

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVI
MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025, AT 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Pro Tem Casey called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mayor Fischer (excused/absent), Mayor Pro Tem Casey, Council Members Gurumurthy, Heintz, Smith, Staudt, Thomas

ALSO PRESENT: Victor Cardenas, City Manager
Elizabeth Saarela, City Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

CM 25-03-34 Moved by Smith, seconded by Gurumurthy; MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

To approve the agenda as presented.

Roll call vote on CM 25-03-34

Yeas:	Casey, Gurumurthy, Heintz, Smith, Staudt, Thomas
Nays:	None
Absent:	Fischer

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Proposed vacation of a portion of Gen Mar Drive.

The public hearing opened at 7:01 pm and closed at 7:02 pm with no public comment.

PRESENTATIONS: None

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

City Manager Cardenas shared information from the County Treasurer about the tax foreclosure deadline for the 2022 and/or prior year taxes is on March 31, 2025. That means if taxes aren't paid off by March 31st, the property will be foreclosed on and auctioned off. Anyone with questions can contact the County Treasurer's department.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS AND APPROVALS:

- A. Approve Minutes of:
March 3, 2025 - Special Meeting
March 10, 2025 - Regular Meeting
- B. Approval of request for Pyrotechnics Display Permit by Brightmoor Christian Church to be operated by James Herr, from April 7, 2025 to April 13, 2025

- C. Adoption of a Resolution requesting the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) include the existing bridge on Ashbury Drive over the Middle Branch of the Rouge River in the State Local Bridge Program List for Replacement. If MDOT selects the bridge, the City of Novi will accept 100% of the design engineering costs and 5% of the total construction cost. **(REMOVED AND LATER APPROVED)**
- D. Approval to purchase ASHRAE Level II energy audits through Information & Energy Services, Inc. in the amount of \$28,917, and amend the budget.
- E. Approval of claims and warrants – Warrant 1176

CM 25-03-35 Moved by Thomas, seconded by Smith; MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

To approve the consent agenda as amended.

Roll call vote on CM 25-03-35 Yeas: Gurumurthy, Heintz, Smith, Staudt, Thomas, Casey
Nays: None
Absent: Fischer

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

- 1. Consideration of approval of a contract to CSM Mechanical, LLC., for an emergency repair of the Drakes Bay Sanitary Lift Station in the amount of \$161,967.**

The City Manager reported that last month there was an accident at a lift station on Wixom Road. These are the costs to repair that immediately. They are working with the City's insurance agent to recoup those costs. The City is fortunate that they've gotten most of a recoup of these kind of losses. They're hoping for the best but at this point they have not heard a definite, but this is how much it will cost from what their contractor has provided them.

Member Smith asked if there was something that could be done to make it safer from this type of thing. Director Jeff Herczeg responded that the lift station had bollards in place and the truck blew through them and the speed limit he thinks is 35, so this was unusual. He doesn't know if there's any more measures that they could take to protect the stations.

CM 25-03-36 Moved by Thomas, seconded by Smith; MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Approval of a contract to CSM Mechanical, LLC., for an emergency repair of the Drakes Bay Sanitary Lift Station in the amount of \$161,967.50

Roll call vote on CM 25-03-36 Yeas: Heintz, Smith, Staudt, Thomas, Casey, Gurumurthy
Nays: None
Absent: Fischer

- 2. Consideration to approve a Resolution to vacate a portion of Gen Mar Drive north of Ten Mile Road and west of Novi Road, and consideration to approve the Act 51 Resolution to decertify/vacate a portion of Gen Mar Drive, removing 0.292 miles of**

roadway from the City's public street system.

CM 25-03-37 Moved by Staudt, seconded by Gurumurthy; MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Approval of a Resolution to vacate a portion of Gen Mar Drive north of Ten Mile Road and west of Novi Road, and approval of the Act 51 decertification/vacation of a portion of Gen Mar Drive, removing 0.292 miles of roadway from the City's public street system.

Roll call vote on CM 25-03-37

**Yeas: Smith, Staudt, Thomas, Casey,
Gurumurthy, Heintz
Nays: None
Absent: Fischer**

CONSENT ADENDA REMOVAL

- C. Adoption of a Resolution requesting the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) include the existing bridge on Ashbury Drive over the Middle Branch of the Rouge River in the State Local Bridge Program List for Replacement. If MDOT selects the bridge, the City of Novi will accept 100% of the design engineering costs and 5% of the total construction cost.**

Member Gurumurthy said thanks to the City team for clarifying all the budget questions. This item was planned already for '26/'27 in terms of construction. She wanted to know the timing in terms of the application and selection process. Director Herczeg replied that the application was just submitted. The selection process will probably be through the summer, and they'll probably know by the fall if they have the grant which will be before the next budget.

CM 25-03-38 Moved by Staudt, seconded by Thomas; MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Approval of an adoption of a Resolution requesting the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) include the existing bridge on Ashbury Drive over the Middle Branch of the Rouge River in the State Local Bridge Program List for Replacement. If MDOT selects the bridge, the City of Novi will accept 100% of the design engineering costs and 5% of the total construction cost.

Roll call vote on CM 25-03-38

**Yeas: Staudt, Thomas, Casey, Gurumurthy,
Heintz, Smith
Nays: None
Absent: Fischer**

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Environmental Sustainability Committee

Member Smith reported the committee had a meeting last week. They had a good discussion with a Novi company about their experience with the solarized program in Ann Arbor and their

experience with installing solar panels in Novi. They are trying to move forward on implementing something like that in Novi. Next meeting will be the end of April, exact date to be determined.

2. Consultant Review Committee

Member Staudt reported that the committee met tonight and discussed the contract for the Novi Ice Arena, and they recommend a new contract with the current provider, Suburban.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL ISSUES: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 P.M.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

Justin Fischer, Mayor

Transcribed by Becky Dockery,
Account Clerk

Date approved: April 7, 2025