

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVI
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015 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 Casey, Markham, Mutch, Poupard, Wrobel

ALSO PRESENT: Peter Auger, City Manager
Victor Cardenas, Assistant City Manager
Elizabeth Saarela, City Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

CM 15-04-055 Moved by Wrobel, seconded by Casey; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:

To approve the Agenda as amended, under Matters for Council Action item 1, amend wording as “the transfer of a liquor license was from Melting Pot to Hamakatusu d/b/a Riki Sushi Japanese Restaurant” and to Mayor and Council Issues the addition of Boomer University.

Roll call vote on CM 15-04-055 **Yeas: Staudt, Casey, Markham, Mutch, Poupard, Wrobel, Gatt**
Nays: None

PUBLIC HEARING - None

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Proclamation in recognition of Building Safety Month for the month of May 2015 – Tom Walsh, Building Official

Mayor Gatt presented the proclamation to Tom Walsh, Building Official. Building Official Walsh thanked everyone for their support. He informed everyone the City Facebook page will post building safety tips throughout the month of May.

2. Proclamation in recognition of Arbor Day on April 25 from 9 – 11 a.m. at Lakeshore Park – Jeff Muck, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director

Mayor Gatt presented the proclamation to Jeff Muck, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Director. PRCS Director Muck said it is the second event in our annual Community Cemetery clean up, Arbor Day, River Day, Earth Day, and Shredding Day (CARES) program. Volunteers are the backbone of these events. He invites everyone to visit Lakeshore Park Saturday for Arbor Day.

3. Recognition of Rotary Club for building the Gazebo at Meadowbrook Commons – Jeff Muck, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director and Karen Kapchonick, Older Adult Services Manager.

Mr. Muck said he is happy to recognize volunteers. Older Adult Services Manager Kapchonick recognized and expressed appreciation to the Rotarians. Their leadership, dedication, and financial contribution made it possible to build the Gazebo at Meadowbrook Commons. The dedication of the Gazebo will take place Thursday, May 21, 2015.

4. Proclamation in recognition of Michigan Paralyzed Veterans Awareness Day, April 24, 2015 - Michael Harris and Jaclyn Kochis

Mayor Gatt presented the proclamation to Jaclyn Kochis and Michael Harris, Michigan Paralyzed Veterans. They thanked everyone for partnering with them to host the Paralyzed Veterans Awareness Day, Friday, April 24, 2015 at the Civic Center from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm.

5. Proclamation in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide

Mayor Gatt presented the proclamation to a representative of the Armenian Community of Metro Detroit.

6. Proclamation in recognition of National Letter Carriers' Food Drive Day, May 9th

Mayor Gatt presented the proclamation to a representative of the National Letter Carriers. It is the 23rd year of the Food Drive. The food collected stays in Novi. It goes to the food pantries at St. James Catholic Church and Faith Community Church. She thanked everyone in Novi.

REPORTS:

1. MANAGER/STAFF – Mr. Auger reported that the Government Finance Officers Association notified him that Novi, for the year ending June 30, 2014, will receive a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Finance Reporting. It is the highest honor that they offer. A more formal presentation will be done when the plaque is received.

2. ATTORNEY – None

AUDIENCE COMMENT – None

CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS AND APPROVALS:

CM 15-04-056 Moved by Mutch, seconded by Poupard; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:

To approve the Consent Agenda as amended to move item G to Mayor and Council Issues.

- A. Approve Minutes of:
 - 1. April 13, 2015 – Regular meeting
- B. Approval of recommendation from the Consultant Review Committee to award a contract for annual audit services to Plante & Moran, PLLC for a three-year term and two one-year renewal options and adoption of associated fees effective May 1, 2015.
- C. Approval of a three (3) year contract with two mutually agreed upon one (1) year renewal options with Suburban Arena Management, LLC for the management for the Novi Ice Arena, commencing on July 1, 2015.
- D. Approval of Resolution to close Ten Mile Road from Karim Boulevard to Taft Road from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25, 2015.
- E. Approval to award contract to BlueWater Technologies in the amount of \$31,163.34 through the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) contract for the upgrade to the Emergency Operation Center within Fire Station #4.
- F. Approval of Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment 18.274 to amend the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance at Article 4, Use Standards, Section 4.82, Residential Dwellings in order to reconcile the standards for multiple-family uses for mixed use developments and non-mixed use developments. **SECOND READING**
- G. Approval to award a construction contract for the Fire Station #3 Parking Lot Improvements project to Nagle Paving Company, the low bidder, in the amount of \$92,010, subject to final review and approval of form of agreement by City Manager's office and the City Attorney, and approval of an additional appropriation in the amount of \$32,100 for this budget line item. **REMOVED AND LATER APPROVED.**
- H. Approval to award an amendment to the engineering services agreement with Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment for construction engineering services for the Fire Station #3 Parking Lot Improvements project in the amount of \$13,761.
- I. Approval of Claims and Accounts – Warrant No. 938

Roll call vote on CM 15-04-056

**Yeas: Casey, Markham, Mutch, Poupard,
Wrobel, Gatt, Staudt**

Nays: None

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

1. Consideration of requests relating to the transfer of a liquor license from Melting Pot to Hamakatsu Corporation d/b/a Riki Sushi Japanese Restaurant, an existing business located at 42165 W. 14 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48377:

- A) Consideration of a request for Special Land Use approval for service of alcoholic beverages.

CM 15-04-057 Moved by Wrobel, seconded by Casey; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:

To approve a request for Special Land Use approval for service of alcoholic beverages, for the reasons stated in the Special land use approval.

Roll call vote on CM 15-04-057

**Yeas: Markham, Mutch, Poupard, Wrobel,
Gatt, Staudt, Casey**

Nays: None

- B) Consideration of request to transfer ownership of escrowed 2014 Class C License with Sunday Sales Permit (PM).

CM 15-04-058 Moved by Wrobel, seconded by Poupard; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:

To approve a request to transfer ownership of escrowed 2014 Class C License with Sunday Sales Permit (PM), because it will assist an existing business within the City and would have a beneficial impact upon the area, which does not currently have a significant number of licensed establishments.

Roll call vote on CM 15-04-058

**Yeas: Mutch, Poupard, Wrobel, Gatt, Staudt,
Casey, Markham**

Nays: None

2. Approval of resolution to authorize Budget Amendment #2015-3.

Member Mutch asked about a line item detailed under the Municipal Street Fund, specifically, a revenue line item of sidewalk contributions in lieu of construction in the amount of \$16,700. He assumed it was related to proposals before City Council that have asked to wave sidewalk requirements or future sidewalk construction. He asked how it was accounted for. He asked if the finance Department delineate the revenues that come in which are intended for this purpose or was it getting dropped in to fund balance in the Municipal Street Fund and used as permitted. Mr. Auger said he will get back to him on the answer.

CM 15-04-059 Moved by Mutch, seconded by Casey; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:

To approve a resolution to authorize Budget Amendment #2015-3.

Roll call vote on CM 15-04-059

**Yeas: Poupard, Wrobel, Gatt, Staudt, Casey,
Markham, Mutch**

Nays: None

AUDIENCE COMMENT – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL ISSUES:

Boomer University – Member Poupard commended the Older Adults Committee and the Novi Library for working with Oakpointe Church by sponsoring Boomer University on Saturday with an attendance of nearly 1,000. She also commended the Novi Fire Department who worked in collaboration with St. John Providence Hospital to provide services to those attending.

CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

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Member Mutch was concerned with an expenditure of over \$100,000 for the Fire Station. He explained the last time Council discussed Fire Station #1 and #3 was in 2014 at the Budget Goal Setting Session. For both goals, City Administration talked about providing more information about what direction to take regarding the buildings. The Stations have particular problems with the size and location of the current facilities. Part of the discussion in 2014, was that Station #1 may not fit in the long term vision of what the Main Street area should look like. The #3 station on Nine Mile is a small piece of property and never designed to be used the way it is being used. He said it was okay for the item to go forward but he wanted to see from City Administration their input on where the City needs to move on those locations. At a future date, Council could have a conversation about them. His impression was that they had provided clear direction to City Administration. He didn't feel it was done. He didn't want a pattern of throwing money at these Station locations while addressing short term needs when there are possibly long term questions that should be answered.

CM 15-04-060

Moved by Mutch, seconded by Wrobel; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:

To approve a resolution to authorize Budget Amendment #2015-3.

Member Poupard asked for clarification from Member Mutch as to the questions he raised and then his support.

Member Mutch thought it was appropriate to raise the question, since it was on the agenda. He thought City Administration should supply information on this issue. He was asking for City Manager Auger's fresh perspective about it in the future conversations but didn't want to hold the item up.

Roll call vote on CM 15-04-060

**Yeas: Wrobel, Gatt, Staudt, Casey, Markham,
Mutch, Poupard**

Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

Robert J. Gatt, Mayor

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

Transcribed by Jane Keller

Date approved: May 11, 2015