



# Rochester Hills Minutes City Council Special Meeting

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*Erik Ambrozaitis, Bryan K. Barnett, Jim Duistermars, Barbara Holder,  
Linda Raschke, James Rosen, Ravi Yalamanchi*

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Wednesday, April 5, 2006

6:30 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

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In accordance with the provisions of Act 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, the Open Meetings Act, notice was given that a Special Rochester Hills City Council Meeting would be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of Announcing and Accepting the Resignation of Pat Somerville, Mayor of the City of Rochester Hills.

## CALL TO ORDER

*President Rosen called the Special Rochester Hills City Council Meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. Michigan Time.*

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** Erik Ambrozaitis, Bryan Barnett, Jim Duistermars, Barbara Holder, Linda Raschke, James Rosen and Ravi Yalamanchi

### Others Present:

*Pat Somerville, Mayor  
Judy Bialk, Recording Secretary  
Nancy Bowman, Human Resources Staffing Analyst  
Jim Bradford, Deputy Fire Chief  
Dan Casey, Manager of Economic Development  
Ralph "Bud" Clark, Crew Leader  
Bill Cooke, Fire Inspector  
Scott Cope, Director of Building/Ordinance Enforcement  
Ron Crowell, Fire Chief  
Tanya Crowell, Account Clerk I  
Paul Davis, City Engineer  
Kurt Dawson, Director of Treasury/Assessing  
Derek Delacourt, Deputy Director of Planning  
Sandy DiSipio, Office Coordinator B  
Jean Farris, Supervisor of Procurement  
Josy Foisy, Clerk D  
Susan Galeczka, Deputy Clerk  
Bob Grace, Director of MIS  
Mike Hartner, Director of Parks & Forestry  
Karl Holder, Training Coordinator - Fire  
Julie Jenuwine, Director of Finance  
Marie Killen, Human Resources Benefits Analyst  
Kevin Krajewski, Deputy Director of MIS/Network Administrator  
Raymond "Bud" Leafdale, General Superintendent  
William "Ed" Leafdale, General Foreman  
Pam Lee, City Accountant  
Pam Lee, Director of Human Resources  
Jane Leslie, City Clerk  
Kim Murphey, Administrative Coordinator - DPS*

*Kim O'Shea, Departmental Assistant  
Pam Olson, Computer/Publishing Specialist  
Marilyn Paulsen-Tomaszewski, Purchasing Analyst  
Nancy Peek, Election Coordinator  
Roger Rousse, Director of DPS/Engineering  
Leanne Scott, Human Resources Technician  
Paul Shumejko, Transportation Engineer  
Bob Smith, Captain - Oakland County Sheriff's Department  
John Staran, City Attorney  
Steven Swann, Light Equipment Operator  
Charlotte Taravella, Executive Assistant  
Bob White, Supervisor of Ordinance Services  
Gerald Yurgo, Fire Captain/Suppression*

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## PUBLIC COMMENT

*None.*

## CITY COUNCIL

2006-0269

Announcement and Acceptance of the Mayor of the City of Rochester Hills' Resignation

**Attachments:** Letter Mayor Somerville.pdf; 0269 Resolution.pdf

**Mayor Pat Somerville** announced her resignation due to health issues. She praised the City employees for their hard work during her administration and thanked the residents of Rochester Hills for allowing her to serve as their mayor.

**Mr. Rosen** praised Mayor Somerville for her dedicated service to the City, noting she had served on the Planning Commission, the City Council and then as Mayor.

**Mr. Barnett** expressed his amazement at how well Mayor Somerville knew the City of Rochester Hills and its residents and noted that he had learned a great deal from her. He stated that she would be remembered as "The People's Mayor" and thanked her for her years of service.

**Mr. Ambrozaitis** wished Mayor Somerville the best of luck and a speedy recovery.

**Mr. Duistermars** noted that, having no family in Michigan, he considered Mayor Somerville his "adopted mom." He stated he appreciated her wise counsel and will miss her "dearly."

**Ms. Holder** described Mayor Somerville's "special way of making people feel on the same level with you." She described the retiring Mayor as "a little lady with a big heart."

**Ms. Raschke** read a letter from **Loren and Rea Siffring**, 971 Dutton Road, expressing their admiration for the Mayor and extending their best wishes. She then expressed her own "deepest respect" for the Mayor, noting that she had "carved a path for women" in the City.

**Mr. Yalamanchi** thanked Mayor Somerville for her service to the community and thanked her family for sharing her with the City.

**Mayor Somerville** again praised the dedication of all City employees stating they are "always there to serve you politely."

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*Ms. Linda Davis-Kirksey, 1337 North Acre Drive, offered some reminiscences from her time working on Mayor Somerville's campaigns, noting she was "in awe of her tenaciousness, feistiness and knowledge of the City." She described Mayor Somerville as an inspiration both personally and professionally.*

*Ms. Sue Ann Douglas, District 12 County Commissioner, 1228 North Main Street, Rochester, expressed her warm wishes for Mayor Somerville.*

*President Rosen, speaking for all those in attendance, stated, "We all wish you the very best."*

**A motion was made by Holder, seconded by Duistermars, that this matter be Adopted by Resolution.**

**Whereas, Mayor Pat Somerville began her service to the City of Rochester Hills when she was appointed to the Planning Commission in 1990 and was reappointed in 1993; and**

**Whereas, Mayor Somerville was elected to City Council in 1993 and was re-elected to Council in 1995; and**

**Whereas, Mayor Somerville was elected as Mayor in 1999 and was re-elected as Mayor in 2003; and**

**Whereas, Pat Somerville, Mayor of the City of Rochester Hills, has regrettably informed the City and Council that effective at the close of business on Friday, April 7, 2006, she is resigning her position as Mayor of the City of Rochester Hills.**

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby accepts Mayor Pat Somerville's resignation effective at the close of business on Friday April 7, 2006, with regrets.**

**Be It Further Resolved that the Rochester Hills City Council expresses its deepest appreciation and respect to Mayor Somerville for her exemplary service and dedication to the City and its residents for the past sixteen years.**

**Be It Finally Resolved that all City Council Members and City employees express to the Mayor their best wishes for the future and for a quick and complete recovery.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Ambrozaitis, Barnett, Duistermars, Holder, Raschke, Rosen and Yalamanchi

**Enactment No:** RES0104-2006

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*None.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business before Council, President Rosen adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.*

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*JAMES ROSEN, President  
Rochester Hills City Council*

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*JANE LESLIE, Clerk  
City of Rochester Hills*

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*MARGARET A. MANZ  
Administrative Secretary  
City Clerk's Office*

*Approved as presented at the August 16, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting.*