

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVI
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – NOVI CIVIC CENTER – 45175 W. 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 Casey, Fischer (absent, excused), Margolis, Mutch, Wrobel

ALSO PRESENT: Clay Pearson, City Manager
Victor Cardenas, Assistant City Manager
Thomas Schultz, City Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

CM-13-02-017 Moved by Casey, seconded by Wrobel; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:

To approve the Agenda as presented.

Roll call vote on CM-13-02-017	Yeas:	Staudt, Casey, Margolis, Mutch, Wrobel, Gatt
	Nays:	None

PUBLIC HEARING – None

INTERVIEWS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

1. Jeffrey Bowdell – Construction Board of Appeals. Did not attend.
2. John E. Enkemann, Jr. – Construction Board of Appeals

John E. Enkemann said he is an architect with the firm of Albert Kahn Associates in Detroit, Michigan. He has been a member of the Construction Board of Appeals since 1993 and Chairman since 1996. He would like to be considered for the position even though they didn't have a meeting last year. He noted that is a good thing as that means no one had an appeal. Members Margolis, Mutch, Wrobel, Casey, Mayor Gatt, and Mayor Pro Tem Staudt thanked him for his service and didn't have any questions.

3. Cynthia Gronachan – Historical Commission; Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee. Did not attend.
4. Kamran Qadeer – Construction Board of Appeals; Building Authority. Did not attend.
5. Ramesh Verma – Building Authority; Library Board

Ramesh Verma said he has lived in Novi for thirty-five years. He has been serving on the Library Board for the last five years. He wished to continue because he enjoys what he is doing. He felt the Trustees are very dedicated. He wants to work with them. At the same time, his professional experience is in construction and that is why he wanted to volunteer for the Building Authority. He wanted to work with the City staff members in the Building Authority. Member Mutch was familiar with the work he has done on behalf of the City and asked what he was looking to accomplish and the biggest challenge for the Library in the next few years. Mr. Verma explained that when he joined, it was during the design and construction of the new library. He felt increasing revenues were the challenge for the Board. The Board is working on the Budget. They have been using Fund money to help. At the same time, the Staff has not received any raises in the last three years. He is looking forward to working with the Board. Mayor Pro Tem Staudt said he would support his re-appointment but would like to see a greater effort made by the Library Board to continue to offer the maximum number hours possible to be open. It is important to the Community. Mr. Verma said it was discussed at a meeting recently. They will work on it. Member Wrobel thanked Mr. Verma for his service. He asked Mr. Verma what skills he thought he brought to the Library Board and how does he use them to help the Library Board move forward. Mr. Verma said his skills are in management administration because during the construction of the new Library, his expertise was working on the design and construction. He has been in a leadership role for almost thirty-five years. He works closely with the Trustees and Directors on the budgets. The warranties are over so he works with the facilities staff, also. Member Casey said she had no questions for Mr. Verma and had the pleasure of serving with him on the Library Board for several years. She is aware of his dedication and skills. Member Margolis and Mayor Gatt had no questions and thanked him for his work and continued service. Mr. Verma noted that he read that the Chamber of Commerce was creating international networking to bring ethnic people to Novi. He suggested an ethnic ambassador helping Staff and the Chamber of Commerce.

PRESENTATIONS – None

REPORTS:

1. MANAGER/STAFF - None
2. ATTORNEY - None

AUDIENCE COMMENT – James Courtney, 22144 Roberts Drive, was there representing groups; Bella Terra Subdivision, Kirkway Subdivision, and Park Place Estates. He is the President of Park Place Estates Homeowners' Association. He asked the City to consider paving Napier between Nine Mile to Ten Mile and looking at the intersection at Ten Mile and Napier. He felt the project would provide immediate benefits to the Community in the form of improving the safety of the intersection that has a high speed and low visibility. It would alleviate traffic at the Eight Mile and Beck intersection. It would benefit two projects that are proposed; Lyon Township at Ten and Napier that will have sixty-one, one-acre lots and at Nine Mile and Napier where the David Barr Park will be

created. The paving project is necessary for safety concerns for emergency services that cannot travel on a dirt road. It would be in coordination with Oakland County Road Commission, Lanny Young, Lyon Township and Brian Coburn, City of Novi Engineering Manager. He asked City Council to consider the request to benefit the resident's safety and the surrounding communities.

CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS AND APPROVALS (See items A-L):

CM-13-02-018 Moved by Wrobel, seconded by Casey; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:

To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

- A. Approve Minutes of:
 - 1. January 28, 2013 – Regular meeting

- B. Approval of City Code amendment 13-134.03 to amend the City of Novi Code of Ordinances at Chapter 7, "Buildings and Building Regulations" Article II, "State Construction Code" in order to add a new Section 7-26 to confirm and provide notice of necessary construction documents and site plan information and establish conditions to be included in permits and certificates issued for towers and wireless communications structures, equipment and facilities. **SECOND READING**

- C. Approval of Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment 18.264 to amend the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance at Article 25, "General Provisions" Section 2511, "Exterior Lighting" in order to require and establish standards for lighting at residential development entrances. **SECOND READING**

- D. Approval of Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment 18.265 to amend the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance at Article 25, "General Provisions" Section 2508.1, "Commercial Television and Radio Towers, Communication Antennas, Public Utility Microwave Towers, Public Utilities T.V. Transmitting Towers" in order to recognize and provide for implementation of State and Federal legislation regarding wireless communication equipment and facilities. **SECOND READING**

- E. Approval to apply for a grant under the 2013 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program for the replacement of fifty-five (55) tasers for the Novi Police Department with a potential impact to the City of Novi of \$43,400.

- F. Approval of Decorative Street Name Sign Support Agreement as requested by Walden Woods II Homeowners Association for the installation of decorative traffic control sign posts within the public right-of-way.

- G. Approval to award a contract for design engineering services for the Novi Road and Old Novi Road Signal Replacement and Modernization project to URS Corporation for a design fee of \$16,905.

- H. Approval of the final payment to Oak Construction, Inc. for the C & O and Cedar Springs Regional Detention Basin improvements project, in the amount of \$6,679.50.
- I. Approval of a Storm Drainage Facility Maintenance Easement Agreement from the Pulte Group for Liberty Park—Single Family Phase 3 development located west of 12 Mile Road and west of Dixon Road.
- J. Approval of a modification to previously approved variances from the Lakefront Protection Ordinance for South Pointe Condominiums to permit a dock extension, not to exceed 170 feet (130 currently permitted) with no more than 13 boats docked at any time, for the use of condominium owners only.
- K. Approval to enter partnership with Crime Stoppers of Michigan for \$2,000 from State Forfeiture Funds.
- L. Approval of Claims and Accounts – Warrant No. 885

Roll call vote on CM-13-02-018

**Yeas: Casey, Margolis, Mutch,
Wrobel, Gatt, Staudt**
Nays: None

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

- 1. Adoption of Resolution for Acceptance of Membership and Adoption of Bylaws for the Alliance of Rouge Communities.

City Manager Pearson added that it is a renewal and example of one of the intergovernmental groups where the City participates. It gives us access to grants and other positives for the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Staudt noted he spent about ten years on the Clinton River Watershed Council and found it to be a very valuable organization for the region. This group has done a very good job keeping our watershed clean and protected.

CM-13-02-019 Moved by Staudt, seconded by Mutch; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:

To approve the Acceptance of Membership and Adoption of Bylaws for the Alliance of Rouge Communities.

Roll call vote on CM-13-02-019

**Yeas: Margolis, Mutch, Wrobel, Gatt,
Staudt, Casey**
Nays: None

AUDIENCE COMMENT – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL ISSUES:

1. Mayor's Exchange – Mayor Gatt

City Manager Pearson believed that Council and Staff has benefited from the Mayor's Exchanges over the years. He asked a City in Indiana that is similar to Novi and does a lot of positives. He thought they could learn a lot of things from within their retail environment, developmental, and Parks and Recreation system. Council confirmed with Mr. Pearson the dates of June 9 – 10, 2013 for the Mayor's Exchange.

CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS FOR COUNCIL ACTION - None

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

Robert J. Gatt, Mayor

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

Transcribed by Jane Keller

Date approved: February 25, 2013