



CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

**Agenda Item C
August 8, 2016**

SUBJECT: Approval of a resolution to extend current Youth Council representative terms to December 31, 2016; to establish a new time frame of two-year term limit, beginning in January 2017; and going forward only have student representatives on the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Commission and Library Board.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Neighborhood and Business Relations

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: 

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Since its creation in 2005, Novi Youth Council has grown into a 21 member group, comprising students from Walled Lake Western, Novi High School, and Northville High School, as well as a host of private schools, who all live in Novi. Over the course of the last three years, there has been a steady decline of participation by upperclassmen once they get accepted into universities. In looking at application trends, the majority of inquiries on how to apply for Youth Council are received in the fall, which happens the previous April. By the time students are back in school and ready to participate in extra-curricular activities, it's too late for them to apply for Youth Council for the current year.

Adjusting the term limit time to coincide with the calendar year would allow students to apply in the fall and begin serving in January. This would also allow students who are entering their senior year to complete their commitment to Youth Council in December and have the spring to focus on AP Testing, graduation and college.

Additionally, it has been noted that student involvement on several of the Boards/ Commissions which meet during the day or not on a regular basis has waned. It is recommended we eliminate student representatives on the Beautification, Historical and Housing and Community Development Advisory Committees.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a resolution to extend current Youth Council representative terms to December 31, 2016; to establish a new time frame of two-year term limit, beginning in January 2017; and going forward only have student representatives on the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Commission and Library Board.

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Mayor Gatt				
Mayor Pro Tem Staudt				
Council Member Burke				
Council Member Casey				

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Council Member Markham				
Council Member Mutch				
Council Member Wrobel				

CITY OF NOVI

COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN

**RESOLUTION REGARDING TERMS OF YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS
AND APPOINTMENT TO OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Minutes of a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, Michigan, held in the City Hall of said City on _____, _____, at ____ o'clock P.M. Prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Councilmembers _____

ABSENT: Councilmembers _____

The following preamble and Resolution were offered by Councilmember _____ and supported by Councilmember _____.

WHEREAS; the City Council established the Novi Youth Council by Resolution on September 26, 2005; and

WHEREAS; the Youth Council as then established originally consisted of 19 members, with one-year terms that ended on June 30 of each year, and new members to serve beginning July 1 of such year unless the incumbent's term was extended; and

WHEREAS; at the same meeting, the City Council approved a Resolution providing for members of the Youth Council to serve *ex officio*, as non-voting members, on the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Commission, the Historical Commission, the Beautification Commission, the Library Board, and Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS; on June 5, 2006, the City Council amended its initial Resolution to extend the term length to two years; and

WHEREAS; on June 6, 2011, the City Council further amended the initial Resolution to increase the number of Youth Council members to 21 (19 regular members and 2 alternates); and

WHEREAS; the City Council has determined that additional changes to the current Youth Council makeup are required to ensure its effective assistance to the City as originally contemplated when the Youth Council was established.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED as follows:

1. The current Youth Council representative terms will be extended to December 31, 2016.
2. Youth Council terms thereafter will continue to be for two years, but with new membership beginning January, 2017.
3. Student representatives shall be appointed by the City Council to the Youth Council, Library Board and the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Commission only. No other commissions or committees of the City shall have student representatives appointed as members.

AYES:

NAYS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held this _____ day of _____, 2016, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting have been kept and made available to the public as required by said Act.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk
City of Novi