City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2026-0465

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Tracey Balint, P.E., Director Department of Public Services

DATE: November 9, 2026

SUBJECT: Annual Rochester Hometown Christmas Parade - 2026

REQUEST:

The *Annual Rochester Hometown Christmas Parade* is planned to be held on **Sunday, December 6, 2026**. The Cities of Rochester Hills and Rochester jointly host this event, under the auspices of the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce. The staging of floats will occur the morning of the parade at Stoney Creek High School and proceed along Sheldon Road to Tienken Road to Rochester Road. The parade commences at **2:00 p.m.** on Rochester Road, south of Tienken Road in the City of Rochester Hills, and proceeds south along Rochester Road to Third Street in downtown Rochester.

BACKGROUND:

The parade will result in the closures of Rochester Road between Tienken & Avon Roads, as well as all intersecting streets, and for a short duration along Tienken between Rochester Road & Sheldon Road, including all intersecting streets. As in previous years, the City of Rochester will handle obtaining permits from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the entire parade route, while our City will assist by operating under our annual permit from the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) and placing traffic control devices for the parade detour routing.

The roads included in this year's detour include Rochester Road, Livernois Road, Avon Road, Tienken Road, Letica Drive, and E. Second Street. The Department of Public Services will provide traffic control devices for staging the detour and road closures, which will last from approximately **12 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Per necessary permit requirements from the Road Commission, we must provide a certified Resolution from City Council supporting the permit application. The proposed resolution is attached for City Council's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Public Services recommends that the Rochester Hills City Council authorize the Mayor or his agents to make application to the Road Commission for Oakland County for the necessary permits for posting road closures and detour routes for the *2026 Annual Rochester Area Hometown Christmas Parade* scheduled for **Sunday, December 6, 2026.**

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
City Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney ☐ Yes ☒ N/A

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