Mayor Pro Tem Staudt called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mayor Gatt (absent/excused), Mayor Pro Tem Staudt, Council Members Breen, Casey, Crawford, Fischer, Mutch

ALSO PRESENT: Pete Auger, City Manager
Victor Cardenas, Assistant City Manager
Thomas Schultz, City Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

CM 20-01-004 Moved by Casey, seconded by Crawford; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
To approve the Agenda as presented.

Roll call vote on CM 20-01-004
Yeas: Staudt, Breen, Casey, Crawford, Fischer, Mutch
Nays: None
Absent: Gatt

PUBLIC HEARING: None

PRESENTATIONS: None

MANAGER/STAFF REPORT: None

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

AUDIENCE COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS AND APPROVALS:

Member Breen requested Item C be pulled for discussion.

CM 20-01-005 Moved by Crawford, seconded by Casey; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
To approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

A. Approval of Minutes from January 7, 2020 - Regular Meeting
B. Approval of a Deficit Elimination Plan for the Capital Improvement Fund.

C. Approval of three year agreement with Michigan Miss Amazing to coordinate an annual “Michigan Miss Amazing” event at the Novi Civic Center. **REMOVED/LATER APPROVED**

D. Approval to award replacement of 3 Heating and Cooling rooftop units at Meadowbrook Commons under existing city contract with RW Mead & Sons in the amount of $48,550.

E. Approval to purchase one (1) new John Deere 4066M Compact Tractor with Loader, Landscape Rake and Land Plane from D&G Equipment, in the amount of $42,471.24, based on the State of Michigan MiDeal cooperative purchasing program.

F. Approval of Change Order No. 1 to Toebe Construction, LLC for the DPW Site Fill to the Water Tower property (25460 Novi Road at Trans-X Drive) project in the amount of $60,000.00.

G. Approval of a Storm Drainage Facility Maintenance Easement Agreement from M/I Homes of Michigan for Valencia South Phase 3 located south of Ten Mile Road and west of Beck Road (parcel 50-22-29-226-053).

H. Approval of the request from Guernsey Farms Dairy for a variance from Design and Construction Standards Section 11-239(b) to allow wheel stops in lieu of curb and gutter along the driveway and portions of the parking lot perimeter.

I. Approval of the final payment to D.V.M. Utilities, Inc., for the Grand River Avenue and Jo Drive Sanitary Sewer Repair project in the amount of $24,525.74, plus interest earned on retainage.

J. Approval of (1) a Resolution Concerning the Acquisition of Property and Approving Declaration of Necessity and Taking and, (2) a Declaration of Taking for easements with fair market value in the amount of $20,102.28 for a sidewalk easement and a temporary grading permit on parcel 50-22-36-200-003 for the construction of a sidewalk on the west side of Haggerty Road, south of Nine Mile Road.

K. Acceptance of a sidewalk easement from Kenneth Kardasz for construction of a sidewalk along the west side of Wixom Road between Eleven Mile Road and Grand River Avenue (parcel 22-18-200-012) in the amount of $804.25.
L. Approval of resolution to apply for membership in the AARP’s Network of Age Friendly Communities.

M. Approval of Claims and Warrants – Warrant No. 1052.

Roll call vote on CM 20-01-005

Yeas: Breen, Casey, Crawford, Fischer, Mutch, Staudt
Nays: None
Absent: Gatt

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Consideration of approval to award engineering services to OHM Advisors in the amount of $128,200 for design work associated with the infrastructure portion of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Grant, awarded to the City in December 2019.

Mr. Auger said this was our part of the project where we have to pay for the pre-engineering work to get this project moving forward. This is our match.

Member Casey thanked staff and the school district; this is a big win for us. To be able to get 6 out of 7 campuses updated for safe routes to school is a big deal.

CM 20-01-006 Moved by Casey, seconded by Crawford; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval to award engineering services to OHM Advisors in the amount of $128,200 for design work associated with the infrastructure portion of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Grant Conditional Commitment.

Member Fischer said he understood these funds we are paying will be recuperated but won’t be if we don’t meet the requirements of the grant. He wanted to know if that was correct. Mr. Herczeg said the design portion is not recouped. Member Fischer confirmed that this is in addition to the $1.2 million. He said that Village Oaks was contemplated in the designs at one point, but was not included in the eventual grant. He would like some background on that. Mr. Herczeg said the constrains of the grant are specific about what they will fund and won’t fund. It includes certain widths of walks on both sides of the road. The constructability of the portion for Village Oaks were non-fundable by the grant and also became evident that parts of the project would unjustly affect homeowners. They are looking at remedies for that campus to do on their own. Member Fischer said he would support this and continue to encourage them to look at the Village Oaks campus.

Roll call vote on CM 20-01-006

Yeas: Casey, Crawford, Fischer, Mutch, Staudt, Breen
Nays: None
Absent: Gatt

2. Approval of resolution to authorize Budget Amendment #2020-2

CM 20-01-007 Moved by Fischer, seconded by Breen; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of a resolution to authorize Budget Amendment #2020-2.

Roll call vote on CM 20-01-007

Yeas: Crawford, Fischer, Mutch, Staudt, Breen,
      Casey

Nays: None

Absent: Gatt

AUDIENCE COMMENT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Member Casey said she had an update on the Roads Committee. They held their first meeting and it was a wonderful conversation. It included a 101 on roads so all members could understand how roads are built. The next meeting is Wednesday at 6pm at DPW. All meetings are on the City calendar.

Mayor Pro Tem Staudt said they just held a Recreation Facilities meeting. They anticipate meeting in late February or early March. By then they will have a tremendous amount of information that will help them make some decisions. All meeting dates and minutes will be on the website.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL ISSUES: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Member Breen said she removed Item C because it’s an event we should discuss. She wholeheartedly endorses this event and is excited to see something like this happen. She was hoping for more information from staff and the organizer about this event.

Sheryl Walsh-Molloy, Director of Communications, said she was approached by the Dooley family regarding this event. Lynn and her daughter Rachael have been involved with the Miss Amazing organization for several years. Rachael co-directed the events in Tennessee and Georgia. Lynn asked where in Novi we they could host this. She and the City Manager offered City of Novi Civic Center. This is similar to the partnership with Two Stones and the Main Event. They felt it would be good opportunity because we taut our inclusiveness and openness. This is a great way to put Novi on the map.
Lynn Dooley said their daughter graduated from Novi in 2012. She graduated from Vanderbilt University with a degree in disabilities studies. When she was in Tennessee she got involved with Miss Amazing and has been the State Director for several years. It’s a charity and everything is run on donations. She said it’s similar to a pageant, but for girls with disabilities from age five and older. They call it a “showcase” because it’s a day for girls to showcase abilities rather than focusing on disabilities. When the girls are dropped off they are paired with a buddy so the family can enjoy the event too. They don’t have to do talent, it can be a hobby. They don’t even necessarily have to participate. It’s a really fun day. They do hair and makeup and introduce the girls. There are judges who do an interview process. Each category has a winner who goes on to Nationals. They have this event in 36 states and Michigan will be the 37th. Since she and her daughter had the experience, they wanted to bring it here. They are hoping for around 40 girls. The girls bond with each and make new friends. It’s a day for them to showcase all of their abilities and it’s a really cool event. The biggest expense is the venue. They usually have to do a lot of fundraising. This partnership would provide the venue with the stage, rooms, and is ADA accessible. They are hoping to partner for three years.

Member Breen asked if there was an age limit. Mrs. Dooley said she believed it was ages five through forty. The mentioned the winner from each age group moves on to represent Michigan in National Miss Amazing. Member Breen said she was thrilled this was coming. Her sister-in-law has special needs and this is the type of activity that she loves. She is excited it is coming to Novi. Mrs. Dooley said they were hoping to partner with Kroger and have them involved as a sponsor and promoting to their staff.

Member Fischer said he has been to events run by Sheryl Walsh-Molloy as well as the Dooley’s and by combining those powers this will be an amazing event. He said he was interested in sponsoring or volunteering that day and wondered how to get involved. Mrs. Dooley said everything was done by volunteers. The event is Saturday, May 2nd. They need a stage and 3-4 rooms for makeup, hair, and an eating area. This venue is perfect for it. There is no cost to participate except to bring 5 canned goods for donation. Those will be donated. They are looking for participants as well as volunteers. She recommended looking at their website. They would love to have anyone who is interested. Member Fischer thanked them for recognizing the need we have in Michigan and bringing the event here.

CM 20-01-007  Moved by Fischer, seconded by Breen; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of a three (3) year agreement with Michigan Miss Amazing to coordinate an annual “Michigan Miss Amazing” event at the Novi Civic Center.

Roll call vote on CM 20-01-007

Yeas: Fischer, Mutch, Staudt, Breen, Casey, Crawford
Nays: None
Absent: Gatt
ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

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Cortney Hanson, City Clerk     David Staudt, Mayor Pro Tem

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Transcribed by Deborah S. Aubry  Date approved: February 10, 2020