

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVI
MONDAY, September 12, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – NOVI CIVIC CENTER – 45175 TEN MILE ROAD**

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 Burke, Casey, Markham, Mutch, Wrobel

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

CM 16-09-122 Moved by Wrobel, seconded by Burke; UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED:

To approve the Agenda as amended.

Mayor Gatt added "remarks" to Mayor and Council Issues.

Roll call vote on CM 16-09-122 **Yeas: Staudt, Burke, Casey, Markham, Mutch,
Wrobel, Gatt**
Nays: None

PUBLIC HEARING - None

PRESENTATIONS – None

REPORTS:

1. MANAGER/STAFF – None
2. ATTORNEY – None

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Drew Lathin, 24291 Homestead Court, was there to comment in support of the prescribed burn ordinance. Novi has a progressive landscaping and land management history. A couple years ago they modified the poorly written noxious weeds ordinance to allow goldenrod and milkweed. He said the prescribed burn ordinance is an important tool for land maintenance. He wanted to thank Fire Marshal Shelton, City Attorney Tom Schultz, members of ORC Committee and Director Johnson of the Fire Department. He said the ordinance is good and has reasonable safety mechanisms written in. This was a good example of multiple departments working together for a citizen's request. He thanked them for considering it.

CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS AND APPROVALS:

CM 16-09-123 Moved by Burke, seconded by Casey; UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED:

To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

- A. Approve Minutes of:
 - 1. August 29, 2016 – Regular meeting
- B. Enter Executive Session immediately following the regular meeting of September 12, 2016 in the Council Annex for the purpose of discussing privileged correspondence from legal counsel.
- C. Acceptance of a pathway easement as a donation from K&S Investment Group, Inc. along the east side of Beck Road south of Pontiac Trail to allow for construction of a pathway segment as part of the 2016 Pathways Program (Parcel 22-04-100-012).
- D. Approval of a Storm Drainage Facility Maintenance Easement Agreement with Park Place South of Novi, LLC for the Chamberlin Crossings residential project located east of Napier Road and north of Eight Mile Road.
- E. Acceptance of two boardwalks on the east side of Napier Road for public use and maintenance from Toll MI II Limited Partnership for The Preserve at Island Lake (Phase 8) and the island Lake Orchards (Phase 5B) project located north of Ten Mile Road and south of Seaglen Drive.
- F. Acceptance of a covenant deed from Toll MI II Limited Partnership for the dedication of a 60 foot right-of-way along the east side of Napier Road as part of The Preserve at Island Lake (Phase 8) and Island Lake Orchards (Phase 5B) project located north of Ten Mile Road and south of Seaglen Drive.
- G. Acceptance of a covenant Deed for general common elements of The Preserve at Island Lake (Phase 8) to be conveyed back to the Preserve at Island Lake Association following an inadvertent recording of a warranty deed from the developer to the City of the general common elements.
- H. Approval of Claims and Accounts – Warrant No. 971

Roll call vote on CM 16-09-123

**Yeas: Burke, Casey, Markham, Mutch, Wrobel,
Gatt, Staudt**

Nays: None

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Consideration to introduce Ordinance 16-99.17, in order to amend the City of Novi Code of Ordinances, at Chapter 15, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article 2, Fire Prevention Code, Section 15-17, Amendments, Subsection 307, Open Burning and Recreational Fire, in order to add a provision relating to prescribed burns. **FIRST READING**

CM 16-09-124 Moved by Wrobel, seconded by Burke; UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED:

To approve the introduction of Ordinance 16-99.17, in order to amend the City of Novi Code of Ordinances, at Chapter 15, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article 2, Fire Prevention Code, Section 15-17, Amendments, Subsection 307, Open Burning and Recreational Fire, in order to add a provision relating to prescribed burns. FIRST READING

**Roll call vote on CM 16-09-124 Yeas: Casey, Markham, Mutch, Wrobel, Gatt, Staudt, Burke
Nays: None**

2. Approval to purchase a Ford E450 Camera Utility Van with a 16-foot box and equipped with IBAK pipeline inspection equipment, through the HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program, in the amount of \$193,999.

CM 16-09-125 Moved by Burke, seconded by Wrobel; UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED:

To approve the purchase a Ford E450 Camera Utility Van with a 16-foot box and equipped with IBAK pipeline inspection equipment, through the HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program, in the amount of \$193,999.

**Roll call vote on CM 16-09-125 Yeas: Wrobel, Gatt, Staudt, Burke, Casey, Markham, Mutch,
Nays: None**

3. Approval of budget amendment to transfer \$2.1 million of the projected General Fund net revenues over expenditures from fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 to a new CIP Fund along with an additional transfer of \$1 million from the General Fund to the CIP Fund for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

CM 16-09-126 Moved by Staudt, seconded by Burke; UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED:

To approve the budget amendment to transfer \$2.1 million of the projected General Fund net revenues over expenditures from fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 to a new CIP Fund along with an

additional transfer of \$1 million from the General Fund to the CIP Fund for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

Roll call vote on CM 16-09-126

**Yeas: Mutch Wrobel, Gatt, Staudt, Burke,
Casey, Markham
Nays: None**

AUDIENCE COMMENT - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL ISSUES

Mayor Gatt spoke on behalf of City Council about a loss the City of Novi experienced last week. A loss that every citizen of the City, business owners, staff members and City Council members will suffer from as a result. Officer Tim Harper from our Novi Police Department died last week. He started his career in 1991 with Novi. Tim Harper was a giant of a man; big, tall and strong as an ox, yet friendly, soothing, and gentle as a lamb. He would do anything, for anyone, at any time. He was the kind of officer that the Sergeants loved because he would do it with professionalism, thoroughness, and without controversy. He was the kind of officer that administration loved because he simply came to work each day and did his job. He didn't cause problems and was friendly to all as if they were family. He was the kind of officer his fellow patrol officers loved because he would gladly volunteer for things other officers shied away from. For the past 13 years, Officer Harper was at nearly every Council meeting providing security, while helping citizens at the same time. Mayor Gatt thought he had been assigned that task, but was recently informed that Officer Harper volunteered to handle that assignment in order to help during shift change. He was the kind of officer the public loved. Whether he was writing a ticket for a traffic offense, or simply stopping by a Kool-Aid stand set up by youngsters, he treated everyone with respect. He always had a smile and friendly word for everyone he met. He was the kind of father that bragged about his children to everyone and was so proud of his son and daughter. When Tim died, he left his two children and a heartbroken Novi Police family. He asked that people remember Tim and his family in their prayers.

CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS FOR COUNCIL ACTION - None

COMMUNICATIONS - None

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 P.M.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

Robert J. Gatt, Mayor

Transcribed by Deborah S. Aubry

Date approved: September 26, 2016