# 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 28, 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** 7 - David Blair, Jason Carlock, Theresa Mungioli, Marvie Neubauer, Bradley Limberg, Diana Mannino and Mark Skelcy

### Others Present:

*Tracey Balint, Public Services Director/City Engineer*
*Bryan Barnett, Mayor*
*Dan Christ, City Attorney*
*Bill Cooke, Deputy Fire Chief*
*Saachi Dahanukar, Rochester Hills Government Youth Council*
*Ken Elwert, Parks & Natural Resources Director*
*Vince Foisy, Communications Systems Administrator*
*Brooke Insana, Human Resources Director*
*Rochelle Lyon, Information Systems Director*
*Sara Roediger, Planning & Economic Development Director*
*Leanne Scott, City Clerk*
*Crystal Silorey, Deputy Treasurer*
*Joe Snyder, Chief Financial Officer*
*Erin Sudrovech, Chief of Staff*
*Laurie Taylor, Assessing Director*
*Mike Viazanko, Building/Ordinance/Facilities Director*
*Captain Paul Workman, Oakland County Sheriff's Office*

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

**Aye** 7 - Blair, Carlock, Mungioli, Neubauer, Limberg, Mannino and Skelcy

## COUNCIL AND YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORTS

***Rochester Hills Government Youth Council (RHGYC):***

***President Carlock*** *introduced RHGYC Representative* ***Saachi Dahanukar****.*

***Ms. Dahanukar*** *stated that she is an 11th grader at Rochester Adams High School and that she is in her second year of serving on the Youth Council and also serves on the Historic Districts Commission. She commented that she is looking forward to learning about how much the City does for each citizen and what she can do for her City during her time as a Youth Council Representative. She reported that this month, the Youth Council attended the State of the City address, where they assisted with the event and ensured a wonderful experience for all in attendance. She announced that they have a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, October 7th at 3:30 p.m. at the Rochester Hills Fire Department before they participate in the Fire Department Open House, where they will be helping with the fire safety activities for children and families. She added that they will be attending the Community Foundation Tailgate on Thursday, October 8th.*

***OPC Social & Activity Center Committee:***

***Ms. Mannino*** *encouraged the public to attend the following OPC events:*

*- 50 Plus Expo:*
    *- Wednesday, October 7th*
    *- 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*
    *- Free admission and shuttle service*
    *- Flu shots*
    *- Raffle prizes*
    *- Vendor giveaways*
    *- Great information about:*
        *- Caregiving*
        *- Retirement Living*
        *- Finances*
        *- Wellness*
        *- Housing*
        *- Technology*
*- Artisan Holiday Market*
    *- Saturday, November 7th*
    *- 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*
    *- Local artists and crafters*
    *- $3 at the door*
        *- Supports the OPC Enrichment and Arts*

***Rochester Hills Museum Foundation:***

***Ms. Mannino*** *invited people to the following happenings at the Museum this month:*

*- Museum Open Hours*
*- Fridays and Saturdays*
*- 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.*
*- Guided tour of the Van Hoosen Farmhouse and Red House starting at 1:00 p.m.*
*- History Bites!*
*- Thursday, October 15th*
*- 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.*
*- $30/Museum Member*
*- $35/Non-Member*
*- Registration required*
*- Exploration of the community's history through the lens of photos, newspapers, artifacts, and tasty morsels*
*- Scarecrows in the City*
*- Tuesday, September 29th*
*- 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*
*- $45/Non-Profit*
*- $60/Business*
*- Register by noon on Friday, September 25th*
*- Stone Wall Pumpkin Festival*
*- Saturday, October 10th*
*- 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Pumpkin Carving and Activities*
*- 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. - Pumpkin Lighting*
*- $8/Museum Member*
*- $12/Non-Member*
*- Children under 2 are free*
*- No registration required*
*- Day of ticket sales only*

***Rochester Avon Youth Assistance (RAYA):***

***Mr. Limberg*** *informed the public that RAYA's headquarters have moved, and their new location is the School District Headquarters on Dequindre Road. He provided their contact information:*

*- New Phone: 248-726-3174*
*- New Fax: 248-726-3025*
*- Email: raya@rochester.k12.mi.us*
*- Website: raya-mi.org*

*He announced that RAYA's 2026 Annual Meeting is on Wednesday, October 14th at 8:00 a.m. at the Chief Financial Credit Union on Diversion Street. He detailed that the RAYA Board of Directors is hosting this community event to showcase what RAYA offers youth and families who reside within the Rochester Community School District. He encouraged residents to join RAYA as they celebrate the accomplishments of the past year and outline their goals for the upcoming year. He added that Dave Dulio, Chief Community Engagement Officer at Oakland University, will be the guest speaker.*

***Trailways Commission:***

***Mr. Skelcy*** *reported that the ribbon cutting for Bridge 31.7 was a great event, noting that around 30 people attended and it was a gorgeous fall day. He shared that the path was open as they were giving speeches, providing a unique, living experience. He also detailed that the new bridge replaced one that was over a hundred years old and that there is a stairway that allows people to go down to the river and fly fish.*

## 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.

**2026-0405** Request for Approval of the Amended Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Association (MI-MABAS) Interlocal Agreement

***Attachments:*** 092826 Agenda Summary.pdf
Agreement.pdf
Resolution (Draft).pdf

**This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: RES0234-2026

**Whereas**, the City of Rochester Hills Fire Department seeks to ensure optimal emergency response capabilities, fire protection, suppression, rescue, emergency medical, and technical response services during emergencies, disasters, or severe threats to public safety; and

**Whereas**, in certain situations--including natural disasters and man-made catastrophes--no single community possesses all necessary resources to independently manage every possible emergency or public safety crisis; and

**Whereas**, efficient emergency response is best achieved by establishing prearranged, systematic plans to leverage and share resources with neighboring communities; and

**Whereas**, the Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Association (MI-MABAS) is a statewide mutual aid association established pursuant to the Michigan Urban Cooperation Act of 1967 (1967 PA 7, MCL 124.501 et seq.); and

**Whereas**, the Amended MI-MABAS Interlocal Agreement updates and supersedes prior mutual aid agreements, establishing standardized operational procedures, governance through an Executive Board, clear deployment guidelines for routine mutual aid and Special Operations Teams (including Hazardous Materials, Technical Rescue, and Incident Management Teams), updated administrative bylaws, and updated verbiage regarding cost reimbursement;

***Now, Therefore Be It Resolved***, that the City Council of the City of Rochester Hills hereby approves the Amended Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Association (MI-MABAS) Interlocal Agreement.

**2026-0406** Request for Purchase Authorization - FIRE: Purchase of laptops and extended

warranties for the Fire Department's mobile data computers in the amount of $52,807.86; CDW-G, Vernon Hills, IL

***Attachments:*** 092826 Agenda Summary.pdf
Quote.pdf
Resolution (Draft).pdf

**This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: RES0235-2026

***Resolved***, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes the purchase of laptops and extended warranties for the Fire Department's mobile computers to CDW-G, Vernon Hills, Illinois in the amount of $52,807.86.

***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.

**2026-0403** Request for Approval of Winter Maintenance Agreement for Livernois Road between South Boulevard and Tienken Road between the Road Commission for Oakland County and the City of Rochester Hills for 2026-2027

***Attachments:*** 092826 Agenda Summary.pdf
Letter and Agreement.pdf
Resolution (Draft).pdf

**This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: RES0236-2026

***Resolved***, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the 2026-2027 Winter Maintenance Agreement between the City of Rochester Hills and the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) for Livernois Road between South Boulevard and Tienken Road and further authorizes the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

**2026-0407** Request for Purchase Authorization - DPS/ENG: Contract/Blanket Purchase Order for professional engineering design services for the completion of a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant in the amount not-to-exceed $6,000.00; OHM Advisors, Auburn Hills, MI

***Attachments:*** 092826 Agenda Summary.pdf
Proposal for Services.pdf
Resolution (Draft).pdf

**This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: RES0237-2026

***Resolved***, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a contract/blanket purchase order for professional engineering design services for the completion of a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to OHM Advisors, Auburn Hills, Michigan in the amount not-to-exceed $6,000.00 and further authorizes the Procurement Manager to execute the 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.

**2026-0408** Request for Purchase Authorization - DPS/ENG: Contract/Blanket Purchase Order for the completion of the DPS West Campus Master Plan in the project amount not-to-exceed $53,035.50; Fishbeck, Farmington Hills, MI

***Attachments:*** 092826 Agenda Summary.pdf
Proposal Summary.pdf
Resolution (Draft).pdf

**This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: RES0238-2026

***Resolved***, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a contract/blanket purchase order for the completion of the DPS West Campus Master Plan to Fishbeck, Farmington Hills, Michigan in the project amount not-to-exceed $53,035.50 and further authorizes the Procurement Manager 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.

**2026-0410** Request for Purchase Authorization - CLERKS: Increase to Blanket Purchase Order for Postage in the amount of $25,000.00 for a new not-to-exceed blanket amount of $50,000.00 through December 31, 2026; Pitney Bowes, Inc., Louisville, KY

***Attachments:*** 092826 Agenda Summary.pdf
Resolution (Draft).pdf

**This Matter was Adopted by Resolution on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: RES0239-2026

***Resolved***, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes an increase to the blanket purchase order for postage to Pitney Bowes, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky in the amount of $25,000.00 for a new not-to-exceed blanket amount of $50,000.00 through December 31, 2026.

### Passed the Consent Agenda

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

**Aye** 7 - Blair, Carlock, Mungioli, Neubauer, Limberg, Mannino and Skelcy

## PUBLIC COMMENT for Items not on the Agenda

*None.*

## LEGISLATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

***Mayor Barnett*** *provided the following updates:*

*- The State of the City was a fantastic event. Every year, the City team*

*challenges themselves to find unique ways to tell a story in an engaging way, and they always receive great feedback. They utilize a lot of free talent in the community; this year, they utilized Mr. Blair as the DJ, the Rochester Dance Team, the Stoney Creek Band, the Stoney Creek Cheer Team, and the football teams equipment. Furthermore, the Sign Shop made the field goal posts. He shared that he was looking at the front page of the paper over the weekend and saw a great story about the success of the City. He acknowledged Council for their part in that success. He also thanked his Mayor's Office team for all their work, and thanked Council for attending and supporting the event.*

*- The Art and Apples Festival was a major success. He recognized Shaun Hayes, Executive Director of the Paint Creek Center for the Arts, and his team for pulling off a wonderful event.*

*- The City recently held a ribbon cutting for Comfort Zone, which is located off Auburn Road. A first generation American and his wife opened this heating, cooling, and electrical business, and have hired seven employees.*

*- He recognized the Clerk's Office team, who has already mailed out almost 20,000 absentee ballots, as they head into a busy midterm season. Residents who would like voting information can visit rochesterhills.org/elections or give the Clerk's Office a call.*

*- As the City rolls out of the summer season, he thanked the amazing Spencer Park lifeguards. It is tradition on Labor Day for the head lifeguard to call and officially close the season. Notable statistics from this season include:*

*- 110,000 visitors between Memorial Day and Labor Day*
*- 14 water incidents that required lifeguard assistance*
*- 49 "missing parents" who were reunited with their children*
*- Four days over 100 degrees*
*- First-ever heat-related closure*
*- First-ever smoke- or air quality-related closure*

*- There are a few upcoming bridge closures on the Clinton River and Paint Creek Trails for preventative maintenance:*

*- Paint Creek Trail:*
*- P10, P11, and P12 will be closed starting October 6th for approximately three weeks.*
*- Clinton River Trail:*
*- P5 will be closed starting October 13th for approximately two weeks.*

*- The second annual Trails of Treats will be held on October 17th at Spencer Park. The City needs treat station hosts and is encouraging nonprofits and businesses in the community to participate. To obtain more information, people can visit the City's Facebook page or call the Mayor's Office.*

*- The Stone Wall Pumpkin Festival is the City's largest event in October and will see 3,000-5,000 attendees. He encouraged residents to come out to the event, and thanked Genisys Credit Union for being one of the major sponsors.*

## ATTORNEY'S REPORT

*City Attorney Dan Christ had nothing to report.*

## NEW BUSINESS

**2026-0023** Request for Approval of Extension to the Interlocal Agreement for Clinton River

Oaks County Park between the City of Rochester Hills and Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission through December 31, 2027

***Attachments:*** 092826 Agenda Summary.pdf
Interlocal Agreement Extension.pdf
Exhibit A_Map.pdf
Exhibit B_Costs.pdf
012626 Agenda Summary.pdf
Interlocal Agreement.pdf
Exhibit A_Map.pdf
Exhibit B_Costs.pdf
012626 Resolution.pdf
Resolution (Draft).pdf

***Ken Elwert**, Parks & Natural Resources Director, stated that this item is a request to extend through December 2027 the City's current agreement with Oakland County Parks for the maintenance of the area of Bloomer Park they are leasing to create the new Clinton River Oaks County Park. He detailed that this would generate an additional $25,000 this year and $99,000 next year for the continuation of mowing, plowing, and responding to incidents or maintenance issues on the trails. He referred to Vice President Mungioli's comment at the Budget Meeting regarding the fact that Oakland County Parks had indicated they were leaning the other way, but noted that they have since changed their minds. He added that the City is happy to accommodate this agreement if Council would like to move forward with it.*

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

**Aye** 7 - Blair, Carlock, Mungioli, Neubauer, Limberg, Mannino and Skelcy

Enactment No: RES0240-2026

***Resolved***, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the extension of the Interlocal Agreement for Maintenance of Clinton River Oaks County Park between the City of Rochester Hills and Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission through December 31, 2027 and further authorizes the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

**2026-0404** Request for Purchase Authorization - DPS/ENG: Blanket Purchase Order/Contract for design engineering services for four (4) HAWK signals along Clinton River Trail in the amount not-to-exceed $118,700.00; Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc., Bloomfield Hills, MI

***Attachments:*** 092826 Agenda Summary.pdf
Proposal for Services.pdf
Resolution (Draft).pdf
SUPPL Grant-Funded Project Locations.pdf

***Tracey Balint**, Public Services Director/City Engineer, stated that the HAWK signals will be installed along the Clinton River Trail at Adams, Crooks, Avon, and Livernois. She shared that these pedestrian safety enhancements are supported by a 2028 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Grant that covers a large portion of the construction costs. She specified that it is 90 percent grant and 10 percent match for Rochester Hills. She continued that approval tonight will allow design, surveying, and permitting to begin immediately, supported by a*

*Third Quarter Budget Amendment to bring design funding into the current fiscal year ahead of construction. She added that the designs adhere to State and federal MUTCD standards, providing a solid red stop protection for trail users at these busy crossings. She also shared that the City has received several grants for HAWK signals and rapid flashing beacons, and displayed a map identifying all of the proposed projects for 2027 and 2028:*

*- Two rapid flashing beacons on Tienken*
*- Two HAWK signals on Hamlin:*
*- Hamlin Elementary*
*- Clinton River Trail Crossing*
*- Three HAWK signals on John R*
*- Four HAWK signals at Clinton River Trail crossings*

***President Carlock** shared that he got caught in some traffic at Yates this weekend, and drivers were stopped because there were pedestrians, who had pushed the button on the HAWK signal, waiting. He noted that the light did not change to red, and questioned whether there is a cooldown before the solid red appears on a HAWK signal.*

***Ms. Balint** voiced her understanding that the signal holds a yellow before going to red.*

***President Carlock** inquired about what happens after it goes from red to off.*

***Ms. Balint** stated that she would look into it. She requested confirmation that the signal turned off and the cars did not move.*

***President Carlock** confirmed Ms. Balint's understanding, explaining that there were still pedestrians who did not cross, as they pushed the button and the signal did not turn red immediately. He expressed his belief that there is a cooldown, and noted that he would like to understand the duration of that period.*

***Mr. Limberg** expressed how thrilled he was to see this item on the agenda, sharing that he loves the HAWK signals and the Clinton River Trail. He commented that when he drives through the intersections, he sees all sorts of riders and walkers crossing the street, but not all cars stop. He underscored that safety is paramount to him.*

***Mr. Blair** voiced his appreciation for Ms. Balint bringing this item to Council, echoing Mr. Limberg's excitement to see improved pedestrian safety. He expressed concern over the physical proximity between some of the HAWK signals; specifically, the one on Avon just east of Livernois and the one on Livernois just south of Avon. He pointed out that this intersection is very busy, and questioned whether these signals are going to be interlocked, noting that he can picture that being detrimental to throughput in that intersection.*

***Ms. Balint** responded that she does not believe those signals will be interlocked but that she can look into it.*

***Mr. Blair** added that the City has never had HAWK signals in such close*

*proximity, and opined that if they are going to pay that much for engineering, they should ensure there are enough smarts in the system.*

***Ms. Mannino** noted that the amount Council is approving today is not currently in the 2026 budget but will be included in the adjusted forecast. She questioned whether the current item will be the only spend outside of the construction.*

***Ms. Balint** explained that they have their local match, which was identified, and the only other cost will be the construction engineering, which will likely be around $150,000. She added that once the project is bid and they have an inspector, they may want to outsource the construction engineering to their consultant since they are more familiar with HAWK signal construction.*

***Ms. Neubauer** congratulated DPS on obtaining the grants, sharing that the City has asked for HAWK signals. She voiced her hope that they can implement more signals in locations where kids are crossing in front of schools.*

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

**Aye** 7 - Blair, Carlock, Mungioli, Neubauer, Limberg, Mannino and Skelcy

Enactment No: RES0241-2026

***Resolved***, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a blanket purchase order/contract for design engineering services for four (4) HAWK signals along Clinton River Trail to Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc., Bloomfield Hills, Michigan in the amount not-to-exceed $118,700.00 and further authorizes the Procurement Manager to execute the 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.

**2023-0497** Request for Purchase Authorization - FACILITIES: Increase to the Contract/Blanket Purchase Order for as-needed tuckpointing, stone replacement, and masonry repair in the amount of $85,000.00 for a new not-to-exceed amount of $169,000.00 through November 30, 2026; Poe Restoration and Waterproofing Company, Oak Park, MI

***Attachments:*** 092826 Agenda Summary.pdf
121123 Agenda Summary.pdf
Proposals Tabulation.pdf
120423 Agenda Summary.pdf
120423 Resolution.pdf
121123 Resolution.pdf
Resolution (Draft).pdf

***Mike Viazanko**, Building/Ordinance/Facilities Director, shared that late last winter, they noticed some structural concerns with one of the silos at the Museum, and it took them the summer to conduct the assessments, get a plan in place, and find a contractor that could do the work. He specified that Poe Restoration has done a lot of work for the City on tuckpointing repairs and Museum repairs and most recently completed work at Fire Station One.*

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

**Aye** 7 - Blair, Carlock, Mungioli, Neubauer, Limberg, Mannino and Skelcy

Enactment No: RES0242-2026

***Resolved***, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes an increase to the contract/blanket purchase order for as-needed tuckpointing, stone replacement, and masonry repair to Poe Restoration and Waterproofing Company, Oak Park, Michigan in the amount of $85,000.00 for a new not-to-exceed amount of $169,000.00 through November 30, 2026.

**2026-0386** Request for Purchase Authorization - COMMUNICATIONS: Blanket Purchase Order/Contract for the City's Telecommunication Services including Voice, Data, and CATV in the amount not-to-exceed $210,000.00 through September 30, 2029; Wide Open West, Inc., (WOW), Madison Heights, MI

***Attachments:*** 092826 Agenda Summary.pdf
Proposal Summary.pdf
Resolution (Draft).pdf

***Vince Foisy**, Communications Systems Administrator, stated that Wide Open West (WOW) is the City's current provider for internet support services for all City sites. He shared that the only difference with this contract is that WOW no longer supports free cable TV services since they are all getting out of the business. He detailed that WOW is subcontracting those services to a third party. He added that the contract terms for both Comcast and WOW expired and that they no longer want to continue those for the City.*

***Mr. Blair** commented that they were reminded at the State of the City just how many years Mr. Foisy has put into communications for the City. He questioned whether this will be the last three-year contract he will bring to Council.*

***Mr. Foisy** responded that you never know.*

***Mr. Blair** expressed his appreciation for all of Mr. Foisy's work. He emphasized that providing voice, video, and data to 15 locations and keeping it under $5,000 a month with fiber services and direct links is a tremendous deal. He also voiced his appreciation for the City sticking with WOW, as it is nice to keep it local.*

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

**Aye** 7 - Blair, Carlock, Mungioli, Neubauer, Limberg, Mannino and Skelcy

Enactment No: RES0243-2026

***Resolved***, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a blanket purchase order/contract for the City's Telecommunication Services including Voice, Data, and CATV to Wide Open West, Inc., (WOW), Madison Heights, Michigan in the amount not-to-exceed $210,000.00 through September 30, 2029 and further authorizes the Procurement Manager 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.

**2026-0398** Request for Approval for the Police-School Liaison Program 2026-2027 School-Year Contract between the Rochester Community Schools, the City of Rochester, Oakland Township, and the City of Rochester Hills

***Attachments:*** 092826 Agenda Summary.pdf
Agreement.pdf
Resolution (Draft).pdf

***Joe Snyder**, Chief Financial Officer, and **Captain Paul Workman**, Oakland County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) were present.*

***Mr. Snyder** stated that this Police-School Liaison Program covers two OCSO School Resource Officers, one OCSO Detective Sergeant, and two City of Rochester Police Department Officers, who are all responsible for providing services to the various Rochester Community Schools (RCS). He added that the City of Rochester Hills serves as the fiduciary of the Rochester Community Schools Police-Liaison Program, expending all the dollars and invoicing the respective entities for their contractual share of the program.*

***Ms. Neubauer** noted that RCS is still short one officer, and expressed her desire to add that officer back. She underscored the fact that the City was defunded by the Oakland County Commissioners, who cut the City's budget and then charged them 37 percent over three years for services they had already budgeted for and allowed. She questioned how close the City is to restoring the officer position, and whether there is any State funding available.*

***Captain Workman** responded that they are in constant communication with RCS, who is very open to restoring that position. He noted that he is not aware of any State funding available. He explained that the school district's budget runs in July, so they have to have it in around the June or July timeframe. He reported that he has been told they would consider bringing the officer position back in June or July of next year and having it in place by August. He emphasized that this is tentative, as discussions are ongoing. He also clarified that it was the school district's decision, not the Sheriff's Department's or the City's, to cut the officer from their budget.*

***Ms. Neubauer** emphasized that the City would never have cut the officer position. She added that by supporting their students, they support the Police Department, and by supporting the Police Department, they support their students.*

***Mayor Barnett** shared that there is a group that used to meet to discuss this program, and they are reassembling the group. He detailed that the group includes the Supervisor of Oakland Township, the City Manager of Rochester, Captain Workman, RCS Superintendent Nick Russo, and himself. He explained that they would like to start meeting again in hopes of facilitating a better communication exchange, both about the funding aspects, as they initiated some funding changes last year, and what they are seeing on the ground. He added that they have a meeting set in early October and that they will hopefully be able to respond to some of the questions being asked and communicate on a more regular basis with the*

*decision-makers moving forward.*

***Ms. Neubauer** pointed out that although City Council and the administration would like the restoration of this position to be a priority, it is frustrating that it is now the second or third year without this officer in the schools. She noted that the absence of this position takes away a critical skill set. She continued that it is great that everybody is willing to communicate, but she wants to see action. She commented that for her, this matter goes back to what Oakland County did: defund the 37 percent and then give themselves a 24 percent salary raise, even though they had already approved the budget two weeks prior. She noted that this means there is money somewhere; it is just not going to the students and police. She emphasized that she wants the kids and officers protected and does not want anybody short-staffed, and stated that the fact that the money was approved and then taken away leaves a bad taste in her mouth.*

***Mayor Barnett** acknowledged Ms. Neubauer's comments, and underscored that the decision to cut the officer position was not one made by City Council or the administration. He reiterated that getting people back to the table and making this a more topical conversation is part of the long-term goal that will hopefully happen in the short-term.*

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

**Aye** 7 - Blair, Carlock, Mungioli, Neubauer, Limberg, Mannino and Skelcy

Enactment No: RES0244-2026

***Resolved***, that the City of Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the Rochester Community Schools Police-School Liaison Program Budget for the 2026-2027 School-Year in the amount of $959,195, of which as a participating party, the City of Rochester Hills' contribution is $321,564, as presented, and to invoice the respective entities for their contractual share of the program.

***Be It Further Resolved*,** that the Mayor is authorized to execute the Contract on behalf of the City.

**2026-0401** Request for Approval for the Police-School Liaison Program 2026-2027 School-Year Contract between the Avondale School District and the City of Rochester Hills

***Attachments:*** 092826 Agenda Summary.pdf
Agreement.pdf
Resolution (Draft).pdf

***Joe Snyder**, Chief Financial Officer, and **Captain Paul Workman**, Oakland County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) were present.*

***Mr. Snyder** stated that this Police-School Liaison Program covers one OCSO School Resource Officer, who is responsible for providing services to the two Avondale School District schools that are located within the City of Rochester Hills; namely, Deerfield Elementary and Avondale Middle School. He explained that similar to the Rochester Schools agreement, the City of Rochester Hills serves as a fiduciary of the Avondale School District Police-School Liaison Program; the City expends all the dollars and invoices the Avondale School District for their*

*contractual share of the program.*

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

**Aye** 7 - Blair, Carlock, Mungioli, Neubauer, Limberg, Mannino and Skelcy

Enactment No: RES0245-2026

***Resolved***, that the City of Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the Avondale School District Police-School Liaison Program Budget for the 2026-2027 School-Year in the amount of $183,881, and to invoice the respective entities for their contractual share of the program.

***Be It Further Resolved,*** that the Mayor is authorized to execute the Contract on behalf of the City.

**2026-0384** Request for Purchase Authorization - TREASURY/ASSESSING: Contract/Blanket Purchase Order for printing and mailing of Treasurer property tax billings and Assessing notices and statements in the amount not-to-exceed $172,000.00 through September 30, 2029; Wolverine Solutions Group, Detroit, MI

***Attachments:*** 092826 Agenda Summary.pdf
Proposal Summary.pdf
Resolution (Draft).pdf

***Joe Snyder****, Chief Financial Officer, and* ***Laurie Taylor****, Assessing Director, were present.*

***Mr. Snyder*** *stated that per State law and City Charter, the City is required to mail out to all taxpayers property tax bills, assessment notices, and statements. He shared that as the prior three-year contract is expiring, the City of Rochester Hills Purchasing Division solicited proposals from qualified and experienced companies to provide the printing services and related postage. He announced that after review from City staff, Wolverine Solutions Group of Detroit, Michigan was selected as the best value provider for offering quality service at reasonable pricing. He detailed that the committee noted that Wolverine's multiple local plant locations ensure operational redundancy and timeline reliability, and Wolverine demonstrates strong municipal experience through successful past performance with clients, including the City of Detroit and Oakland County. He added that the references were all vetted and that the City is confident the vendor will perform satisfactorily in accordance with this contract.*

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

**Aye** 7 - Blair, Carlock, Mungioli, Neubauer, Limberg, Mannino and Skelcy

Enactment No: RES0246-2026

***Resolved***, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby authorizes a contract/blanket purchase order for printing and mailing of Treasurer property tax billings and Assessing notices and statements to Wolverine Solutions Group, Detroit, Michigan in the amount not-to-exceed $172,000.00 through September 30, 2029 and further authorizes the Procurement Manager 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.

**2026-0342** Adoption of Winter 2026 Millage Rates

***Attachments:*** 092826 Agenda Summary.pdf
Public Hearing Notice.pdf
Resolution (Draft).pdf

***Joe Snyder****, Chief Financial Officer, stated that these Millage Rates will provide the funding for the City of Rochester Hills, the Older Persons' Commission, the Rochester Avon Recreation Authority, and the Rochester Hills Public Library's Fiscal Year 2027 Budgets. He shared that these are the levies that will be included on the upcoming Winter 2026 tax bills and will provide funding for Fiscal Year 2027. He noted that the bottom line Millage Rate as proposed sets the City's overall Millage Rate at 11.7753 mill, and this is an increase of 0.5 mill from the bottom line City Millage Rate levied last year. He explained that this increase is due to the voter approval of a 0.5 mill increase to the Fire Charter Levy to hire 12 additional Firefighter/Paramedics starting next year. He added that this Millage Rate keeps the City of Rochester Hills among the lowest Millage Rates among all cities in Oakland County, detailing that the 11.7753 Millage Rate will set the City of Rochester Hills as the third lowest Millage Rate among all cities in Oakland County with a population of 5,000 or more residents. He noted that coming in at a distant number four is the City of Rochester at 12.8 mill. He added that also included in the resolution are the Special Lighting Levies for the Christian Hills and Denison Acres subdivisions. He concluded by stating that it is requested for City Council to approve the Winter 2026 Millage Rates, which will allow the City to provide their Millage Rates to the Oakland County Department of Equalization by October 1st.*

***President Carlock*** *voiced City Council's excitement to keep the millage increases to a bare minimum and significantly increase the City's services to the citizens.*

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

**Aye** 7 - Blair, Carlock, Mungioli, Neubauer, Limberg, Mannino and Skelcy

Enactment No: RES0247-2026

**Whereas**, in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 2 of 1968, Public Act 621 of 1978, the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act for Local Government, and Section III of the Charter for the City of Rochester Hills; the Mayor, as the Chief Administrative and Executive Officer for the City, has prepared and proposed the budget for the ensuing year and submitted it to the City Council at its first meeting in August; and

**Whereas**, at its August 10, 2026 meeting City Council acknowledged receipt from the Mayor of the Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed and 2028-2029 Projected Budget and set a Public Hearing for September 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. to hear comments on the Proposed Budget Plan and Millage Rates; and

**Whereas**, at its September 14, 2026 meeting City Council held said Public Hearing and

heard comments on the Proposed Budget Plan and Millage Rates.

***Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved***, the City Council hereby adopts the following tax rates in accordance with Chapter IV, Taxation, specifically Section 4.1, Power to Tax and Secure Revenue, and Section 4.2, Charter Tax Rate & Special Voted Millage(s) Limitation, to be levied in December 2026 to provide the tax revenues included in the Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget:

| PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES | |
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| **Operating Millages:** | **Winter 2026** |
| **General Fund (Charter)** | 2.7654 |
| **Local Street (Voted)** | 1.0448 |
| **Fire Fund (Charter)** | 3.2000 |
| **Police (Voted)** | 2.8460 |
| **Park Infrastructure (Voted)** | 0.1607 |
| **Pathway (Voted)** | 0.1701 |
| **RARA Operating (Voted)** | 0.1787 |
| **OPC Operating (Voted)** | 0.3074 |
| **Library I (Charter)** | 0.7188 |
| **Library II (Voted)** | 0.3834 |
| **Operating - Subtotal** | **11.7753** |
| **TOTAL MILLAGES** | **11.7753** |

The Total Millage rate of **11.7753** is per Thousand Dollars ($1,000) of taxable valuation, as equalized; and

***Be It Further Resolved***, the City Council hereby adopts the following Special Lighting levies for the Christian Hills Subdivision at the rate of $17.29 per lot or description; and for the Denison Acres Subdivision at the rate of $6.45 per lot or description; and

***Be It Further Resolved***, that the Assessor of the City of Rochester Hills be and hereby is authorized to have said amounts spread on the Winter 2026 Tax Rolls.

***Mayor Barnett*** *thanked City Council for their longstanding support and partnership on behalf of the administration. He noted that the budget process starts in February and entails months of discussions with the team members to ultimately present a budget they believe is the best use of the residents' tax dollars. He expressed his pride in the work they do as a leadership team, specifically thanking Mr. Snyder and the entire Fiscal team for managing every resource. He also thanked City Council, acknowledging that they do not always agree on every aspect of the budget but that that is the beauty of a seven-member Council. He noted that the Department Directors attend every City Council Meeting to be available for any questions even up until the last minute, and added that this will be about a decade of hopefully unanimously supported budgets. He acknowledged that the City's situation is not common and that they recognize and appreciate it.*

***President Carlock*** *added that City Council values the relationship with the administration as well.*

**2026-0341** Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

***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

***Joe Snyder**, Chief Financial Officer, stated that he and the City's Directors are here to request City Council's formal approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed Budget for the City of Rochester Hills. He shared that the first step in establishing the Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed Budget Plan was to meet with City Council's Strategic Planning and Policy Review Technical Review Committee back in May to review and confirm City Council's goals and objectives for the upcoming year. He explained that with City Council's vision for the City in mind, City staff and the Mayor worked over the spring and summer to develop this latest budget plan covering Fiscal Years 2027 to 2029. He reported that on July 13th, he presented a long-term Seven-Year Forecast covering Fiscal Years 2027 to 2033, laying out the long-term assumptions and financial outlook for the City. He continued that on August 10th, the Mayor's Proposed Three-Year Budget Plan covering Fiscal Years 2027 to 2029 was formally presented per the City Charter at City Council's first meeting in August. He detailed that City Council then reviewed the proposed budget information and provided a list of questions on the Proposed Budget Plan, along with administrative responses, which will be included as part of the budget agenda package once this item is formally approved. He noted that on August 17th, the City held a public Budget Workshop, where each department presented their proposed budget plans and was available for questions and comments. He added that on September 14th, they held a Public Hearing to provide an additional opportunity for public comments. He stated that that process brings them to tonight, September 28th, where as a collective City team, they respectfully request City Council's support and approval of the City's Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Plan. He noted that he, along with the Mayor and the City's Directors, fully supports this budget.*

***Vice President Mungioli** informed residents that she asked preliminary questions on almost every single item on tonight's agenda and that if people would like copies of the responses she received from the administration, they should contact her. She expressed her appreciation for the staff's time and diligence in providing answers, which give her the ability to answer residents' questions. She emphasized that it is extremely important for her as a Council Member to be accountable to the residents, noting that City Council is responsible for ensuring that all $213,839,720 of the residents' tax dollars are appropriated properly. She commented that asking questions can be challenging at times, explaining that those questions are not always appreciated because they make meetings last longer than some people would like. She reiterated that she is responsible for the taxpayers' dollars and answering residents' questions, and encouraged her fellow Council Members to ask questions and make motions at meetings as well.*

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

**Aye** 7 - Blair, Carlock, Mungioli, Neubauer, Limberg, Mannino and Skelcy

Enactment No: RES0248-2026

**Whereas**, in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 2 of 1968, Public Act 621 of 1978, the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act for Local Government, the Special Appropriations Act pursuant to PA 493 of 2000, and Section III of the Charter for the City of Rochester Hills, the Mayor as the Chief Executive Officer prepared the proposed budget for the ensuing year and submitted it to the Council at its first meeting in August; and

**Whereas**, at its August 10, 2026 meeting City Council acknowledged receipt from the Mayor of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Plan and set a Public Hearing to be held September 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. to solicit comments on the proposed budget plan from the public; and

**Whereas**, at its September 14, 2026 meeting City Council held said Public Hearing on the proposed budget plan and the related millage rates to defray the Fiscal Year 2027 proposed budget expenditures; and

**Whereas**, subsequent to the City Council's review and comments, the Mayor adjusted the original proposed budget;

***Resolved***, the following list of funds sets forth the general appropriations for the City and adopts the following City Budgets for Fiscal Year 2027.

***Be It Further Resolved***, the Mayor is hereby authorized to administratively adjust the operating budget line items up to $25,000 per event, but in no case may total expenditures of a particular fund exceed that which is appropriated by the City Council without a budget amendment. Adjustments from capital accounts and fund balances shall be made only by further action of the City Council.

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| Fund 101 - General Fund | $ | 37,178,970 |
| Fund 202 - Major Road Fund | | 12,155,870 |
| Fund 203 - Local Street Fund | | 12,025,310 |
| Fund 206 - Fire Fund | | 19,288,240 |
| Fund 207 - Special Police Fund | | 16,028,830 |
| Fund 208 - Parks Infrastructure Millage Fund | | 828,460 |
| Fund 213 - RARA Millage Fund | | 907,160 |
| Fund 214 - Pathway Millage Fund | | 953,050 |
| Fund 232 - Tree Fund | | 225,000 |
| Fund 244 - Water Resources Fund | | 1,171,180 |
| Fund 265 - OPC Millage Fund | | 1,560,750 |
| Fund 286 - EGLE Grant Fund | | 275,000 |
| Fund 299 - Green Space Operating Fund | | 327,740 |
| Fund 402 - Fire Capital Fund | | 804,720 |
| Fund 403 - Pathway Construction Fund | | 2,344,960 |
| Fund 420 - Capital Improvement Fund | | 6,451,500 |
| Fund 510 - Sewer Operations | | 18,053,310 |
| Fund 530 - Water Operations | | 26,376,380 |
| Fund 593 - Water & Sewer Capital Fund | | 19,010,160 |
| Fund 595 - Water & Sewer Debt Fund | | 1,321,420 |
| Fund 596 - Solid Waste Fund | | 724,970 |
| Fund 631 - Facilities Fund | | 20,273,690 |
| Fund 636 - MIS Fund | | 5,928,490 |
| Fund 661 - Fleet Fund | | 6,910,250 |
| Fund 677 - Insurance Fund | | 540,000 |
| Fund 736 - Retiree Health Care Trust | | 234,360 |
| Fund 752 - Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund | | 7,920 |
| Fund 760 - Green Space Perpetual Care Fund | | 266,130 |
| Fund 243 - Brownfield Revolving Fund | | - |
| Fund 844 - Brownfield Redevelopment Fund / Legacy | | 1,105,130 |
| Fund 845 - Brownfield Redevelopment Fund / Rochester @ Avon | | 43,370 |
| Fund 848 - LDFA Fund | | 517,300 |
| Fund 870 - Museum Foundation Trust Fund | | 100 |
| Total | **$** | **213,839,720** |

# ANY OTHER BUSINESS

## NEXT MEETING DATE

*- Regular Meeting - Monday - October 12, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.*

## ADJOURNMENT

*There being no further business before Council, it was moved by Mungioli and seconded by Neubauer to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 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.*