

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVI  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 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  
Burke, Casey, Markham, Mutch, Wrobel (absent, excused)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Peter Auger, City Manager  
Victor Cardenas, Assistant City Manager  
Tom Schultz, City Attorney

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**CM 17-09-139 Moved by Casey, seconded by Burke; MOTION CARRIED: 6-0**

**To approve the Agenda as presented.**

**Roll call vote on CM 17-09-139**                      **Yeas: Staudt, Burke, Casey, Markham,  
Mutch, Gatt**  
**Nays: None**  
**Absent: Wrobel**

**PUBLIC HEARING - None**

**PRESENTATIONS -**

1. Recognition of Novi resident Al Bialek for his participation in the Studio No.VI Veteran Showcase production

Director of Communications, Sheryl Walsh asked if she could be joined at the podium by the video production specialists, Damon Parnell and Joshua Buscher along with Al Bialek. She said that 3 months ago the City of Novi won an Emmy for the first time. Damon and Josh led the piece and Al Bialek was the talent. It was his story, a veterans showcase piece. He talked about the missing respect that this generation is having for veterans in society and the importance of bringing it back. On behalf of the City she wanted to extend appreciation to Mr. Bialek for his contribution to the piece. She asked him to share his story. Mr. Bialek thanked the Mayor and Council for remembering veterans. He also thanked Chief David Molloy, Renee Landis, and Detective John Zabick for inviting him in and the Novi Youth Council. He also thanked Sheryl, Damon and Josh for helping him share his vision. He also mentioned Julie Farkas and her staff at the library for their support and guidance. He also thanked the Mayor and Council for their leadership and guidance helping our veterans. The only thing worse than losing a child is to lose the child to a generation that doesn't care.

2. 2017 Constitution Week Proclamation – Daughters of the American Revolution – Deb Davis, Chapter Regent

Deb Davis, Chapter Regent for the Daughters of the American Revolution shared a story about the preamble of the constitution.

3. Recognition of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and Novi Home Depot for their contributions for the Novi Spring Palooza community event – Wendy Duvall

Community Outreach & Events Specialist, Wendy Duvall said she is in charge of a lot of environmental care events that we have. She wanted the Alpha Kappa Alpha and Home Depot to be recognized for their contributions to the City throughout the year. They have helped with mulching playgrounds, Power Park, Rotary Park, the cemetery, and planting bulbs. They also donate tools, water and did kits for the children. She wanted to recognize their efforts in assisting the City.

**MANAGER/STAFF REPORT - None**

**AUDIENCE COMMENT:**

John Duneske, 357 South Lake, has been a resident for forty-one years. He used to live on the south side of Novi and now lives on the north side. He mentioned Precinct 11 and 12, and noted that the majority of those two precincts did not vote for the CIP Millage. Some comments were made in January from Council, and City Administration in reference to the building handling large events. He felt this was going in the wrong direction in terms of trying to be respectful to residents. Member Mutch had asked if it would be rentable space and Mr. Muck said absolutely. The Mayor had said it was important for residents to be able to enjoy it. The current drawings don't show trees and shrubs as buffers though.

Ginger Barrons, 24777 Glenda, has lived here most of her life. She spoke of the Lakeshore Park improvements. She mentioned there has been a lot of talk because she heard that Council hadn't heard from residents who are opposed. When the initial plans were put into place, residents didn't understand the scope, noting the size and location stunned her. She also noted that the location would be rentable. She was concerned about the size of parking and the number of kids. She felt there hadn't been enough consideration in ADA and parking locations. Mostly it was the size and scope of building that surprised her. She felt the City was bending the ordinances. She didn't feel there was enough citizen input. The citizens didn't understand what they were getting. She felt there is a lot to be reconsidered and would like them to take another look.

**CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS AND APPROVALS:**

**CM 17-09-140            Moved by Casey, seconded by Burke; MOTION CARRIED: 6-0**

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

- A. Approve Minutes of:
  - 1. August 28, 2017 – Regular meeting
- B. Approval to award engineering design services to Spalding DeDecker for the Grand River and Jo Drive Sanitary Repair project in the amount of \$22,674.
- C. Approval of request by E & M, Inc. (Society Hill) for one-year extension, to October 9, 2018, of site plan approved for a 312-unit apartment project developed as a PD-1 Option in a multi-family (RM-1) district, located at the southwest corner of Novi Road and 12 ½ Mile Road, previously extended under a consent judgment and subject to annual extension reviews.
- D. Approval to award an amendment to the engineering services agreement with Spalding DeDecker for design engineering services associated with the Thirteen Mile Road (Novi Road to Meadowbrook Road) project in the amount of \$58,772.38.
- E. Approval of Traffic Control Orders 17-26, 17-27, 17-28, 17-29 and 17-30 to Rescind Traffic Control Orders 90-33 & 90-34 for '30 MPH Speed Limit' signs on 12 ½ Mile Road and Dixon Road, 00-44 & 00-45 for 'No Turn On Red' signs on West Park Drive and 00-48 for a 'No U Turn' sign on South Lake Drive.
- F. Approval of Traffic Control Orders 17-22 & 17-23 for '25 MPH Speed Limit' signs and Traffic Control Orders 17-24 and 17-25 for 'Commercial Vehicles Prohibited as Thru Traffic' signs on Dixon Road and Twelve ½ Mile Road.
- G. Acceptance of a streambank maintenance easement for a property along Ingersol Creek as part of the streambank restoration project (Parcel 50-22-25-153-030).
- H. Approval of Claims and Accounts – Warrant No. 995

**Roll call vote on CM 17-09-140**

**Yeas: Burke, Casey, Markham, Mutch,  
Gatt, Staudt  
Nays: None  
Absent: Wrobel**

**MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION- None**

**AUDIENCE COMMENT**

John Duneske , 357 South Lake, commented that the proposed Lakeshore building is too large, it is more than double the original size. Please consider going back to the Planning Commission. Even they said they were trying to put a lot in a small place. The lake is not that important, it's the activities. Another concern was with the storm water.

He wondered if it should be draining into Shawood Lake instead of the storm sewer. He also mentioned taking the trees away, and he didn't see any berms on the map. He thought it would be congested and force people to go to South Lake. It will compound the problem. He felt that voting isn't a problem and having the library features doesn't justify the building size.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL ISSUES - None**

**CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS FOR COUNCIL ACTION:** Consent Agenda items which have been removed for discussion and/or action.

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 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: September 25, 2017