



participating in the covenant signings. He noted that while the Community Covenant was an Army program, it extended to other military services recognizing that many community efforts supported all service members and families regardless of the uniform they wore. Member Burke said they passed a resolution dated October 11th and on that date he was at the Palace along with many other community and civic leaders as they all signed the Covenant, which he was presenting this evening. He said he, along with other members from Auburn Hills, Southfield, Troy, Berkley, Madison Heights, Lake Orion, Bloomfield Hills, Rochester Hills, Royal Oak as well as members from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines, wanted to present the Covenant to Mayor Landry for display in City Hall. The Covenant said "We the community recognize the commitment that soldiers and their families are making everyday. The strength of soldiers comes from the strength of their families, the strength of their families is supported by the strength of the community, and the strength of the community comes from the strength of employers, educators, civic business leaders and its citizens. We, the community, are committed to building partnerships that support the strength, resilience and readiness of soldiers and their families assisting in the implementation of the Army Family Covenant." Mayor Landry thanked Member Burke for representing the City of Novi and read Council's Military Covenant Resolution.

## REPORTS

1. **MANAGER/STAFF - None**

2. **ATTORNEY - None**

## AUDIENCE COMMENT

**John Harris**, 43801 Grand River, said if the City changed his address it would cause a lot of inconvenience and complications for him and he didn't understand why it was important to change it. Mayor Landry asked if he was speaking about the first agenda item and he replied yes, changing Grand River to Old Grand River.

**Alan Agee**, 43831 Grand River, stated he also lived on Grand River and agreed with Mr. Harris that it would be a great inconvenience. He said he would have to change his mailing address through the bus garage for his children and he wasn't sure why the change was being made and would like Council to vote no on this item.

**Glen Johnson**, 43771 Grand River, said he would like Council to vote no on the name change of Grand River.

**Mike Harris**, owner of Novi Feed and Supply at 43963 Grand River, was present and encouraged Council to vote no on the name change and leave the street as it had been for over 100 years. He thought one reason they wanted to change the name was so it would be easier to find or designate. If anything, they needed to allow businesses to provide adequate signage or something that would help people find the business, not change the name of the road. Mr. Harris said they already had a bridge in front of their business, couldn't advertise by the road and didn't need an address change. Mr. Harris said they had no problem with people finding their location and the easiest way for

people to find his location would be for him to be able to advertise properly out by the road. He said he knew that was a whole other issue but if Council was doing this to help businesses along Grand River, please say no. He said having the Grand River address was a benefit and was very easy to find. Secondly, the people who live at these houses understood that the gentleman who owned them was trying to sell them. He said he had heard that the person who developed the properties by the Sunoco and Mobil gas stations were going to build that building on Flint Street and quoted him as saying "if I can't have a Grand River address, then I'm not going to building this building because I can't lease my property and make the kind of money I need to invest the dollars to make this property worth while." Mr. Harris said everyone would like to see the area of the old houses redeveloped. If they changed the address, it would make the person's, who's trying to sell that property, job more difficult. Mr. Harris asked Council to leave the addresses alone, as they didn't need to spend a lot of money changing letterhead, business cards, advertising and all the other things that would need to be done.

**CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS AND APPROVALS (See items A-J)**

Member Margolis removed Item H.

**CM-09-10-137      Moved by Margolis, seconded by Burke; CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the Consent Agenda as amended.**

**Roll call vote on CM-09-10-136      Yeas: Crawford, Margolis, Mutch, Staudt,  
   Landry, Burke  
   Nays: None  
   Absent: Gatt**

- A. Approve Minutes of:
  - 1. October 12, 2009 – Regular meeting
  
- B. Approval to award a contract for design engineering services for the 2010 Major and Local Roads Capital Preventative Maintenance Program to Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. (OHM) for a not-to-exceed design fee of \$28,160.
  
- C. Approval of final payment of \$6,830 to American Sprinkler Inc. for the Twelve Mile Road Irrigation project, located in the median of Twelve Mile Road between Novi and Meadowbrook Roads; and waiver of the Maintenance and Guarantee Bond requirement for the project.
  
- D. Approval to award an amendment to the engineering services contract for construction staking related to the Twelve Mile Road Reconstruction, Paving, and Roadside Improvements project, to Spalding DeDecker & Associates, Inc., for a not-to-exceed fee equal to \$2,700.
  
- E. Approval of final payment to Rauhorn Electric, Inc., for the Ella Mae Power Park Softball Complex, Police Station and Civic Center Parking Lot Lighting Project in the amount of \$22,015.93

- F. Acceptance of Taft Knolls Phase I streets and adoption of Act 51 New Street Resolution accepting Jacob Drive and Danyas as public, adding 1,165 linear feet or 0.22 miles of roadway to the City's street system.
- G. Approval of a Storm Drainage Facility Maintenance Easement Agreement from Taft Knolls Condominium Association, Inc. for Taft Knolls Condominium located east of Taft Road and south of 11 Mile Road in Section 22.
- I. Approval of a resolution of support for the City of Wixom's MDOT Transportation Enhancement Air-Line Trail Grant Application.
- J. Approval of Claims and Accounts – Warrant No. 805

**MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION – Part I**

- 1. **Consideration of Ordinance 09-40.6, an ordinance to repeal and delete Chapter 8, Business Registration, in its entirety; Consideration of Ordinance 09-119.12, an ordinance to amend Chapter 12, Drainage and Flood Damage Protection, Article V, Wetlands and Watercourse Protection, Division 2, Use Permit, Section 12-171 "Required" and add a new section, Section 12-177, entitled "Registration of Farming Operation;" and Consideration of Ordinance 09-125.21, an ordinance to amend Chapter 37, Woodlands Protection, Article II, Permit, Section 37-27, "Exceptions" and add a new section, Section 37-34, entitled "Registration of Farming Operation." First Reading**

Mr. Pearson said this was very positive and it was just before the renewals for 2010. He said the City had a long standing business registration requirement to provide a data base for staff and primarily Fire to do some pre-planning with their inspections. He asked staff to look at the different data bases to see if there was a way to streamline, harmonize and make them work closer together. He said staff came back and suggested totally getting rid of the Business Registration program, as they thought they could get the same information by other mechanisms and remove the need for the businesses to go through an annual inspection. He said they thought the information wasn't very good, it was a pain for the businesses and the City Clerks office that handled the registrations each year. He said it could be done by other means. Mr. Pearson said it was intertwined with several different ordinances and they would have to do some tweaking with the woodlands and wetlands ordinances. If in favor of this, it would remove the Business Registration requirement in 2010 going forward.

Member Staudt thanked the Administration for an excellent idea to get rid of a basically useless fee that didn't generate much revenue, had a lot of administration and the timing was excellent. He said they didn't need to put additional burdens on businesses right now for a purpose that was largely undefined.



**located on either side of the CSX railroad tracks, on the south side of Grand River Avenue, west of Novi Road in Section 15 – Margolis**

Member Margolis said according to the motion sheet Council had there were no comments received prior to this meeting by Administration about the name change. She said since they had received comments and concerns about this tonight, and for everyone's clarity, the reason this was brought forward was a public safety issue. She said if Police or Fire were called to the area there might be some confusion, as to what address they meant. Mr. Pearson agreed and said it was just a part of their review. He said they had to think about a lot of different staff going out at different times of day and in different kinds of weather. He commented it was suggested, out of Public Safety, as a way to make that even better. He said it wasn't real pressing and if Council wanted to postpone, they wouldn't have a problem with that.

**CM-09-10-138      Moved by Margolis, seconded by Burke; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To postpone the adoption of resolution to rename two portions of Grand River Avenue to Old Grand River East and Old Grand River West for the two access roads located on either side of the CSX railroad tracks, on the south side of Grand River Avenue, west of Novi Road in Section 15 so the Administration could meet with the property owners to come to a solution to help them and also make sure there was safety in terms of those addresses.**

**DISCUSSION**

Member Mutch stated all those who stated they were opposed were east of the railroad tracks and there was no response from people west of the tracks. He thought there might be two different issues. He noted in a memo to Council, it was noted that the concern that was raised was with the street west of the railroad tracks and that there were multiple names associated with that street, depending on which City map they were looking at. Member Mutch said it didn't seem to be an issue with the properties east of the railroad tracks. Also, if looking at the two roads, one was west of the railroad tracks and was really a separate street and Novi Feed and the homes east of the railroad tracks was really just a service drive and was no different than any other service drive along Grand River. Member Mutch asked the Administration, when looking at this, to consider it might be appropriate for the street to the west to have the name change. However, based on the nature of the property and that they really do front almost onto Grand River, leaving the eastern side alone might be a way of meeting the needs of these residents and business owners while addressing the segment west of the railroad tracks.

Mayor Landry commented that the information Council received was that letters were sent to property owners and no one commented, complained or objected. Mayor Landry said Council would appreciate and encourage them to e-mail the City Clerk restating their opinions, which would be passed on to the correct individuals.

Roll call vote on CM-09-10-138

Yeas: Mutch, Staudt, Landry, Burke,  
Crawford, Margolis

Nays: None

Absent: Gatt

#### AUDIENCE COMMENT

**Linda Krieger**, 44920 Byrne, said she had heard that there was an issue about the Fire Department's Station 3 and she wasn't sure what was going to happen with it. She said because she had been in Novi for so long she couldn't think of Station 3 not being there, so she read through the minutes and found that on June 15th Tom Wieczorek of ICMA Consulting did a project for the City regarding Police and Fire. Ms. Krieger asked that they remember due process; consider all sides and information as the information that the consultant put for just 2008 encompassed 30 years. She asked that Council listen to the firefighters because they had their best interests at heart.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

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David Landry, Mayor

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Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

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Transcribed by Charlene McLean

Date approved: November 9, 2009