



Rochester Hills

Minutes - Draft

Rochester Hills Government Youth Council

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Marvie Neubauer, City Council Liaison; Erin McKay Mims, Youth Council Liaison

Thursday, August 13, 2026

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Joshi called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Eliza Pizzuti, Siddh Sheth, Jackson Deel, Isabella Blakeley, Lucas DiGrande, Sasha Joshi, Christina Wang, Oliver Blakeley, Saachi Dahanukar, Jueon Kim, Dev Shah and Andrew Thomas

Excused 4 - Janelle Hayes, Seo-Yun Woo, Brennan Deel and Kishyo Giri

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motioned by Sheth and seconded by Blakeley to approve the June 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes as presented.

2026-0301

June 3, 2026 Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [060326 RHGYC Regular Meeting Min.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Resolved, that June 3, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes be approved as presented

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

The City of Rochester Hills Planning Department conducted a focus group with the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council with Beckett and Raeder Landscape Architects and HRC Engineering.

Presentation Notes:

- Safety & Parks and Recreation (Working on a community sewerage plan)*
- Flyer includes: Mapping tools to share information about the parks and public improvements, QR code for Community Survey form.*
- Mapping tools: Allow you to see different transportation options and routes in Rochester Hills, and analytics give suggestions to the City Council for new plans to be made.*
- Parks and Rec Plan: updated every 5 years, establishes a need for improvements*
- Format include: Community Profile, administrative structure, parks inventory, public participation, and implementation.*
- Chance for in person feedback: On September 21, Public Open House at City Hall*
- Time was allotted to answer questions and give comments for feedback.*
- Community Stewardship Plan: Establish pillars of priorities for sustainability.*
- Stewardship Plan includes: Vision statement, Baseline assessment, stewardship pillars and priorities, and implementation and action plan.*
- Food waste knowledge: Children can learn about food waste disposal and influence parents and other children.*
- Transportation Master Plan: Updating a 2021 plan, gathering input from stakeholders and feedback from community members based on usage and issues.*
- Transportation Plans include: Previous planning efforts, existing conditions on the transportation network, public and stakeholder engagement, vision and goals, transportation systems evaluation and recommendation, and an action plan.*
- Safe streets 4 all plan includes: A comprehensive crash data set, programs for neighborhood traffic calming, and non-motorized pathways gaps study.*
- Complete the Survey: Located on the Community Engagement page*

on the Rochester Hills website.

Dais Reports:

-Eliza Pizzuti: 6/8/2026

- Approval of fireworks for Festival of the Hills*
- Presentation from Midwest Strategy*
- Passed resolution opposing 2 Michigan house bills for municipal zoning*
- Recognized America 250 with a presentation*
- Awards for environmental sustainability*
- Approved DPS purchase of uniform rental service*

-Oliver Blakeley: 6/22/2026

- Motion of increase the City-wide budget*
- Additions to new departments*
- 2 million dollar water replacement*
- Printing service*

- Janelle Hayes 7/13/2026

- New Youth Council members approved*

- Sasha Joshi 7/27/2026

- Peace Love and Me event overview*
- Fall Classic Event*
- Daivid Blair: Heat wave*
- Pathways millage approval: emergency vehicle response time*
- 2nd Best city for engineers*
- Planning commission award*
- Survey discussion*

Technical Review Committee Meetings:

-Planning Commission: 6/16/2026

- Approval for selling alcohol Perks Pub*
- Tree removal permit was approved*

- Liquor License Technical Review Committee: 6/30/2026

- Perks Pub approval for a Class C liquor license*
- Promotion of alcohol at night, not during daytime*

-Green Space Committee 7/28/2026

- Stand Tech for re-spouts and sprout ups treatments*
- Herbicides and Pesticides increase*

- Red Oak tree had an increased amount of pesticides
- Avon nature area approved
- New signs for green spaces (300)
- Bee property transferred
- August walk for Green Space

- Sister City Meeting 8/12/2026
- "Stories Untold"- Veterans stories on display and information about soldiers
- Memorial Day parade: Old coordinator is stepping down, and looking for a new group to take the event over.

- Historical Districts meeting 6/9/2026
- Concerns about type of buildings for historical district
- American 250 Celebration with Ice Cream social
- Distributing community passports for the youth
- Prominent historical maps on different topics

Updates:

- City Council Liaison
 - New Data center is being pushed to a later time
 - New residential building debate: 8/18/2026 Meeting with possible protesters
- RHGYC Adult Advisor
 - Makeup Orientation next Wednesday @10:00 am

- City Council Liaison updates from Councilwoman Neubauer

- Updates from Adult Advisor
- Orientation tomorrow
- 8 new members and 2 associate members. Looking forward to a great year.
- Looking forward to continuous improvement over this next year

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Recap from the Brookland's Block Party:

Ms. Dahanukar mentioned more preparation for roles beforehand.

Mr. Kim mentioned needing to replace some items, more tote bags and shirts.

Mr. Sheth mentioned trying to balance the dye colors, proactive for the spread of the colors.

Ms. Wang spoke on the tub of water preparation beforehand, find areas for water, tote-bags 100% cotton.

Mr. Shah mentioned the idea of signage with on tutorials on how to tie dye.

Mr. Kim also mentioned the need for more signage for the materials, two lines for traffic.

Ms. Joshi suggested bigger spray bottles for next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming RHGYC Dates:

-RHGYC Orientation for the 2026-2027 Youth Council

- September Regular Meeting will be Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at City Hall at 6:00pm

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Regular Meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Rochester Hills Government Youth Council, it was moved by Bella and seconded by Eliza to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Note:

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