REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVI MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018 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 Breen, Casey, Markham, Mutch, Wrobel (absent, excused)
ALSO PRESENT: Pete Auger, City Manager Victor Cardenas, Assistant City Manager Alan Weber, Economic Development Director Thomas Schultz, City Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Member Breen asked that they remove Consent Agenda Item E: Approval to use a Planning Consultant to assist with the development of two zoning districts for the City West and Pavilion Shore Village areas.

CM 18-07-097 Moved by Casey, seconded by Markham; MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Roll call vote on CM 18-07-097	Yeas: Staudt, Breen, Casey, Markham, Mutch,
	Gatt
	Nays: None
	Absent: Wrobel

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Request to Establish an Industrial Development District for 46200 Twelve Mile Road

Opened at 7:01 p.m. and closed at 7:02 p.m. with no public input.

2. Request to Approve an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for 46200 Twelve Mile Road

Opened at 7:03 p.m. and closed at 7:04 p.m. with no public input.

PRESENTATIONS: None

MANAGER/STAFF REPORT: None

AUDIENCE COMMENT:

Paul Thal, said he lives on Hampton Hill and has been in Novi since 1973. He mentioned his four daughters went through Novi's school system. He stated he saw an incident which almost killed a young boy. He was shooting hoops in front of his house. The basket was near the easement which is owned by City. He missed the basket so he

went into the street to retrieve the ball and almost got killed. He said he went through the Ordinance Department and asked if safety was top priority. He stated the Ordinance Departments answer to his question was that the City has a lot of priorities. He expected them to say that safety is our number one issue. He went to administration in that department, they looked it up and currently there is no ordinance that prevents this situation from existing. He said he went to upper management and no one thought it was a dangerous situation. He wanted to point out an accident that could have killed a little boy. One family moved the hoop and the other did not. That's when he found there was no ordinance. He believed this was a very dangerous situation. He said the City should modify an ordinance to not allow hoops so close to street.

Karl Migrin, 49450 W. 9 Mile, Novi pointed out that it's been 25 years since we drafted the 1993 Wildlife Habitat Plan. He said back then there were five sections of the City that had over 300 contiguous acres of woodlands and wetlands. He said he went through our maps to see how much it has changed. He highlighted some of the areas that we have lost due to developments. He stated that in Section 10 there is really nowhere for the animals to run or hide. He said that it is something we need to look at when approving developments.

Dorothy Duchesneau, 125 Henning, Novi said many were happy to see Item E under Consent Agenda for that evening. To many residents, the Pavilion Shore Village Concept in the recent Master Plan seemed to give conflicting direction depending on which page of the 2016 Master Plan you were reading from. Are we dense urban three story attached townhomes or are we smaller well designed cottage style homes that compliment and fit in with the existing older neighborhood? Especially of interest to the neighborhoods at the south shore of Walled Lake, is the opportunity to participate with the Consultant, MKSK, in public workshops regarding what is envision for the Pavilion Shore Concept proposed in the Master Plan of 2016. We hope that MKSK holds these public workshops early in their proposed 120 process. What is done in this small targeted eight acres of the City affects not only adjoining property owners, but much of the up north lifestyle that exists around the lakeshore of Walled Lake. It would be great if yard signing, similar to those used to announce the Lakeshore Parks projects could be put up around the intersections of South Lake Drive, Old Novi, and 13 Mile Road to announce the workshops. Many northern residents use these three roads to get to anywhere. They live a little farther than the 100 ft. or 300 ft. perimeter that most of the City notices cover when there is a discussion of a of a proposed change. Very few people I've talked to get copies of the Novi News or lurk on the City's website on a regular basis. She felt the signing would be a great help. She highlighted five points made in the 2016 Master Plan regarding Pavilion Shore Village. She mentioned under the Neighborhood Preservation Planned residential densities will remain the same in most neighborhoods. This plan recognized that the preservation of existing neighborhoods and the way of life they provide is the key to preserving the character The City should seek to develop a framework under which these of Novi. neighborhoods (which) predate most other development in the City can continue to evolve without the loss of the basic atmosphere that makes them distinctive. This area should address maintaining existing housing stock, upgrading infrastructure where

upgrades are desired, and providing for redevelopment that does not out scale existing homes. The Walled Lake area features many of the smallest single-family lots in the City, and eclectic neighborhood with many architectural styles and homes built in many different eras. Improving and expanding homes without sacrificing the shoreline community character that makes it attractive is the biggest challenge in this area. Further study is needed to develop a framework that enables development that does not out scale existing homes. Invite us; we will be there this time.

CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS AND APPROVALS:

Mayor Gatt reminded everyone that Consent Agenda Item E had been removed.

Member Mutch asked that Consent Agenda Item M also be removed for further discussion.

CM 18-07-098 Moved by Casey, seconded by Markham; MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

To approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

- A. Approve Minutes of:1. June 18, 2018 Regular meeting
- B. Enter Executive Session immediately following the regular meeting of July 9, 2018 in the Council Annex for the purpose of discussing City Manager and City Clerk Performance Evaluations and confidential communications from the city's legal counsel.
- C. Approval to purchase a TruNarc Drug Device, from Thermo Scientific Portable Analytical Instruments, Inc., sole source provider, in the amount of \$28,815 for the Novi Police Department.
- D. Approval to purchase Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System (CLEMIS) and Fire Records Management System (FRMS) fees and services from Oakland County for the 2018-19 fiscal year in the amount of \$64,510.
- E. Approval to use a Planning Consultant to assist with the development of two zoning districts for the City West and Pavilion Shore Village areas. **REMOVED**, **LATER APPROVED**
- F. Approval to award geotechnical engineering services to Soils and Materials Engineers (SME) for geotechnical investigation services associated with the Beck Road Scoping Study from 8 Mile Road to Grand River Avenue in the amount of \$58,000.

- G. Approval of Change Order No. 1 to Bidigare Contractors, Inc. for the Special Assessment District (S.A.D.) No. 182 Dixon Road Sanitary Sewer Extension project in the amount of \$48,260.14.
- H. Approval of the final payment to Anglin Civil, LLC for the Village Oaks and Village Wood Lake Stormwater Improvement project in the amount of \$7,722.98, plus interest earned on retainage.
- I. Approval of an installation, maintenance and operations agreement with the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) for Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Traffic Signal Installation and Maintenance along ITC Trail at 9 Mile Road, 10 Mile Road, and 11 Mile Road.
- J. Acceptance of a sidewalk easement along the west side of Beck Road, south of 10 Mile Road as part of the Valencia Estates South Phase 3 site condominium development (parcel 50-22-29-226-043).
- K. Acceptance of a Storm Sewer Easement for parcel 50-22-25-203-007 as part of the Ingersol Creek Rehabilitation and Storm Sewer Replacement project.
- L. Acceptance of a Storm Sewer Easement for parcel 50-22-25-203-008 as part of the Ingersol Creek Rehabilitation and Storm Sewer Replacement project.
- M. Approval of an Agreement for Direct/Temporary Connection to Sanitary Sewer allowing parcel 50-22-22-302-001 on Glenda Avenue to connect to the City's public sanitary sewer system at Kerri Court. **REMOVED, LATER DENIED**
- N. Approval of resolution to authorize a budget amendment to amend the FY 2018-19 Library Fund adopted budget to reflect the Library Board approved budget.
- O. Approval of Claims and Accounts Warrant No. 1015

Roll call vote on CM 18-07-098 Yeas: Breen, Casey, Markham, Mutch, Gatt, Staudt Nays: None Absent: Wrobel

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Approval of Resolution to establish an Industrial Development District by its owner Novi Corporate Park V, LLC for parcel 50-22-09-451-031 at 46200 Twelve Mile Road.

City Manager Auger said our Economic Development Director, Alan Weber was there to introduce one of our great companies, Nachi Robotics. Currently they reside on 9 Mile Rd., just east of the railroad tracks. He said they are looking to do a project on 12

Mile, just east of West Park Drive. He stated they have been in Novi for 25 years. They have been a great corporate partner to many different areas within the City. This project has been a building has been vacant since 2015, it was a spec building. He stated we have had a lot of interest in it, but no takers. Nachi is interested in renovating the facility, currently it's a shell. He informed Council that they would invest approximately \$ 6 million into the building. That would include office space, a warehouse and laboratory space for their products. He mentioned with this they would hire an additional 36 new employees and retain the original 84 employees. He noted that this was a great project to keep a company that has been in the City. They have options of relocating to Greenwood, Indiana. He also stated that the Michigan Economic Development Corporation is supporting the project. Oakland Community College and Michigan Works are helping on talent side. Lastly they meet with a lot of companies to understand what they do. Not many are great corporate partners and participate with the community. Nachi has worked with the high school on their robotics team and introducing them to their products that they have in their facility. He said he was excited to retain them and keep them working with the high school.

Andrew Candelo said he was the General Manager and Director of Business Development for Nachi Robotic Systems. They are excited to stay in Novi and create a new state of the art facility to showcase their robots in automation technology. He explained that moving there will allow them to showcase robotic products, and grow their research and development. He said their parent company wants them to move the corporate campus back to Indiana; they would rather build on that 25 year history with Novi. Novi's Asian community is great place for their Japanese associates to call home. They feel safe sending the children to Novi schools to learn English and make new American friends. They find it difficult to leave because Novi becomes their home. Nachi Robotic Systems is a supplier of robots and automation to industries of all kinds. He commented that the new facility will allow them to take automation to the next level. They plan to highlight and grow their capabilities in whole facility automation, such as the internet of things and cloud based factory. He stated the new facility will allow them to create a technical center with the internal structure to highlight their abilities in these new technologies and many others. It will allow their current and future customers to see hands on demonstrations of things like remote wireless machine tracking. He also pointed out that this technology will allow them to go to next level in tracking productivity. This will bring more customers into the facility and demonstrate that this is a cutting edge facility in Novi and that Novi fosters a futuristic vision. He explained that this new facility gives them space to build a research and development center. He stated they will be working on the next generation of Nachi robots and software which will allow them to be more competitive. He said artificial intelligence and collaborative robots with simple interfaces will allow our robots to be more accessible to every type of user and they will be developing these ideas right here in Novi, Michigan with skills developed by students and others in the area. This will make Novi a key part of the next generation of manufacturing automation. He noted they will be hiring local talent who live here, and shop here. They will be sharing the fact that Novi with be their North American Headquarters. He explained that this building will give them the opportunity to create a work environment that will foster and encourage

the next generation of employees to want to join Nachi. This is the key for setting them up for the future. He thanked Council for the opportunity to speak on behalf of Nachi Robotic Systems.

Mayor Pro Tem Staudt mentioned he read the application and it was very clear this company is involved with the community. He felt that it fit the all of the parameters for tax abatement; it probably goes further than any other company that they have considered. He stated the entire cost to the City over the certificate is \$23,000. He said Nachi puts that much time in alone working with the students in the High School

CM 18-07-099 Moved by Staudt, seconded by Gatt; MOTION CARRIED: 4-2

To approve of the Resolution to establish an Industrial Development District by its owner Novi Corporate Park V, LLC for parcel 50-22-09-451-031 at 46200 Twelve Mile Road.

Member Breen thanked Nachi for their business and their contributions to Novi. She stated she didn't fault Nachi for applying for the abatement. She appreciated the alternative views held by her fellow Councilmembers. Her objection is to the policy itself. She stated that studies show the abatement policy in Michigan was marginal at best. She said we are in an infrastructure crisis in Michigan. We have a \$4 billion shortage in order to maintain the current infrastructure. We all should share an equal responsibly for maintaining the infrastructure. She said she could not support this abatement.

Member Casey said she would restrict her comments to the resolution that is in front of them to establish the Industrial Development District. That is the first step of being able to consider the abatement which is next on the Agenda. To continue to move the process forward she said she would support the resolution.

Roll call vote on CM 18-07-099 Yeas: Casey, Mutch, Gatt, Staudt Nays: Breen, Markham Absent: Wrobel

2. Approval of Resolution authorizing application from Nachi Robotic Systems, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for new improvements to an existing facility located at 46200 Twelve Mile Road and related Agreement concerning Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement.

CM 18-07-100 Moved by Staudt, seconded by Casey; MOTIONCARRIED: 4-2

To approve of the Resolution authorizing application by Nachi Robotic Systems, Inc. for a 3-year Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption and Agreement concerning Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement subject to approval by the State Tax Commission pursuant to Public Act 198. Member Mutch asked Mr. Weber if we have any indication from the current property owner at the 9 Mile location about what their plans are for that building and if they have any future tenants for that site. Mr. Weber replied that he could not disclose that information at this time, but there are others who are interested in it. Member Mutch understood that Nachi's lease was ending, which prompted them to move. Mr. Weber said that it was one of the factors, but also they were growing considerably and needed a state of the art facility. He said the current facility on 9 Mile would not allow for future growth. Member Mutch wanted clarification regarding the new location because it fronts on 12 Mile Road and we know it is a problem road. It definitely needs some investment to infrastructure. The aerial view doesn't show the right-of-way dedicated in front of property, he was wondering if that has that happened. He thought it was in the process of being donated. Mr. Weber said he could not give an answer at this point. Member Mutch asked City Manager Auger if he could clarify. City Manager Auger asked Community Development Director Boulard if it was approved with the site plan. He said before the C of O a transfer will have to occur. It has been approved and in process. Member Mutch said it was important to him because eventually we will have to invest a significant amount of money into 12 Mile Road to improve that and having the right-of-way through donation is important because we can save a significant amount of money. We want to avoid those additional costs of obtaining right-of-way. Member Mutch said he has been pretty consistent in terms of not voting for tax abatement requests. He thought there was one he voted for, Ecco Tool, on 11 Mile Road. That was a unique situation. There are things about this proposal that are attractive in terms of the abatement request compared to other previous. He mentioned first was Nachi's long history here. They have a deep involvement with the school robotics program. Secondly, he liked the employment picture that was presented with a range of wages. They will be providing a range of jobs. Often it is high paying, high skilled jobs, which are good, but we also need a diverse workforce for people of all income and educational backgrounds. The proposal from Nachi has skilled management, but also entry level and stepping stone to future opportunities. Lastly, it will not impact the City's budget. The City has had some requests due to size and length of term that are significant in terms of long term impact. This is only a three year term and the amount abated is under \$25,000. In light of the investment in the property, future ROW, workforce opportunities, and keeping an existing business here with long term history and involvement, he was in support of this request. He wished Nachi all the best. We want to see existing Novi business not only be successful, but continue to grow and invest back into the community. He expressed this is an opportunity to do that, with a cost from the City's budget perspective it is something we can absorb without a negative impact on City services and investment.

Member Casey disclosed that she works for General Motors. She is an employee of the Global Connected Customer Experience Group. She said her role doesn't involve working with suppliers, manufacturing, or automation. She understood that it is not Nachi Robotics, but their parent company that deals with General Motors. She stressed she has an overabundance of caution and wanted to document there is a relationship

with the parent company, but she still could be objective. She echoed the previous speaker's reasons for supporting this abatement. Generally speaking she reviews the abatement and the particular circumstance. She stated that she was not always for or against them. When she looked at the history and the opportunity to retain a business and help them grow by approving an abatement that comes at little cost to the City. She thought the benefit was so great. Having been on record that when we have abatements, its big corporate and they don't have opportunity to support the smaller businesses. For both reasons, she will be happy to support. She said she appreciated everything they do and will continue to do.

Member Markham thought it was an interesting discussion. She also thought it was an interesting proposal about retaining a company that is a good corporate citizen. She had a fundamental problem with the State forcing communities to pick winners and losers. Basically this is filling out a form and if you meet all the boxes, we get to give you tax relief. She fundamentally disagrees with that. Therefore she would not support this abatement. However, she was grateful that Nachi is here and she hoped they stay whether or not the abatement is approved.

Roll call vote on CM 18-07-100 Yeas: Muto Nays: Mark

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

3. Approval to award design engineering services to AECOM Great Lakes, Inc., for the Flint Street Realignment and Reconstruction project in the amount of \$111,357.54.

CM 18-07-101 Moved by Casey, seconded by Markham; MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

To Approve to award the design engineering services to AECOM Great Lakes, Inc., for the Flint Street Realignment and reconstruction project in the amount of \$111,357.54.

Member Mutch wanted clarification on a couple of details related to the proposed project. He stated that one of the things talked about is the design for Flint Street will be reconfigured to two 11 foot wide lanes and an 8 foot parking lane with 6 foot sidewalks along the south side of the roadway. He believed the driver of this particular road improvement is a large development proposed on the 2 parcels south of Flint Street adjacent to the railroad track right-of-way. He said he read the Planning Commission Packet for that site, and they are proposing 8 foot sidewalks. He wondered what is going in where. City Planner McBeth said she believed the plan that was presented to the Planning Commission is requesting an 8 foot sidewalk on that side. Member Mutch wondered why the proposal from AECOM is stating a 6 foot sidewalk. He would like to get that clarified between now and then. Member Mutch stated this area is zoned TC-1, which is Town Center 1 Zoning District which he believed required a 12 foot sidewalk. He wondered why that particular design consideration was not being pursued. Ms. McBeth said there were a number of reasons why they chose not to pursue that design

consideration. She believed City Council would be seeing this plan soon at an upcoming meeting. She believed there would be a number of deviations that had been requested. She said this was one that the staff had talked with the applicant about. The building itself doesn't front directly onto that sidewalk and she said it was the applicants choice to reduce that width. Ms. McBeth said it didn't make as much sense as it does along Main Street. Member Mutch said on the other side of the street there is going to be a paved pathway. He wondered if the intent was to be a Riverwalk concept. Ms. McBeth said it was intended to do that and to provide facilities for enjoying the creek that runs along the opposite side of Flint Street. Member Mutch asked City Manager Auger if the developer is contributing to towards the construction of any of these improvements related to Flint Street. Mr. Auger said we are planning and it is budgeted for us to take on the construction cost of the street. Member Mutch wondered if the developer would be responsible for the sidewalk in front of their property. Mr. Auger stated he believed the developer would be responsible for the sidewalk which would be in the right-of-way on their side.

Roll call vote on CM 18-07-101 Yeas: Mutch, Gatt, Staudt, Breen, Casey Markham Nays: None Absent: Wrobel

4. Approval of Resolution, Project Agreement and Grant Acceptance to accept the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant TF17-0162 for the acquisition of an approximately 20.31-acre parcel located on Nine Mile Road, west of Garfield, to be known as the ITC Trailhead Park Expansion property and amend the budget.

CM 18-07-102 Moved by Staudt, seconded by Casey; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

To approve of Resolution, Project Agreement and Grant Acceptance to accept the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant TF17-0162 for the acquisition of an approximately 20.31-acre parcel located on Nine Mile Road, west of Garfield, to be known as the ITC Trailhead Park Expansion property and amend the budget.

Member Mutch said he would support this item. He pointed out that as a Council they have different visions on development in the City and obviously there are projects in the past and will be in the future that they have different ideas about. One thing he wanted to note is those times when Council and the City have a single vision about the preservation and protection of natural areas in the City of Novi. They don't often get the chance to tell residents that we are going to permanently preserve 20 acres of woodlands and wetlands in the City of Novi forever. This will benefit the surrounding residents as well as all of the residents across the City who will have access to this through the ITC Trail and future development. He commented that the State of Michigan, through the Trust Fund, will pick up 75% of cost. We don't often get the chance to say that, but this is one of those opportunities.

Member Breen wanted to thank PRCS Director Muck for working so hard on project. She echoed everything the Member Mutch said. She was happy to see this was getting done.

Member Markham hoped that Mr. Migrin was happy that we were doing something on his side of town. This is important, it is great news. She thought that the fact that we could leverage an investment and get three times as much money back from State as we are putting out is the great part of doing this. She would definitely be supporting this.

Mayor Pro Tem stated that seven or eight years ago the Walkable Novi Committee talked about the ITC Trail and they thought it would never happen because the expenditure was just too huge. As we approach the completion of Phase 2, none of that could have been done without making the investment in the ITC Trail. He believed we have spent about \$3 million to \$5 million on the trail over past few years. This is the kind of investment you make in a community. He said that a lot of people wonder why we put money into this trail. He explained that we have opportunities to put things along the trail. He said this is just one of them. There will be others that will happen and others have already happened. He noted that sometimes there is a bigger picture to all of this and in this case the investment is paying off with the investment of long term preservation. He said this way just one more step, we are not far away from opening it up. It will be an important day for Novi.

Roll call vote on CM 18-07-102

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

AUDIENCE COMMENT:

Paul Thal, Hampton Hill, Novi stated in his opinion he is requesting the modification of the ordinance in which he spoke about earlier which he didn't see a downside to. He reads in the newspaper that something happens and that warning signs are ignored. He wanted this to be an alert. This could save a life one day.

Karl Migrin 49450 W. 9 Mile Rd., Novi, thanked Council for approving the grant resolution. He said the wetlands filtering water guarantees the purity of his water. A few months ago they talked about developments that, if they weren't approved, the City would be short money. He said he looked at the southwest section of Novi to see to see why we are not getting more money from that section. The first thing that came to his mind was Legacy Parc. There are supposed to be 439 single family homes there, first approved in 2004, and amended in 2015. The number of homes built since approval is zero. Once this development is built out, we will take in \$2,195,000 a year in taxes. In over 14 years we have only taken in \$1,828,288. He said the development in the

southwest corner, Ballantyne, was a 41 condominium project priced from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 approved in 2014. The numbers of homes built to date have been zero. We are short approximately \$1,409,000 in taxes and once again it is for sale. He said Valencia South had planned on 64 single family homes at \$700,000 first approved in July 2015. Presently they have built 13 homes. That is another shortfall of taxes of approximately \$442,216. He mentioned Dunhill Park was approved for 31 single family homes priced at \$700,000 to \$1,000,000 approved in January 2016. Presently the number of homes built is five. We have a shortfall to the City for \$100,905 in 2017. He believed the total shortfall to the City of Novi for just these four approved developments is \$30,853,897. He wondered why the City should approve more developments when the existing ones are not being built. He also wondered why some of the developments are being sold after City Council approval and they are not built.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL ISSUES:

E. Approval to use a Planning Consultant to assist with the development of two zoning districts for the City West and Pavilion Shore Village areas.

Member Breen asked the reason for using a planning consultant for these particular areas zoning areas and why it was necessary. Mr. Auger answered, through the Mayor, that currently our planning and building staffs have more than a full plate with all the development that is going on in the City. In order to move forward, it's more effective to hire a consultant instead of staff that would possibly be fired when the workload lightens. Member Breen wanted to be clear, more so for the public so that they can understand what is happening here. She explained that this will allow two different avenues for community input, the first being with the planning consultant, and then again at a public hearing. Mr. Auger replied yes, that was correct. Member Breen asked Mr. Auger if he could explain as far as the City West area, the different roles that the planning consultant is going to have, verses what the corridor improvement committee is going to be doing. Mr. Auger said the planning consultant role will boil down to what changes, if any, will have to happen and walk us through the process which would include the public input sessions.

CM 18-07-103 Moved by Breen, seconded by Gatt; CARRIED:

To award professional services contract to MKSK for assistance in developing two new zoning districts for the City West and Pavilion Shore Village areas to promote the recommendations in the City's Master Plan in the amount of \$27,000 and to concurrently amend the budget in the amount of \$27,000, subject to final review and approval of form by the City Manager's office and City Attorney.

Motion passed by voice vote

M. Approval of an Agreement for Direct/Temporary Connection to Sanitary Sewer parcel 50-22-22-302-001 on Glenda Avenue to connect to the City's public sanitary sewer system at Kerri Court.

Member Mutch stated that this particular request is for the City to approve a temporary sanitary sewer connection for a particular parcel on Glenda that does not perk, so they cannot put a septic field in. He said it is currently vacant and can't be developed. One thing that struck him was as far as he knows; none of the properties have access to sewer services. DPS Director, Jeff Herczeg confirmed that was correct. Member Mutch said as this request was structured; it is only designed to allow this one property access to the sewer. He asked if there was any plan to connect other parcels to sewer. Mr. Herczeg replied, no, he didn't believe it was possible to make a connection to the rest of the parcels that way. It is not possible with a force main, with a lead from the house. Member Mutch asked who is responsible for long term maintenance of that line. Mr. Herczeg replied that it would be the homeowner's responsibility; it is treated as a private lead. Member Mutch asked what the route would be, would it cross through a commons area of an adjacent sub and through an access to tie into an existing sewer. He questioned if the City had talked to the adjacent subdivision about running the line. Mr. Herczeg said since it was just a lead it should be a bore job, and shouldn't have an effect on property owners. He will make sure the subdivision and homeowners are notified. Member Mutch said he understood why the property owners would want this. It would be disconcerting for folks to see trees coming down to install a sewer line. Mr. Herczeg said it would not be intrusive. Member Mutch understood why the property owner desired to develop the lot. On other hand it's problematic for us to encourage this one off connection that only benefits one property even though others need it, even though the City will not be responsible. He stated that he didn't want to encourage that infrastructure to accommodate one property owner. He felt this was a piecemeal approach to a bigger issue that needs to be resolved in this area. He thought historically if it is allowed, it ends up not allowing this problem to be properly addressed.

CM 18-07-104 Moved by Staudt, seconded by Mutch; MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

To deny the approval of an Agreement for Direct/Temporary Connection to Sanitary Sewer allowing parcel 50-22-22-302-001 on Glenda Avenue to connect to the City's public sanitary sewer system at Kerri Court.

Roll call vote on CM 18-07-104

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

CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS FOR COUNCIL ACTION: None

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

Robert J. Gatt, Mayor

Transcribed by Deborah S. Aubry

Date approved: July 23, 2018