

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVI
MONDAY, JULY 27, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Gatt called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-129 this meeting was held remotely.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mayor Gatt, 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 20-07-084 Moved by Crawford, seconded by Casey; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

To approve the Agenda as presented.

Roll call vote on CM 20-07-084 **Yeas: Staudt, Breen, Casey, Crawford, Fischer, Mutch, Gatt**
Nays: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PRESENTATIONS: None

MANAGER/STAFF REPORT: None

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS AND APPROVALS:

CM 20-07-085 Moved by Casey, seconded by Crawford; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

- A. Approve Minutes of:
 - 1. July 6, 2020 – Regular meeting
- B. Consideration of amendments to contracts for the City Manager, City Clerk, and City Assessor as prepared and approved as to form by the City Attorney.
- C. Approval of the Oakland County Building Officials Association Damage Assessment Mutual Aid Agreement, an inter-governmental agreement between Oakland County communities outlining the terms by which member communities will assist each other in the evaluation of buildings and structures to determine

the nature and extent of damage and the cost of repairs in the event of a disaster or emergency.

- D. Approval of a resolution of the City Council authorizing termination of a portion of the Public Utility Easement, for the Lakeview Development located between 2214 Old Novi Road and 2206 Old Novi Road (parcels 50-22-10-232-010 and 50-22-10-230-006).
- E. Approval of claims and warrants – Warrant No. 1064.

Roll call vote on CM 20-07-085 **Yeas: Breen, Casey, Crawford, Fischer, Mutch, Gatt, Staudt**
Nays: None

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Consideration of proposed water & sewer rate resolutions for 2020-2021.

CM 20-07-086 **Moved by Staudt, seconded by Casey; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Approval of Proposed Water & Sewer Rate Resolutions for 2020-2021.

Roll call vote on CM 20-07-086 **Yeas: Casey, Crawford, Fischer, Mutch, Gatt, Staudt, Breen**
Nays: None

2. Consideration of approval to award the construction contract for the 2020 Pathway Gap and ADA Compliance Program to Merlo Construction Company, Inc., the low-bidder, in the amount of \$823,127.40.

CM 20-07-087 **Moved by Mutch, seconded by Casey; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Approval to award the construction contract for the 2020 Pathway Gap and ADA Compliance Program to Merlo Construction Company, Inc., the low-bidder, in the amount of \$823,127.40.

Roll call vote on CM 20-07-087 **Yeas: Crawford, Fischer, Mutch, Gatt, Staudt, Breen, Casey**
Nays: None

3. Consideration of approval to award the construction contract for the 2020 Sanitary Pipe and Manhole Rehabilitation project, to Pipeline Management Company, the low-bidder, in the amount of \$1,031,304, and amend the budget.

CM 20-07-088 **Moved by Casey, seconded by Staudt; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Approval to award the construction contract for the 2020 Sanitary Pipe and Manhole Rehabilitation project, to Pipeline Management Company, the low-bidder, in the amount of \$1,031,304, and amend the budget.

Roll call vote on CM 20-07-088

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

Nays: None

4. Consideration of approval of an Intergovernmental Cost Sharing Agreement between the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) and the City of Novi for additional road restoration work along 11 Mile Road, Meadowbrook Road, and 13 Mile Road to be included in the GLWA 14 Mile Transmission Main Construction Contract in the amount of \$145,000, and amend the budget.

City Manager Auger said the Great Lakes Water Authority came before us to explain their program and we have had a couple of memos on this. This part of the project is us fixing the entire road, not just part of the road where the water redundancy line is going to go under. It is a real advantage for the City to do it this way.

CM 20-07-089

Moved by Staudt, seconded by Casey; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of an Intergovernmental Cost Sharing Agreement between the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) and the City of Novi for additional road restoration work along 11 Mile Road, Meadowbrook Road, and 13 Mile Road to be included in the GLWA 14 Mile Transmission Main Construction Contract in the amount of \$145,000, and amend the budget.

Member Mutch had a few questions for City Manager Auger. He said he knew what they were approving that evening allowed for the design portion of this project to move forward. He said the actual construction will not happen until 2022. He wondered what the timeline was for the construction and when it will get underway and how long will it take to build the sections that will be impacting the road on that end of town. City Manager Auger replied that he wasn't sure on the timeline. He though DPW Director Herczeg could weigh in on that if he knew. DPW Director Herczeg replied the estimated projects that will impact Novi will likely be a year. He said it was tough to say when they will actually start. The commencement will likely be from 8 Mile north. He said they were hoping for 2022-2023 to be done and out of there.

Roll call vote on CM 20-07-089

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

Nays: None

5. Consideration of approval to award the construction contract for Wildlife Woods Pickleball Courts and Meadowbrook Commons Ramp to Merlo Construction Company, the low-bidder, in the amount of \$179,510.00.

City Manager Auger said these two items are probably the number one phone call from our senior residents especially during the COVID times. He thought they would make a lot of seniors happy with this.

Mayor Pro Tem Staudt asked PRCS Director Muck if the City-owned any tennis courts, if so, why haven't we considered converting some of those. PRCS Director Muck said we owned multiple tennis courts, Wildlife Woods, ITC, Rotary, those of full of player's day in and day out. We run leagues, adult leagues; we have kid's tennis lessons. Last fall we painted pickle ball lines on the ITC courts as a pilot pickleball project because we wanted to launch some programming there. He said COVID shut us down a little bit on that. We know that people have been taking nets out there and using them. These are dedicated courts that are much needed. The pickleball players would like to see those as dedicated courts. Mayor Pro Tem Staudt asked if we are considering putting additional courts around the community, for example at ITC and perhaps Wildlife Woods. PRCS Director replied that they are being used regularly. We had a staff member out today at Wildlife Woods and saw all the courts being used from 9 a.m. Until 11a.m. He said they see the courts being used at ITC all the time. He mentioned the tennis courts at the high school are school district property. If you drive by there any time of the day you will see people using them. There is definitely a need for the tennis courts and that is why we submitted to do the four permanent pickleball courts. We do have enough room at Wildlife Woods that if we needed to expand additional courts after building these four based on needs we would be able to do that.

CM 20-07-090 Moved by Staudt, seconded by Crawford; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval to award the construction contract for Wildlife Woods Pickleball Courts and Meadowbrook Commons Ramp to Merlo Construction Company, the low-bidder, in the amount of \$179,510.00.

Roll call vote on CM 20-07-090

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

AUDIENCE COMMENT:

Rachel Sines, 2219 Austin Dr. said she was there to speak about the lack of a driveway at 2293 Austin Dr. which continues to be an issue. She noted that Robertson Brothers eliminated the existing driveway from the property for the Lakeview Development. In the process of rezoning that property it was brought to the attention of this Council, as well as the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) that there was not an existing driveway. It was implied that Robertson Brothers would install a ten foot wide driveway. When the driveway wasn't installed, she once again brought up this issue. She said they said the driveway was wide enough to call it a shared driveway. They no longer own both properties, should the new owner decide not to let 2293 share a drive they will literally have nowhere to park. This is a hazard to the rest of the neighborhood. People

continue to look at the home that is for sale, and due to the lack of parking, multiple cars at a time are parking on the street. The street is not a traditional two lane road, it is much narrower and cars parked on the street are dangerous. It is also creating blind spots. She said until the house sells this will continue being an issue because there is no parking for that home. The City should hold a ZBA responsible for the issue because since the rezoning process this wasn't even noticed or addressed despite her bringing it to their attention. Instead the ZBA chose to believe the developer that they would take care of it. All along Robertson Brothers told her that they would install a drive, even bringing it up again in the beginning of June. Clearly they are just stringing her along and that should be taken into consideration when dealing with them in the future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Member Casey wanted to give everyone a quick update on the Roads Committee. After their last meeting said they are starting to plan for how they might start up the Roads Committee again. They ended their work quickly in March with the stay at home order. As we are starting to see how things are progressing was the time for them to figure out what it is that they need to do finish their plans, get it to a place where they can build a recommendation for both the residents and City Council to review. She said her goal was to start up in September. Obviously it will depend on if they can hold the meetings in person or if they will be held remotely. She said their strategies for conducting those meeting become very different. She wanted to give everyone a heads up that they are starting to work through how they are going to get their committee up and running. They have made such amazing progress in the first couple of months of the year and they don't want to lose sight of all of great work from all of the committee members.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL ISSUES: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS FOR COUNCIL ACTION: None

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

Robert J. Gatt, Mayor

Transcribed by Deborah S. Aubry

Date approved: August 10, 2020