

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVI  
MONDAY, JULY 25, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**Mayor Gatt called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Gatt, Mayor Pro Tem Staudt, Council Members Casey, Crawford, Fischer, Smith, Thomas

**ALSO PRESENT:** Robert Petty, Chief Information Officer/Acting City Manager  
Tom Schultz, City Attorney

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**CM 22-07-090 Moved by Crawford, seconded by Casey; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**To approve the Agenda as presented.**

**Roll call vote on CM 22-07-090**                      **Yeas: Staudt, Casey, Crawford, Fischer, Smith,  
Thomas, Gatt**  
**Nays: None**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: None**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**1. Legislative Update – Representative Debbie Dingell, 12th District**

Mayor Gatt said there was a presentation scheduled this evening with Representative Debbie Dingell, 12<sup>th</sup> District, but she was not present yet. He stated if the meeting is still going on and she arrives, we will move the presentation to allow her to speak. If not, we will reschedule her.

**MANAGER/STAFF REPORT: None**

**ATTORNEY REPORT: None**

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:**

Janine McKay, 30742 Tanglewood Dr., Novi said she was currently the President of the Maple Greens Board. She brought up the issue of speeding throughout their community. She said their roads are private roads, and the Novi Police Department have told them they cannot do anything for them because they are private roads. She said that does not help them. She stated they have put this issue in their newsletters numerous times, they talk to their co-owners during their meetings about the speed and it is not just our co-owners that are speeding. She said there was a GFL truck today that must have gone past her house at 50 miles an hour as opposed to 20 miles per hour, and it is an ongoing issue. She noted that there is only one street with sidewalks, and all the other streets throughout the Maples of Novi do not have sidewalks which means we take to the streets

literally to walk, ride our bikes, walk dogs, and put our kids in a stroller. She said it is a danger with cars parked on the side of the road and walking between them is a danger to us. She said they do not know what else to do. She felt the need to come here that evening and implore you to see if there is anything that the City Council or someone within the City can do to help them solve this situation. She thanked them for their time and said she looked forward to hearing from you.

**CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS AND APPROVALS:**

**CM 22-07-091            Moved by Crawford, seconded by Casey; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

- A.    Approve Minutes of:  
      July 11, 2022 - Regular Meeting
- B.    Approval to award engineering design services to OHM Advisors for the Westminster Subdivision Water Main Lining project, in the amount of \$32,310.
- C.    Approval of claims and warrants – Warrant 1112

**Roll call vote on CM 22-07-091            Yeas: Casey, Crawford, Fischer, Smith, Thomas, Gatt, Staudt**  
**Nays: None**

**MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

- 1.    **Consideration of approval of Change Order No. 1 to Mattioli Cement Company, Inc. for the 2022 Neighborhood Road Program – Concrete Streets in the amount of \$637,283.75.**

**CM 22-07-092            Moved by Casey, seconded by Crawford; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Approval Of Change Order No. 1 to Mattioli Cement Company, Inc. for the 2022 Neighborhood Road Program – Concrete Streets in the amount of \$637,283.77.**

**Roll call vote on CM 22-07-092            Yeas: Crawford, Fischer, Smith, Thomas, Gatt, Staudt, Casey**  
**Nays: None**

- 2.    **Consideration of requests from Kura Sushi USA, Inc.:**

**A) Consideration of a request for Special Land Use approval for service of alcoholic beverages.**





**Stryker Medical through a sole source in the amount of \$16,060.06 and amend the budget.**

Member Casey asked Chief Johnson wondered if the Stryker equipment will come in any earlier. She said the delay is going to be just how long it takes to build a tanker, so is it planned for the Stryker equipment to come in any sooner and used on our current vehicles. Chief Johnson said he was not certain when they plan on purchasing that, we will not actually pay for any of the truck or equipment until it arrives. He thought we were looking at 27 to 29 months. He stated the Stryker equipment is something new that we use. It is a life supporting measure that does CPR, and it is very effective. He said we are please to be able to have that piece of equipment. He stated it is not necessary for us to have it because it will get replaced when the truck arrives. Member Casey said that was wonderful and thanked him for his response.

Mayor Gatt wondered if Chief Johnson could describe in detail how the pumper works. Chief Johnson said it is simple. He said it is the same as the water system, that keeps pressure in the water lines, the fire hydrants, and your spigots at home. We need to keep the pressure in our fire hoses and at a certain pressure for them to operate most efficiently. He explained that it depends how many hoses that you pull off at a fire incident, it's how you adjust and regulate the amount of pressure. He said essentially, we are just taking that the fire hydrant and extending it into the fire hoses. He stated typically, where pressures of anywhere from 100, 150, to 300 PSI. He said you can literally knock someone down with those types of pressures. He said we do not use our fire hoses to knock people down, but they knock down the fire. He said that is the intent, so we are please to be able to do that. Mayor Gatt asked how long the hoses were. Chief Johnson replied that most of them are 50 feet in length, but they have couplings so we can extend them thousands of feet if we need to. Mayor Gatt asked if that reduces the pressure as you extend it. Chief Johnson said it does, it is called friction loss.

**Roll call vote on CM 22-07-094**

**Yeas: Smith, Thomas, Gatt, Staudt, Casey,  
Crawford, Fischer  
Nays: None**

**4. Consideration of proposed water & sewer rate resolutions for 2022-2023**

Mayor Pro Tem Staudt asked if our financial expert thought the proposed rates were justified. City Attorney Schultz said they were justified. Mayor Pro Tem Staudt said we've been able to limit the amount of our water rates because of our water storage capabilities. How does this reflect that? Finance Director Johnson said there were multiple factors that have allowed the City to see very small increases over the past seven years. There were large projects being completed and savings of more than \$3 million due to the water storage facility. He said all of those things have allowed us to pass on increases much less than DWSD and the county. We aren't passing along the cost that is passed on to the City. They have another large project recently approved to address asbestos piping. Mayor Pro Tem Staudt asked what percentage of what we pay in water and sewer rates goes to infrastructure. Finance Director Johnson said that varies annually.

Mayor Pro Tem Staudt asked what the Great Lakes Water Authority's role was in setting rates. Finance Director Johnson said they set the wholesale rate and we set the retail rate.

Mayor Gatt said there is a community that doesn't pay their water bill and he wanted to know if the City of Novi was paying for that community's bill. Finance Director Johnson said no, the City of Novi is only paying for its own usage.

**CM 22-07-095            Moved by Fischer, seconded by Casey; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Approval of Proposed Water & Sewer Rate Resolutions for 2022- 2023.**

**Roll call vote on CM 22-07-095**

**Yeas: Thomas, Gatt, Staudt, Casey, Crawford  
Fischer, Smith**

**Nays: None**

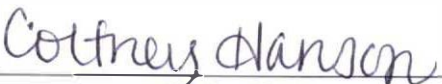
**CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS FOR COUNCIL ACTION: None**

**AUDIENCE COMMENT: None**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: None**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL ISSUES: None**

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

  
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Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

  
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Robert J. Gatt, Mayor

  
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Transcribed by Deborah S. Aubry

Date approved: August 8, 2022