

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE OLDER ADULT NEEDS COMMITTEE
CITY OF NOVI
MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024, AT 5:30 P.M.**

Mayor Pro Tem Casey called the meeting to order at 5:57 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Council Member Casey, Kathy Crawford, Kim Nice, Debbie Wrobel (4).

ABSENT: Council Member Smith (Excused), Council Member Thomas (Excused), Jay Dooley (Excused) (3).

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Muck, PRCS Director, Kit Kieser, OAS Manager

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

OAN 24-06-25 Moved by Nice, seconded by Crawford; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

To approve the Agenda.

Voice vote on OAN 24-06-25

**Yeas: Casey, Crawford, Nice, Wrobel
Nays: None**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

OAN 24-06-26 Moved by Nice, seconded by Crawford; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

To approve the June 3, 2024, meeting minutes.

Voice vote on OAN 24-06-26

**Yeas: Casey, Crawford, Nice, Wrobel
Nays: None**

REMARKS FROM THE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:

Mayor Pro Tem Casey explained that July 8th, 2024, would be the last day for the committee to meet and make changes to the final reports before it is sent to Council. She said the presentation to the Council will be on July 22nd, 2024. She noted that the most up to date report with changes was sent out to the members the Saturday prior to this meeting.

MATTERS FOR COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

1. Continuation of Final Committee Report Preparation

The committee reviewed the changes and updates made to the report since the last meeting. The committee began to go through the report chronologically. The table of contents was amended to have titles in better places. It was noted that the Introduction includes the fact that 1/5 of Americans are over 60 years of age. Mayor Pro Tem Casey explained that if there is anything to add, please let her know. Committee Members were

now displayed in the report, and there are people on the referral list who have devoted time to the work of the committee. It was noted that there were a few items not addressed in the report such as the wording to refer to seniors. It was decided that if the committee made no strong recommendation to the Council on this matter, then Kit Kieser, OAS Manager should touch base with the Community Relations team regarding terminology. The Committee continued their chronological review. The committee decided that the Universal Design category was to be moved under the Mobility Committee, because residents with disabilities need to be able to be mobile through the City. The Committee discussed a community center that would be inclusive of all ages, and not named as a specific "Senior Center". It was decided that any type of Senior Center will always be a part of something larger. Mayor Pro Tem Casey discussed Age Ways (formerly Area Agency on Aging 1-B) and said she wants Community Relations to get a possible visual representation of this. Televising senior related activities and broadcasting was discussed. It was also noted that if this was a course to be explored, that the recommendation to Council needs to include additional staff and resources. The way the future commission would operate, and function was discussed briefly. It was noted that Commissions normally appoint their own chair, and secretary. Mayor Pro Tem Casey added that an additional person from the City may need to take that responsibility, and it will be looked at further. The committee discussed the appendix portion of the report, and how it will need to be filled. The Committee will continue to review and edit the report for the Council review on July 22nd, 2024.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: None

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 P.M.

Transcribed by Alyssa Craigie, Administrative Assistant

Date approved: July 8th, 2024