

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVI  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 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:** Pete Auger, City Manager  
Victor Cardenas, Assistant City Manager  
Tom Schultz, City Attorney

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor Gatt removed Matters for Council Action Agenda Item #3 so that we can do further investigation on that item. He added to Mayor and Council Issues "Interim City Manager".

**CM 22-10-135 Moved by Fischer, seconded by Casey; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**To approve the Agenda as amended.**

**Roll call vote on CM 22-10-135 Yeas: Staudt, Casey, Crawford, Fischer, Smith, Thomas, Gatt**  
**Nays: None**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: None**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**1. Proclamation for Rotary International World Polio Day - Dr. Mav Sanghvi and Ginger Barrons**

Mayor Gatt asked Ginger Barrons to step down to the podium. He read the Proclamation for Rotary International World Polio Day. He said we had two Rotarians internationally recognized for their service to Polio Plus, Ginger Barrons with the Service Award for Polio Free World and Dr. Mav Sanghvi as one of the first-year governors of Polio Plus. He presented a Proclamation to Ginger Barrons and said he had one for Dr. Sanghvi as well.

Ginger Barrons said Happy World Polio Day everyone, and Happy Birthday to Jonas Salk. She said Jonas Salk was the inventor of the polio vaccine. She thanked everyone for joining all the Rotarians in the world for honoring our polio workers, our Rotarians, and our partners in their Herculean efforts to eradicate polio. She stated they use this day to remind people that we are not quite done yet. Though we are down to just 29 cases in two endemic countries this year. She stated they still have work to do. She stated for when polio exist anywhere in the world, it is just a plane ride away. She said we all know that from the news which illustrates about the young man who was unvaccinated in Rockland, New York, 29 years old, in June of this year was paralyzed from polio, which he

contracted from a visitor who had come from outside the country. She said polio was eradicated in 1979 here in the US, we have gotten lax, our polio survivors are aging out along with them, their stories, and our fear of polio. She said it is unlikely that our children and grandchildren will never experience as her husband and she did, having a bother who had polio. She said Rotarians like herself know that we must continue the work by giving two drops from a little vaccine vial at a cost of \$1.10, she knew that for \$1.10, she could save the life of a child whose face she will never see. a name she will never know. She explained with the Rotary Internationals Polio Plus Program, they will match that donation two to one and we will save the life of three children. In concluding she wanted to bring it a little closer to home, in 1988 when we started the actual campaign with the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, our local district governor was Dr. Mav Sanghvi. She said through Mav's leadership, he led us in the succeeding years, herself, and other Novi Rotarians to having car raffles which raised \$125,000 for Polio Plus, we were one of the premier clubs for Polio Plus in the world. She said that also began her 34-year journey, sharing her family story and her knowledge as an International Polio Eradication speaker and advocate. She said it is a very strong passion of hers, to see the end of polio in her lifetime. She gave a very heartfelt thank you to Mayor Gatt and the Councilmembers. She thanked them for joining with Rotary in celebrating World Polio Day from the bottom of her heart.

Mayor Gatt thanked Ginger, on behalf of his colleagues on City Council and the 67,000 residents of the City of Novi, and countless other people all around our city, our state, our globe, thank you for all your efforts. He said we are going to hear from Dr. Sanghvi, he presented a copy of the same Proclamation to Dr. Sanghvi.

Dr. Mav Sanghvi thanked the Mayor and City Council. He thanked them profusely, for declaring the Polio Day for the Rotary International. He assured them Novi Rotary and our work has put Novi on the world map and has contributed over \$150,000 with PolioPlus, ever since we started this program. He thought we were one of the largest contributors in the different clubs in our district. He did not want to take too much of their time, but he thanked them again for recognizing his services. He said the only reason why he got involved in this was because of the Polio Plus and he became a district governor. He said they raised all kinds of money because of the Polio Plus. He was proud to say that we have put Novi on the world map. He thanked them for their kindness and appreciated all your kindness, thank you so much.

Mayor Gatt said on behalf of his colleagues on City Council, and all 67,000 residents and all over the city, all over the state and all over the globe, he thanked him for this very worthwhile cause, and you and I go back to 1975, that is more than a few days ago. He thanked him for everything that he did for the City of Novi, in addition to what you do for the Rotarians. Thank you very much. Dr. Sanghvi introduced the President of the Novi Rotary that was in the audience. Everyone gave him a round of applause.

**MANAGER/STAFF REPORT: None**

**ATTORNEY REPORT: None**

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:**

Venkata Reddy Thalla, 45006 Yorkshire Drive, Novi said today is the Festival of Lights in India, and he just came from the Novi Venkateswara Temple, he was still catching his breath, he was very happy about the Festival of Lights. He said the Proclamation for World Polio Day was extremely personal for him. He said when he was 10 years old his cousin was eight, his cousin caught polio. He said he was handicapped from the polio; he could only crawl with one hand and one leg. He was swimming in a lake and went too deep and he died on that day. He said he was a little emotional when he thought COVID-19 started with a one-person problem, similarly, if you do not eradicate polio, it can spread. He thought they were doing godly work. He thanked the recipients of the Proclamation. He thanked the entire City Council leadership.

**CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS AND APPROVALS:**

**CM 22-10-136            Moved by Casey, seconded by Fischer; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

- A.    Approve Minutes of:  
      October 10, 2022 - Regular Meeting
- B.    Approval to award a contract to Cadillac Asphalt, LLC for the temporary, 2-inch cap of asphalt on Martin Avenue after storm sewer improvements, in the amount of \$32,100.
- C.    Approval to award emergency water main repairs to D&D Water and Sewer for the repair of water service valves around the Ten Mile and Taft intersection, in the amount of \$98,644, and amend the budget.
- D.    Enter Executive Session immediately following the regular meeting of October 24, 2022 in the Council Annex to consider confidential written communication from the City Attorney.
- E.    Approval of claims and warrants – Warrant 1118

**Roll call vote on CM 22-10-136**

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

**MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

- 1.    **Consideration of approval of resolution to authorize Budget Amendment #2023-2**

**CM 22-10-137            Moved by Casey, seconded by Smith; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Approval of resolution to authorize Budget Amendment #2023-2**

**Roll call vote on CM 22-10-137**                      **Yeas: Crawford, Fischer, Smith, Thomas, Gatt, Staudt, Casey**  
**Nays: None**

- 2. Consideration to Introduce Ordinance No. 22-147.02, an Ordinance to Amend the City of Novi Code of Ordinances, as amended, Chapter 2, Administration, Article VI, Purchase and Sale of Property, Section 2-201, Authorization for Expenditures, with regard to the expenditure amounts requiring Council approval. SECOND READING**

**CM 22-10-138**                      **Moved by Casey, seconded by Smith; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Approval of Ordinance No. 22-147.02, an Ordinance to Amend the City of Novi Code of Ordinances, as amended, Chapter 2, Administration, Article VI, Purchase and Sale of Property, Section 2-201, Authorization for Expenditures, with regard to the expenditure amounts requiring Council approval. SECOND READING**

**Roll call vote on CM 22-10-138**                      **Yeas: Fischer, Smith, Thomas, Gatt, Staudt, Casey, Crawford**  
**Nays: None**

- 3. Consideration of sale of property (Parcel No. 22-11-101-004) to Fadi Sakkijha and Kristina Sakkijha for \$2,000 and to authorize the City Manager and the City Attorney to finalize the documents necessary to convey the property. REMOVED**
- 4. Consideration of approval for the proposed Request for Proposals (RFP) for an executive search firm to conduct the City's search for a City Manager and for City staff to start the review process.**

Mayor Gatt thanked Human Resource Director, Tia Gronlund-Fox and mentioned she was in the audience if anyone had any questions.

**CM 22-10-139**                      **Moved by Crawford, seconded by Casey; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Consideration of approval for the proposed Request for Proposals (RFP) for an executive search firm to conduct the City's search for a City Manager and for City staff to start the review process.**

**Roll call vote on CM 22-10-139**                      **Yeas:, Smith, Thomas, Gatt, Staudt, Casey, Crawford, Fischer**  
**Nays: None**

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

**AUDIENCE COMMENT:**

Venkata Reddy Thalla, 45006 Yorkshire Drive, Novi said he wanted to show a couple of videos of the fireworks from the Festival of Lights. He said a lot of people were very happy and he was very happy, he just wanted to extend the happiness. He said one of the core values was extending happiness, effectiveness, efficiency, and easy operations and the other one is extending evident happiness, that is what he tried to do. Thank you.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: None**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL ISSUES:**

Mayor Gatt said he added "Interim City Manager" to Mayor and Council Issues. He stated our next City Council meeting is not until the middle of November. He indicated that one of our members will be absent and they will not have a full Council at that meeting. He wanted to make a motion to direct City Attorney Schultz to prepare a contract, patterned after our previous Interim City Manager contract, naming Mr. Victor Cardenas as the Interim City Manager. He said he would like you to have it to City Council before our next meeting of November 14, 2022, so that they can vote on it at that time.

**CM 22-10-140      Moved by Gatt, seconded by Casey; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

To direct the City Attorney to prepare a contract patterned after previous Interim City Manager contracts, naming Victor Cardenas as the Interim City Manager.

**Roll call vote on CM 22-10-140**

**Yeas: Thomas, Gatt, Staudt, Casey, Crawford,  
Fischer, Smith**  
**Nays: 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: November 14, 2022