

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVI  
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019 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, Mutch, Verma

**ALSO PRESENT:** Pete Auger, City Manager  
Victor Cardenas, Assistant City Manager  
Thomas Schultz, City Attorney

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**CM 19-01-001 Moved by Casey, seconded by Breen; MOTION CARRIED 6-0**

**Roll call vote on CM 19-01-001 Yeas: Staudt, Breen, Casey, Mutch, Verma, Gatt  
Nays: None**

**PUBLIC HEARING: None**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Recognition of Council Member Markham

Mayor Gatt called Gwen Markham to the podium. He noted Gwen Markham sat on City Council for the last five-years and before that gave a lot of service to the community. He stated that Gwen was successful in her last campaign and is now a Commissioner with the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. Mayor read the Proclamation. Gwen thanked the Mayor. She thanked the voters of Novi and the community for giving her the opportunity to serve on City Council and to move up. She appreciated that the community looks at her as a leader. She also thanked City staff and all of her colleagues. She said she was really proud to serve on the Novi City Council. She gave special thanks to her colleague, Andrew Mutch, her mentor. She learned so much about Novi from him. She thanked him for everything that he does for the community.

2. Proclamation in recognition of Surya Namaskar (SUN Salutation) Awareness Period, January 12 – 27, 2019 – Srinivas Dundigalla

Swahitha Pareddy said she was an 11th grader at Novi High School. She represented the Michigan Chapter of Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (HSS.) She thanked Mayor Gatt, City Council and all of the guests that evening. Surya Namaskar is nothing but SUN Salutation. The sun is the source of life on earth. Surya Namaskar is one way to acknowledge this and pay respect to the sun. Surya Namaskar integrates simple yoga postures in ten simple steps along with an easy breathing technique and can provide immense health benefits to both the body and the mind. One of the primary benefits

of doing Surya Namaskar is that it improves the mental as well as physical balance of the person's body. It develops patience, and builds stamina by increasing the mental capacity of the brain and the body. She stated that yoga helps to reduce stress, anxiety, improve fitness, posture, flexibility and balance. Yoga has contributed to a widespread appeal to ancient discipline. Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh promotes the wellbeing of all and promotes a healthy lifestyle regardless of one's age, gender, age, religion, ethnicity, or nationality. January 14<sup>th</sup> marks the first day of the sun's transit into the Capricorn phase. It also marks the end of the winter solstice and the start of longer days. She said to celebrate this occasion; HSS has organized a two-week long Surya Namaskar Yoga-thon from January 12-27. The yogathon is to bring awareness of yoga and a practice of Surya Namaskar to the community at large. She said they invite all Novi residents to a concluding ceremony at the SV Temple on Saturday January 26, 2019. The Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh Michigan Chapter is grateful for this Proclamation.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT:**

Dave Galloway, 1197 East Lake Drive, Novi stated that he was there to speak about the Canadian geese. He said when we started the Lake Board the beaches of Walled Lake had been closed seven weeks due to e-coli. He said the first thing the contractors did was remove reeds from their beach. He said they haven't had a beach closing on Walled Lake since then. He said the second priority on the Lake Board is to keep the weeds from the parks and beaches of Novi. He said they have not gotten rid of the e-coli, but the lakes dilute the e-coli. He stated that the e-coli are still going downstream over to Old Novi. He said the geese produce about 3 to 4 pounds of fecal matter per day. He said they gave a full page of pros and cons on what to do with the geese. He said the second item was a reprint of an article that was in the Detroit Free Press. According to the research done by the newspaper in 1970 we had 9,000 geese in Michigan. In 2017 we had 300,000 geese in Michigan. He said they have two pages of the pros and cons of the different methods of handling the geese. He said one of them was to remove the geese to the north and we used to remove them to Kentucky or Arkansas, and Missouri. He stated that now it is only to the north. They do come back. It is a long process. It took several years for the lake to get back to its more natural state. It would take a long time for the geese to get back to a natural state. He said the last package that will come to Council is the public health issues. He will submit that it is a nuisance. In reality this is a public health problem.

Mike Duchesneau, 1191 S. Lake Dr. He stated that the budget meeting is this Saturday and he didn't know if he will be able to attend the meeting. He wanted them to consider road improvements which are the most costly on his list, along with WiFi in the parks. He thought that we need to shore up the Asian book collection. He said we should support the goose egg destruction program for Walled Lake and Shawood Lake. He said as far as the road improvements, Grand River Corridor and the Ring Road. He said the Taft Road extending over freeway has been discussed many times. He thought a few simple things that could be done would be a right turn lane on West Park Drive needs to be extended. You should not have to wait to turn right. Same applies to West

Park Drive at Pontiac Trail. He stated that there is an initiative to get Pavilion Shores and Lakeshore with WiFi. Hopefully that's funded.

**CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS AND APPROVALS:**

- A. Approve Minutes of:
  - 1. December 17, 2018 – Regular meeting
- B. Approval to award a contract for professional services to Landscape Architects and Planners, Inc. for development of the 2020-2024 Strategic Community Recreation and Master Park Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.
- C. Approval of Claims and Accounts – Warrant No. 1027

**CM 19-01-002            Moved by Casey, seconded by Mutch; MOTION CARRIED: 6-0**

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

**Roll call vote on CM 19-01-002            Yeas: Breen, Casey, Mutch, Verma, Gatt, Staudt**  
**Nays: None**

**MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

- 1. Approval of the request of Applicant Erhard Motor Sales, Inc., and Developer Winfried Dahm for a Special Development Option (SDO) Agreement in the GE, Gateway East District. The subject property is 9.48 acres of land located at the southwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Meadowbrook Road, in Section 23. The applicant and Developer are proposing a 58,663 square foot car sales facility for Jaguar Land Rover.

Mayor Gatt reminded the audience that Member Casey had recused herself from this item at the last meeting, and that recusal is still in effect.

Member Casey left the Council Chambers at 7:22 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Staudt said that this property has been unused and pretty stagnant for many, many years. He said that in 25 years in Novi he has been driving by wondering why we couldn't sell that piece of property. He thought it was exciting to see that a very strong business is interested in moving into it.

**CM 19-01-003            Moved by Staudt, seconded by Gatt; MOTION CARRIED: 3-2**

**To approve of the request of Applicant Erhard Motor Sales, Inc., and Developer Winfried Dahm for a Special Development Option (SDO) Agreement for the Jaguar Land Rover development JSPI 7-65,**

**consisting of a 58,663 square foot car sales facility, subject to execution of the Consent to Agreement by the Owners of the property and also subject to final review and approval of the Agreement as to form, including any required minor and non-substantive changes, by the City Manager and City Attorney's office. This motion is made because the Agreement meets the spirit and intent of the tentative approval granted by the City Council at the meeting of November 13, 2018.**

Member Mutch said he had a question for City Attorney Schultz about the site plan included in our packet. He said the applicant is dedicating right-of-way along Meadowbrook Road, but when he read through the Special Development Agreement he didn't see any reference to that. For the sake of clarity and for consistency between those documents, he thought it seems appropriate that it would be included. He wondered if the maker of the motion is amenable to including that requirement and if the applicant doesn't have any issues with including that as well. Mayor Pro Tem Staudt said he was amenable to that. Member Mutch stated that he wasn't at the last meeting when it came through the first time. He thought it looked like a nice project. There was attention given to maintaining the buffer area that exists along Cherry Hill Road. He said that is important because it's residential to the west in Meadowbrook Glens as well as the Novi Senior Center. With a car dealership there will be a lot of lights and vehicular traffic. He was pleased to see those items were addressed. He also mentioned that he saw an attempt to incorporate some of the features of the Gateway East District which is how this property is zoned in the Master Plan with having some amenities related to that. He was having a problem with it for this location. He didn't feel like what the City set out to accomplish with this district and this area of Grand River Avenue, that this is the right use for this location. He understood Mayor Pro Tem Staudt's sentiment that this property has sat vacant for a number of years. He didn't know if that was a function of the property itself or it was choices made by the property owners in terms of what they were waiting to see happen there. When City Council approved the new, very nice, very urban style residential development directly to the west and even went to the effort to ensure there would be a connection between that residential development to the west to this property, it really changed what he thought would happen in the area. This property, consistent with Gateway East District and consistent with the Master Plan, was going to be developed in a mixed use residential, commercial style development that would be complimentary to the residential development directly to the west. He said that unfortunately that is not going to happen. As nice as the structure is and the reputation is good, a car dealership next to residential isn't the right mix. Because of the reasons stated he could not support the proposal as presented. He would love this use somewhere else in the community. He said that the intent was to have something much different in this location. He thought they cast the die with the approval of the development to the west. Unfortunately he couldn't support the motion as presented.

Member Breen echoed Member Mutch and his concerns. She understood the property was difficult to develop. She appreciated everything that the developer has tried to

do. We have heard from residents who live near the property. She was troubled by the fact that the intent was supposed to be mixed use area and to make it a more walkable area. She thought this was a good business, but the wrong place. She had problems supporting it as is. She wanted to hear from the rest of her colleagues to see if they have anything else to say. When looking at rezoning and special uses, she believed that they should stick by the original intent, listen to input from community, and adhere to what was originally discussed when those changes were made.

Mayor Gatt said he has worked in and around Novi for 45 years now. That property has remained vacant for all that time. He has been on Council for nearly 20 years and there has never been a proposal to build on this property. Now a world class business is interested and he is in favor of moving forward with this project. It's good for Novi. He didn't believe it would cause concerns for residents in the area.

**Roll call votes on CM 19-01-003**

**Yeas: Verma, Gatt, Staudt**

**Nays: Mutch, Breen**

**Recused: Casey**

Member Casey returned to the Council Chambers at 7:31 p.m.

2. Consideration to Introduce Ordinance No. 19-193, an ordinance to amend the City of Novi Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22, "Offenses," Article 1, "In General," to add a new Section 22-9, "Marijuana Establishments Prohibited," to prohibit marijuana establishments within the boundaries of the City pursuant to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act, Initiated Law 1 of 2018, MCL 333.27951, et seq.; and to provide penalties for violation of such ordinance.

**FIRST READING**

City Manager Auger said this sets us up to wait and see what the State rules and regulations will be before we consider moving into this field.

Mayor Gatt asked City Attorney Schultz if he could give everyone a few words of wisdom on this subject.

City Attorney Schultz said one of the provisions of the Recreational Marijuana Ballot Proposal was a provision that allows municipalities to "opt out" of the business aspect of what was authorized by voters which is the commercial entities that grow or sell marijuana. Many things were authorized by virtue of the fact that it passed, like personal uses. The State is still deciding how it will regulate the business side. The idea of opting out now and deciding later is just to make sure if and when the State adopts regulations the Council has time to decide. It allows them to watch and see how it unfolds. Mayor Gatt stated that this is a fail-safe for us, it is a way of protecting us and our citizens in case Lansing acts in a way we don't like or quicker than we expect. He wondered if it was accurate to say that more municipalities have taken this position to "opt out" right now. City Attorney Schultz thought that is accurate.

Member Breen stated that no matter what we do, we need input from the community as to what the residents want and the businesses want. She mentioned that Grand Rapids did a moratorium on accepting and reviewing applications for these businesses. She said she has no idea if we have received any formal applications. She wondered if there was any reason why we couldn't pursue an option to put a moratorium for accepting and viewing licenses until we can figure out how we wish to precede verses opting out entirely. City Attorney Schultz said a moratorium like this we would do as an ordinance anyway. To do that would take the same formality as opting out. He thought the effect is the same. At the end of the moratorium process they would still want to enact another legislative action. He didn't think it was a big difference right now. Member Breen said there is a penalty section. She wondered why that was necessary at all. How would a business incur a penalty for establishing a business when they are not allowed to establish it in the first place. She hadn't seen any other cities include a penalty provision; she didn't see that as necessary. City Attorney Schultz said any ordinance violation is going to carry the penalty under our ordinance, the default is a misdemeanor. He said one of the reasons they did this was to make sure it's a civil infraction, not a misdemeanor. As to the question do people do things that they are not allowed to do, sure there were a couple of medical marijuana businesses that opened up when that passed. People do things that they are not supposed to. He stated that a civil infraction gives us additional enforcement rights, but also makes it not criminal. Member Breen wondered if we have found things that might have to be changed to remove conflicting provisions in our current ordinances that go with Proposition 1. City Attorney Schultz said there will be a few things such as paraphernalia. He thought there was an opportunity in the new law to define what public places are because that becomes relevant to personal conduct issues. There will be amendments that come forward that aren't use based. Member Breen wondered if there was an immediate need to do this right now. City Attorney Schultz said no, but the law is effective immediately. This ballot proposal and the law it created are in effect. There is discussion about whether or not municipalities were supposed to have an "opt in" in place when it came into effect. He said that some communities did a two reading ordinance amendment process and had their ordinances in place for the effective date of this which was the end of November. We didn't do that and wanted to wait to see if it passed. The provision that gives you wiggle room is the one year provision that the State has to issue regulations. If at the end of one year the State has not created an administrative process to give these people licenses, it will default to the City. He stated that the State can make its rules at any time. It could be eleven months from now or two months from now. The idea of "opting out", but still thinking about it, they still have the right. This gives them breathing room. Member Breen stated that Novi did vote in favor of Proposition 1. She believed before we take formal action, they should have community input sessions with other stakeholders such as public safety, businesses, and schools. There may be a place in Novi for these businesses. She said they should look at other states that have allowed these types of businesses. She would personally look at revenues generated, and crime rates to compare how we want Novi to proceed. She said she would prefer not to take action. We should wait until we have more input from our community before we do anything else.

Mayor Pro Tem Staudt thought we are taking good advice from our attorney to take action immediately. There have been communities in the area who have overwhelmingly approved Proposition 1. He said that Proposition 1 was passed in some communities 4 or 5 to 1, that is not the case here in Novi. He said that public feedback is important, but we have a year before licensing will take place. We have a November election and public feedback is provided then also. It's important to take a position so people looking to develop this in various parts of our City know where we stand at this moment. He said we can change that at some future point. He suspected they will never have wholesale distribution and grow centers in Novi. We do not have the right facilities and right areas for them. We do have some locations that might work for that, but all in all, he believed this was something they should act on at the moment. We need to send a clear message out there that we are going to look at all of the options available to us. There is no point in waiting. The City is taking a position and letting people know. He hasn't had a single person talk to him about recreational or medical marijuana except lobbyists. He said he gets a call every month from somebody who is in the business of recreational marijuana or medical marijuana who will really profit on this. He said some of the communities that have turned their back on this and "opted out" they believe the primary beneficiary of this is a small group of people who have very deep pockets who are looking to make an extraordinary amount of money in a very short period of time.

**CM 19-01-004            Moved by Staudt, seconded by Casey; MOTION CARRIED: 5-1**

**To approve of the Introduction of Ordinance No. 19-193, an ordinance to amend the City of Novi Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22, "Offenses," Article I, "In General," to add a new Section 22-9, "Marijuana Establishments Prohibited," to prohibit marijuana establishments within the boundaries of the City pursuant to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, Initiated Law I of 2018, MCL 333.27951, et seq.; and to provide penalties for violation of such ordinance. FIRST READING**

Member Mutch had a concern about this ordinance not giving us the next step. He felt it would be helpful to have a trigger in the ordinance that says at the point the State of Michigan issues these rules, within 60 or 90 days, the City Council would revisit this issue to provide direction in terms of how we want to proceed. He said we would know what the framework would look like and what options are on the table. He thought that would be helpful because it gets us to come back to this instead of it being dragged out for an extended period of time without any action. He wondered if there was anything that would preclude us from including that language. He thought that having language in there would be helpful because it says to the community that we are putting on hold any action on this item until the point that the State acts and then we will come back and revisit this. Personally he didn't have a problem taking this first step in terms of saying that we don't want to be in the situation as a City of unintended consequences that might come about because the State issues regulations and it creates a situation that we didn't anticipate. He did think it was a conversation that we

need to have as a City Council and right now we are not having that conversation, we are just saying we are putting this pause to see how the State acts and at some future date we will come back and decide what we want to do with it. He asked if there was any reason not to put some kind of trigger that will allow or direct us as a Council. City Attorney Schultz said he didn't think there was anything that would preclude you; he said he would be reluctant to put it in the Regulatory section of the ordinance. He said they put a sentence in explaining that the adoption of the ordinance doesn't preclude the municipality from taking it up at a later date. If a majority of Council would like to do that he would recommend it to be in the Intent; Purpose section instead of the Regulatory section. Member Mutch asked if it could be stated in one of the sections that following that where you have repeals, etc. City Attorney Schultz said you could do that. Member Mutch felt that would be the more appropriate place for it. It talks about how the ordinance would operate which would be a temporary measure that is in place until the State does what it needs to do. He explained that the trigger would then kick in, which would say that the City of Novi would have to have a conversation about what we want to do. He said we should not punt this for months or years down the road. He said that would be his suggestion that we add that. He wondered what the appropriate time frame to give to analyze that before it would come back for Council action. City Attorney Schultz said if Council decided to put something in there like that they would want it to be a least six months. You would want the Planning Commission and other folks to weigh in. Member Mutch asked City Attorney Schultz what are the issues would be that they need to address separate from the policy decision that we as a Council need to make that can't happen in this time period. Proposition 1 has been approved by the voters; we know it is out there, we know that there are issues associated with it. Why would we just sit around waiting until the State does something and then act. He said he was talking about doing research and saying what would be appropriate. He understood Planning Commissions decision will be what the appropriate uses in the community looking at this. He mentioned what Mayor Pro Tem said earlier regarding locations that may be appropriate for this use. He said he didn't need to know the very specific rules to be able to say this use may be appropriate, and this use is not. He didn't want this to drag out for months. City Attorney Schultz said they would study this as soon as Council requested. He said it will take some time; it will be relevant to what the State regulations are. This is a City ordinance; it is not a zoning ordinance amendment. If this passes the City Council, it will be an ordinance code amendment in the "Offenses" section. There will probably be a similar one through the zoning process so that we have both kinds of ordinances covered. The Planning Commission, if it is directed by City Council, could start looking at whether any of these uses are relevant, and they could do that now. Member Mutch thanked City Attorney Schultz for his feedback. He wanted his comments on the record. He thought it would be appropriate to have a trigger that would say there is a time period it would put in place a directive to this Council to act and also make it clear to the community because counter to what Mayor Pro Tem said he has heard from folks in the community that they are ok with some of these uses. There are folks in the community that have said they are not OK with some of these uses. Some don't care either way. He said there are people that are interested in this issue and he didn't think they want to see us go through this action of precluding this without having a



robust policy discussion about what should happen with these. He felt that by putting the language in place it would make that conversation happen at the appropriate time.

Member Casey stated that she supported the first reading. She thought doing an ordinance like this is a very prudent decision. She stated Council has seen actions at the State level that have moved faster than we expected that have made a dramatic impact on our ability to regulate the businesses in our own City. She is thinking about liquor licenses most specifically. Having an ordinance in place that says we are opting out now so that we have time to let the State go through and decide what they are going to do. We can study the issue after that. There are numerous cities in the area have gone through a very similar process. She said she was comfortable with this idea. She said she respected the point of view of the previous speaker. She wasn't sure if putting that kind of trigger in the ordinance was the right place for that kind of action prompt. She wondered if there might be a better place to put that. If we put in any time frame that pushes us to a place that we might not be able to meet, it is an unreasonable burden on the City to get through the conversation to make sure we understand what the State has set up. This will give us the time to have the detailed conversation that Member Breen suggested. We need dialogue with the community, but that dialogue also needs to come once we know what the State regulations are. Putting a trigger in the ordinance was not what she would support, but she would be open to some other ways to do that. She said she would support the first reading as is.

Mayor Gatt said he fully supported this motion and all of the ideas behind it. He was not in favor of any triggers because this Council can act at any time on any matter. There doesn't have to be a written trigger. He heard what Mayor Pro Tem and Member Mutch said about phone calls. He said he receives many phone calls and has not heard from anybody in favor or against this issue, except he has had many calls from people that represent the marijuana business. They very much want to get in on the ground floor in Novi. In Novi they consider it to be a goldmine and he has no idea about the finances involved. It must be something very lucrative. He felt that we were doing the right thing by adopting this ordinance. The newspaper listed all of the municipalities that have opted out at this time without any triggers. He said that the Ordinance Review Committee had talked about this several times. We were waiting to see what would be happen in the election, and now we are waiting to see what they are going to do. He said he would fully support the ordinance as written and he was ready to move forward.

Mayor Pro Tem Staudt commented that it was not his intention to put a clause in. The language that is here that is not precluding us from studying and revisiting the issue in the future. We have clearly put the opportunity in there to let residents and other businesses know that this isn't a closed door. He said it would be a hard sell for him to have any marijuana establishment in Novi. He may be out of the mainstream. Many people voted for use, and other things. He said he didn't know if they voted for locations to buy and sell. That was his personal opinion. Everyone has their own opinion. He said we should put a prohibition on this until we bring it back and then we

decide on what we want to do as a community based on all kinds of factors. He said we may find out there are very few areas that we could have some of these establishments. Before we ever go down that path, there is a lot that needs to happen. He wants to make it clear that for now this is a prohibition.

**Roll call votes on CM 19-01-004**

**Yeas: Verma, Gatt, Staudt, Casey, Mutch  
Nays: Breen**

3. Appointment to City Council.

Mayor Gatt stated that this appointment was to fill the spot vacated by Member Markham. He said in November 2018 we had interviews in which several people came before Council. In that process they saw many great candidates. Instead of doing additional interviews they are going to use that list.

**CM 19-01-005**

**Moved by Casey, seconded by Staudt; MOTION CARRIED: 6-0**

**To appoint Dr. Doreen Poupard to fill the term of Council Member Markham's election term until the next election in November of 2019.**

Mayor Gatt clarified that Member Verma has been appointed, and if this motion passes then Dr. Poupard would be appointed. Both of these vacancies per the City Charter will only be good until the next City election which will be in November 2019. If they chose to run, they would have to run for their seat like a regular Councilmember.

Mayor Pro Tem Staudt commented that Dr. Poupard has been on Council in the past, she is ready to go, she is experienced, and she knows the issues. He said she could jump in with two feet and really provide some excellent feedback. She would be an active member from day one which is extraordinarily hard to do for somebody that hasn't served in the past.

**Roll call votes on CM 19-01-005**

**Yeas: Gatt, Staudt, Breen, Casey, Mutch,  
Verma  
Nays: None**

**AUDIENCE COMMENT:**

Mike Duchesneau, 1191 S. Lake Dr., Novi said the WiFi access in all of our City parks should be accessible initially through the Library card. They have the best procedures controlling what is accessed and making sure our residents have access. The other item that he talked about was the foreign language books in our Library. Our Library has an outstanding program for foreign language. He stated that 21% of our residents are Asian. We have a collection of 170,000 items in our Library and he would like the City Council, and the Library Board to set a goal of having 5,000 foreign language books in the 2019 Calendar Year. We have a good collection of foreign language

books, but he would like to see it up to 5,000 by the end of 2019 and 10,000 by the end of 2020. Parents who speak a foreign language should be able to go up to the Library and read books, children's books, in a foreign language to their kids so that they don't lose their heritage. He said the Asian population is up quite a bit since the 2010 Census. Novi has been a very diverse community. Our Library Board has been shoring up with programs for conversational access and he would like to see that continue. The last item he had on his list for the budget was the Goose Busters. We should be gathering up the eggs and geese where it is appropriate. We have done this on Walled Lake, but we also need to do it on Shawood Lake.

Dorothy Duchesneau, 125 Henning, Novi said that Novi is a proactive city. It is known as a proactive city not a reactive city. The idea for being proactive is to be three steps ahead of an issue. She said nobody from the DNR is going to come to Novi and ask if we want their help with the geese problem. There are fixes for this regarding the health issues and so on. Novi has to go to the State and ask about what options are out there that will work. Some of the Homeowner Associations have taken to address the issue as was mentioned. LAHA was one of them. The geese will fly a mile and a half from where their nest is to where there is water and grass. It does not help if the City does not address their property. We are not dealing with cardinals, blue jays, or robins. They are Canadian geese for which the State, and the Canadian government regulates. The Canadian goose has a hunting season. The State has been increasing the hunting season, year by year, because they realize that there is an over population of these geese. Since we cannot hunt within the City limits, we need to find out what the other options are. Please put some funds out there to ask the right questions with the right people. Some of these things are time sensitive.

Anand Pappuri 42210 Park Ridge Rd., Novi said he has been doing energy efficiency since 2009 and has an energy business. He said he does not see much in energy efficiency in the City to help the residents and businesses. He is looking for some kind of sustainability. He would like the City to publish our energy efficiency goals. It should start with the City buildings. He recommended that we use the programs within the State and Federal governments that would save a lot of energy in terms of water, electricity and gas.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Member Casey wished everyone a Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We have started to celebrate the transition of the City of Novi from a village to a city. Residents received a wonderful calendar in their mailboxes in December. This idea was brought to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee by one of our residents and it took a village to go through and find out all of the great pieces of information that help you focus on how Novi has grown and developed along with some history of our City. She thanked all of those Committee members and also thanked our Community Relations Department who put this together to make a wonderful keepsake for all of us. There have been posts on Facebook from people who have moved out of the City wondering how they can obtain one of our calendars. That is a tribute to our community, our City, and our

Community Relations Department. They have also released a video in a series of monthly videos that are going to take a different topic every month and feature some aspect of our history. This is the first one, it was introduced by Mayor Gatt and it talked about how Novi was founded. She encouraged everyone to go to the Facebook Page and watch that video. It was well done by our Community Relations Department. We also have a public reception scheduled for February 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., preceding the Council meeting. That is to help us recognize and celebrate the day that the City became incorporated. It was voted on February 19, 1969. More details for that will be also on Facebook or our on cityofnovi.org if you would like to come celebrate with us. There will be a Team Novi Pep Rally on January 24, 2019 started at 3:00 p.m. on a Thursday. There will be members of the Detroit Tigers Organization present. There will also be groups from the High School performing as well.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL ISSUES: None**

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

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 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: January 28, 2019