

Ross Morroso, a Novi resident, said he will be discussing with the Clerk's office to review the contract for water. He stated that he and his wife live alone and every year his water bill goes up by a third. He was curious to see what's happening. Also regarding the garbage contract, they no longer accept styrofoam in the recycling. He felt like it was a bait and switch and he wants them to do the job. He mentioned that when Spectrum bought out Bright House, prices went up but speeds went down. He wanted to see if they can keep things equitable for everyone. He said in Lansing there have been meetings regarding cannabis licensing. He felt Oakland County was suspiciously absent with all of this. He said we are a progressive city with a lot of intelligent people and he doesn't want to see Novi dragged into it kicking and screaming after the fact. It's not 1955 anymore. He felt lives can be saved and health can be improved.

Dave McAleer, a Novi resident, said it has been one year since his last audience comment about the fractured fire response operations. Pertaining to the fire and medical operations, the City is still utilizing a revolving door of part time employees for the majority of operating hours. They have a maximum of 8 on duty which is inefficient and embarrassing when compared to other cities. Novi is a great city with a large tax base. He felt it would be wise to use at least some funds to improve the emergency response services for the Novi residents. He said it was critical to bring this to their attention because a month ago his neighbor suffered an overdose. They couldn't reach him for over 25 minutes and couldn't save him. Novi residents shouldn't have to wait for a contracted service. As a registered nurse in ICU, he understands the need to deliver care as fast as possible. Every minute that goes by can help. This is unacceptable to have part time employees with only EMT basics only. Due to poor response time and lack of staff at night, someone might have to wait for lifesaving care. He said he hopes they can get 24 hour full time staffing. He suggested they compare Novi to other towns like Royal Oak, Southfield and West Bloomfield.

Lynn Kocan, 23088 Ennishore, congratulated the newly elected City Council. She appreciated the time and dedication to the residents of Novi. As President of Meadowbrook Lakes HOA they are grateful for Entryway Grant Program that gave them the opportunity to update two of their entryways into their subdivision. The Entryway Grant Program gave them the motivation and resources to make a substantial investment into redoing and beautifying the entryways. It had been discussed for over 10 years. They appreciate the \$5K grant.

CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS AND APPROVALS:

Member Markham asked that Item C be removed from the Consent Agenda.

CM 17-11-164 Moved by Casey, seconded by Markham; MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

To approve the Consent Agenda as amended with Item "C" removed for discussion. All other items approved as presented.

- A. Approve Minutes of:
 - 1. October 23, 2017 – Regular meeting
- B. Approval of recommendation from the Consultant Review Committee to award a contract for Labor Relations and Employment Law to Shifman Law for a two-year contract with two one-year renewal options, and adoption of associated fees and charges, effective January 1, 2018.
- C. Approval of request for Fireworks Display Permit by City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, to be operated by ACE Pyro, on Friday, December 1, 2017 for the community event, Light Up The Night. **REMOVED, LATER APPROVED**
- D. Acceptance of a sidewalk easement for 45265 Gateway Road as part of the Pontiac Trail Sidewalk project (Parcel 50-22-03-101-006).
- E. Approval to award an amendment to the engineering services agreement with Spalding DeDecker for design engineering services associated with the Ingersol Creek Streambank Stabilization project (Ten Mile Road to Willowbrook Drive) in the amount of \$34,608.00.
- F. Approval of Traffic Control Orders 17-31, 32, 33, and 34 for '30 MPH Speed Limit' Signs and to rescind Traffic Control Orders 17-22 & 17-23 on Dixon Road and Twelve ½ Mile Road.
- G. Approval of a Storm Drainage Facility Maintenance Easement Agreement from Doeting Education Company for the Goddard School of Novi project located north of Grand River Avenue, south of Twelve Mile Road and east of Wixom Road (parcel 50-22-17-126-012).
- H. Approval of (1) a Resolution Concerning Acquisition and Approving Declaration of Necessity and Taking and authorization of Offer to Purchase; (2) a Declaration of Taking; and, (3) an Agreement of Sale and Offer to Purchase Easements over Real Property in the amount of \$19,616.10 for sidewalk easements and temporary grading permits on parcel (50-22-03-101-010) for the construction of new sidewalk along the south side of Pontiac Trail between Beck Road and West Park Drive.
- I. Approval of (1) a Resolution Concerning Acquisition and Approving Declaration of Necessity and Taking and authorization of Offer to Purchase; (2) a Declaration of Taking; and, (3) an Agreement of Sale and Offer to Purchase Easements over Real Property in the amount of \$240.39 for sidewalk easements and temporary grading permits on parcel (50-22-04-200-011) for the construction of new sidewalk along the south side of Pontiac Trail between Beck Road and West Park Drive.

- J. Approval of (1) a Resolution Concerning Acquisition and Approving Declaration of Necessity and Taking and authorization of Offer to Purchase; (2) a Declaration of Taking; and, (3) an Agreement of Sale and Offer to Purchase Easements over Real Property in the amount of \$31,098.93 for sidewalk easements, temporary grading permits and storm sewer easements on two parcels (50-22-04-100-010 and 50-22-04-100-034) for the construction of new sidewalk along the south side of Pontiac Trail between Beck Road and West Park Drive.
- K. Acceptance of a sidewalk easement for 42101 Fountain Park Drive as part of the 2017 Pathways and ADA Compliance project (Parcel 50-22-23-251-020).
- L. Approval of a request from Haggerty Novi Owner, LLC for a variance from Chapter 3, Article II, Section 3-16 of the City of Novi Code of Ordinances regarding the transfer of an existing liquor license for the continued operation of the Novi Sheraton, located at 21111 Haggerty Rd, Novi, MI 48375, to allow the applicant to continue operating the existing business under the same liquor license for an additional fourteen (14) days pending the completion of the City's investigation required pursuant to Section 3-16 of the Code of Ordinances, and subsequent City Council consideration of the transfer application.
- M. Approval of Claims and Accounts – Warrant No. 999

Roll call vote on CM 17-11-164

**Yeas: Casey, Markham, Mutch, Wrobel,
Gatt, Breen**

Nays: None

Absent: Staudt

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

- 1. Consideration to introduce Ordinance No. 17-187.01, an Ordinance to amend the City of Novi Code of Ordinances, at Chapter 26, "Peddlers, Solicitors, Commercial Handbills," Section 26.1, "Definitions," Section 26.3, "Non-Commercial Solicitation Permits," and Section 26.10, "Hours of Operation" in order to conform existing regulations relating to charitable solicitation in rights-of-way to state law. **FIRST READING**

CM 17-11-165

Moved by Breen, seconded by Casey; MOTIONCARRIED 5-1

To approve the introduction of Ordinance No. 17-187.01, an Ordinance to amend the City of Novi Code of Ordinances, at Chapter 26, "Peddlers, Solicitors, Commercial Handbills," Section 26.1, "Definitions," Section 26.3, "Non-Commercial Solicitation Permits," and Section 26.10, "Hours of Operation" in order to conform existing regulations relating to charitable solicitation in rights-of-way to state law. FIRST READING

Mayor Gatt said this is an ordinance that will allow certain groups to solicit monies in the right-of-way. They have done so in the past for years, however the state law changed about a year ago that made it illegal to do so. City Council went along with the state law which caused a hardship for many non-profits who benefitted from this. Mayor Gatt said once we pass a second reading on this ordinance it will allow charitable organizations to solicit monies in the right-of-way.

Member Wrobel stated that they have discussed this recently in Ordinance Review Committee. He asked City Attorney Schultz if this would allow them to go into the street or just in the right-of-ways. City Attorney Schultz said yes, they would be allowed in the roadway.

Roll call vote on CM 17-11-165

Yeas: Markham, Mutch, Gatt, Breen, Casey
Nays: Wrobel
Absent: Staudt

AUDIENCE COMMENT: None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL ISSUES:

1. Appointments to Council Committees

Mayor Gatt appointed Member Casey, Member Wrobel and Member Breen to the Capital Improvement Program. He appointed Member Breen, Member Casey and Member Mutch to the Commission Interview Committee. He appointed Members Mutch, Mayor Pro Tem Staudt and Member Wrobel to the Consultant Review Committee. He appointed Mayor Gatt, Member Markham, Member Wrobel, and Mayor Pro Tem Staudt as the Alternate to the Ordinance Review Committee. He appointed Mayor Gatt, Member Markham and Member Wrobel to the Rules Committee.

Mayor Gatt submitted Mayor Pro Tem Staudt and Member Breen for nomination to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Grant Citizen Advisory Committee; Member Mutch and Mayor Pro Tem Staudt to the Pathway and Sidewalk Prioritization; Member Markham and Member Breen as the Alternate to SEMCOG; and Member Casey and Member Markham as the Alternate to Youth Council.

CM 17-11-166 Moved by Mutch, seconded by Casey; MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

To approve the appointments as recommended by the Mayor.

Roll call vote on CM 17-11-166

Yeas: Mutch, Wrobel, Gatt, Breen, Casey
Markham
Nays: None
Absent: Staudt

CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS FOR COUNCIL ACTION: Consent Agenda items which have been removed for discussion and/or action.

Mayor Gatt noted that Item C had been removed by Member Markham.

Member Markham stated that Item C talks about approving the fireworks display for Light up the Night community event that takes place on Friday, December 1, 2017. She inquired about the City's plan about notifying the residents. This is not a normal time when we have fireworks. Last year residents complained about not knowing this was going to happen. Residents that have PTSD and those with animals would like to know when there will be fireworks. City Manager Auger confirmed that the first year they did it; they weren't aware how much fireworks in December surprised a lot of residents. This will be the third year, and last year they used reverse 911, Nixle and all social media outlets to notify the residents including the HOA's that this will occur and we plan on doing the same thing this year. They received very few calls last year because they reached out to the HOA's. Nixle is something that residents can sign up for, it is easy and free. We put up a lot of information and alerts on Nixle. Member Markham also mentioned "Next Door" as a means to inform the residents. She said there is a lot of communicating on that site. She said she was willing to support the issue as long as we inform the residents.

CM 17-11-167 Moved by Markham, seconded by Casey; MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

To accept the approval of request for Fireworks Display Permit by City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, to be operated by ACE Pyro, on Friday, December 1, 2017 for the community event, Light Up The Night.

Roll call vote on CM 17-11-167

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

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P. M.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

Robert J. Gatt, Mayor

Transcribed by Deborah S. Aubry

Date approved: November 27, 2017