



CITY OF NOVI
Public Utilities & Technology Committee Meeting
February 19th, 2026, 5:30 p.m.
Mayor's Conference Room | Novi Civic Center | 45175 Ten Mile Road
(248) 347-0445

CALL TO ORDER: 5:32 PM

ROLL CALL: Council Members Gurumurthy, Heintz, and Martinez

PRESENT: Council Members Gurumurthy, Heintz, and Martinez

STAFF LIAISON: Rob Petty, Chief Information Officer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motioned by: Member Martinez; Seconded by Member Heintz.
(Motion approved 3:0)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of 01/22/2026

Motion to approve minutes of 01/22/2026 by Member Heintz; Second by Member Martinez. (Motion approved 3:0)

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson Gurumurthy introduced our speaker from T-Fiber, Kelly Parker. Ms. Parker covered the following topics:

- T-Fiber is a joint venture between T-Mobile and MetroNet Fiber.
- Anticipated rollout to 12,000 homes over two years, potentially finishing in mid-2028.
- Communication method (yard markings, doorhangers, postcards, and detailed letters.
- Construction-specific issues that can arise and how they are remedied.
- Flush-mounted ground-level access points in right-of-way.
- The network is designed for redundancy.
- Contact information was provided, and a commitment to monthly reporting.

MATTERS FOR COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

1. GLWA

- The committee expressed concern about not receiving a status report from GLWA with respect to the 14 Mile 42" pipe replacement project. Direction was given to escalate this request.
- The option for a member of the City's DPW team to provide an update was also discussed.
- The committee expressed concern that the project needs to be completed before Spring, as demand will increase with the warmer weather.

2. DTE

- DTE representatives are confirmed to attend our March 19th committee meeting.
- The following two goals were discussed
 - Short-Term Goal: An explanation of the December power outage, including the root cause, the number of affected customers, and the corrective actions being taken for that area and other similar areas.
 - Long-Term Goal: A request for city-specific data sets, like what was provided for Farmington Hills, to be provided for the City of Novi.

3. Priority Waste

- The committee reviewed the Priority Waste Delayed Pickup dashboard prepared by the City's Integrated Solutions GIS team.
- The committee identified areas with repetitive, delayed pickups in the last 7 months.
- Performance statistics show a decrease in delays from ~9,000 in '24 to ~3,500 in '25, but January 2026 alone had over 1,000 delays, which is unacceptable.
- The committee explored the financial penalties that are outlined in the contract with Priority Waste.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

N/A

REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: Member Martinez; Seconded by Member Heintz. Approved 3:0 (7:09 PM)