euchre and trivia. There is also a Community Challenge, through which the City raised 13,000 pounds of food for the Neighborhood House last year.

- He thanked the Council Members and first responders who attended the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony last week. President Carlock and several other speakers provided some wonderful remarks at the incredibly well-done event. In the crowd were a group of senior citizens from Pomeroy Assisted Living Center and a bus of elementary school students from Deerfield Elementary, representing individuals who lived through the historical event and individuals who have only read about it. He thanked the Fire Department for their leadership in putting on the event.

- Avon Road opened back up this morning. Livernois Road will be closed from this Friday, September 18th at 6:00 p.m. through Monday, September 21st at 6:00 a.m. for bridge maintenance work.

- The City is hosting a Blueprint 4 Innovation Public Open House on Monday, September 21st. Residents can drop in anytime between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. to learn more about the Parks and Recreation, Transportation, Safe Streets, and Community Stewardship Plans.

- A Bass Fishing Tournament is taking place on Saturday, September 27th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Spencer Park. Attendees will have the opportunity to see the new ADA-accessible dock, which is approximately four times the size of the old one and will allow many more people to enjoy this event.

- The Scarecrows in the City - Scarecrow Building Workshop is Tuesday, September 29th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Museum. People who are interested in participating should contact the Mayor's Office for more information. Any individual, business, or organization can adopt a scarecrow, and it will be put up at the Museum or downtown.

- The State of the City is this Thursday, September 17th. The event, which is Super Bowl-themed this year, is a great opportunity to come and find out what is happening in the community.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Ann Christ had nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

2026-0144 Request for Purchase Authorization - PARKS: Increase to the Blanket Purchase Order/Contract for construction engineering services for the construction and development of Nowicki Park in the amount of $16,500.00 for a new not-to-exceed amount of $1,156,680.00; Nowak & Fraus Engineers, Pontiac, MI

Attachments: 091426 Agenda Summary.pdf
Proposal for Added Services.pdf
Pathway Extension Map.pdf
041326 Agenda Summary.pdf
Proposal.pdf
041326 Resolution.pdf
Resolution (Draft).pdf

***Ken Elwert**, Parks & Natural Resources Director, and **Tracey Balint**, Public Services Director/City Engineer, were present.*

***Mr. Elwert** stated that they are here to request an additional $16,500 for Nowak & Fraus now that the City has purchased the property north of Nowicki Park. He detailed that this additional five acres will be utilized for the continuation of a pathway. He shared that Nowak & Fraus worked on the engineering for the remainder of the pathway, so the City is fortunate that they will be right there on the ground. He added that they anticipate a request coming later from Rewold & Sons regarding the already approved bid pricing to potentially save on mobilization costs. He noted that this contract is a Parks Department item, but will become a DPS project.*

***Vice President Mungioli** noted that there is an "End of Pathway" sign just before the acreage the City recently purchased, as well as one at Powderhorn Ridge Road. She voiced her desire for the signage to remain in place until the City fills the pathway gap.*

***Mr. Elwert** stated that they will ensure the signs remain in place as appropriate.*

***Vice President Mungioli** shared that she was concerned about residents traveling half a mile down the road to find out that the pathway is closed, and stated that she does not want people crossing Adams Road until the new HAWK signal is installed.*

***Mr. Elwert** concurred with Vice President Mungioli's comments, and noted that the HAWK signal will be installed just north of the parking lot entrance. He specified that, assuming Council approval on these projects, they anticipate all of the asphalt work in that area occurring at the same time, which will be next summer. He added that the "End of Pathway" sign will not need to be in place forever given that the HAWK signal will be put in at the same time.*

***Ms. Mannino** voiced her understanding that the current purchase order pertains to the authorization of the additional engineering work to lay out the extended pathway, and there will be another purchase request for the additional material.*

***Mr. Elwert** confirmed Ms. Mannino's understanding, adding that they anticipate a price from Rewold & Sons. He explained that as long as it aligns with the already Council-approved line item bids, it will not necessarily have to go out to bid, but it will still be of a dollar volume that requires Council approval.*

***Ms. Mannino** inquired about the placement of the HAWK signal that will be installed in this area.*

Ms. Balint *responded that it will be put in at Baypoint Drive.*

A motion was made by Mungioli, seconded by Blair, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 6 - Blair, Carlock, Mungioli, Limberg, Mannino and Skelcy

Absent 1 - Neubauer

Enactment No: RES0232-2026

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes an increase to the blanket purchase order/contract for construction engineering services for construction and development of Nowicki Park to Nowak & Fraus Engineers, Pontiac, Michigan in the amount of $16,500.00 for a new not-to-exceed amount of $1,156,680.00 and further authorizes the Mayor to execute an agreement on behalf of the City.

Further Resolved, that the City's acceptance of the proposal and approval of the award of a contract shall be contingent and conditioned upon the parties' entry into and execution of a written agreement acceptable to the City.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE

- Regular Meeting - Monday - September 28, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Council, it was moved by Mungioli and seconded by Limberg to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

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JASON CARLOCK, President
Rochester Hills City Council

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LEANNE SCOTT, MMC, Clerk
City of Rochester Hills

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EMMA BOWEN
Administrative Coordinator
City Clerk's Office

Approved as presented at the (insert date, or dates) Regular City Council Meeting.