

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVI
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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, Crawford, Fischer, Maday, Mutch

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Gatt said Consent Agenda Item D was left off the printed version of the Agenda that was in the building, the online version of the Agenda is correct. He added "Executive Session" to the Consent Agenda as Item D: Executive Session immediately following the regular meeting of October 11, 2021 in the Council Annex, to discuss pending litigation, Nofar v City of Novi and confidential written communication from Legal Counsel.

CM 21-10-136 Moved by Casey, seconded by Crawford; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

To approve the Agenda as amended.

Roll call vote on CM 21-10-136 **Yeas: Staudt, Casey, Crawford, Fischer, Maday, Mutch, Gatt**
Nays: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Hindu Heritage Month Proclamation

Mayor Gatt said we were honored to have in the audience two of the finest Novi residents in the whole world, and we probably have more than two, but he was going to recognize Dr. Mav Sanghvi and Mr. Ramesh Verma. He said Dr. Sanghvi was a former City Council member and present-day Zoning Board of Appeals member and Mr. Verma is a present-day Planning Commission member and former City Council member. He stated that these two men are so active in our community, and he thought it was appropriate that they are here and that he presented this Proclamation to them that evening. He read the Proclamation honoring the Hindu Heritage Month, October 2021. He gave the podium over to Dr. Sanghvi and Mr. Verma.

Mr. Verma thanked the Mayor and City Council for recognizing the Hindus in our community, especially in our Novi we have for the last 10 years, we have increased our population to almost over 6,000, and it is increasing more and more. He said this is a token of our appreciation from the Indian community to you for appreciating us, and because

we live here on behalf of the Indian community. He appreciated and accepted the Proclamation.

Dr. Sanghvi said he has known the Mayor for 45 years and most of you here for a very long time. He said he is one of the oldest residents around these days in Novi. He appreciated what the Mayor has done. He said people do not realize that Hinduism has been around for over 8000 years and is one of the oldest structured religions in the world with a tremendous diaspora all over the world with Indian Hindus all over the country. He said if you name it, every country has a Hindu diaspora. He appreciated Novi recognizing their presence in this great City. He thanked the Mayor very much.

Mayor Gatt thanked Dr. Sanghvi very much and thank you to our entire Indian community. He said he has done so much for our city, and we are all very grateful.

MANAGER/STAFF REPORT: None

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Trevor Brown said he was there to address some issues. He said his uncle had passed away during the pandemic and he was trying to raise awareness to 5G technology and the harms of it. He said he had a 5G tower outside of his grandma's house. He said within three months of them turning it on, during the pandemic, he had five rare types of cancer within his body of less than a year he passed and is gone. He said he has a lot of information on it, and there is over 1,000 scientists with information. He said he has a lot of information he would love to share some time. He said he needs Council's help to fight it because it is not good. He said it is terrible and it is bad for children, and it is bad for everyone. He said it was a delusional dream pushed onto society by some billionaires, it is not needed. He stated the only thing good about it is the icon on people's phone. He wanted to let Council know if there is a way, he could speak with more people he was here he has a lot of information. Thank you for your time.

Venkata Reddy Thalla, 450006 Yorkshire Dr., Novi said he has been a resident of Novi for 23 years and he lives across the street in the Jamestown Subdivision. He said he contemplated whether he should speak that evening. He said he has been thinking about it for a month or so. He stated it is just a coincidence that our beloved Mayor had declared October as the Hindu Heritage Month. He came to the USA in 1986, and was the only child to his parents, and maybe his mother was depressed because he was far away and then somehow, she became Christian. He said he was born Hindu and his mother somehow became a Christian, she died Christian. He thought it was interesting that three people came here that evening and declared it the Hindu Heritage Month. He said he came to speak about another topic but changed it on the fly. He said he was the fourth one there representing, and he was representing "I" which is our library logo, Include, Inform, Inspire, and obviously, we are all invited. He said in the Hindu code, a very fundamental thing that is said especially during the marriage for words that is

Dharma, which you already mentioned in the Proclamation or the Karma Moksha. He explained in all his years of learning and experience, he translated that into effectiveness, efficiency, effortlessness, ecstasy, which is happiness. He said that is the state that they are supposed to be in while pursuing those four pursuits. These spouses are not supposed to leave their hand, so that is the pledge that they do. Thank you.

CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS AND APPROVALS:

CM 21-10-137 Moved by Crawford, seconded by Maday; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

To approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

- A. Approve Minutes of:
September 27, 2021 - Regular Meeting
- B. Approval to replace/upgrade the Livescan equipment at the Novi Police Department through an arrangement with Oakland County Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System (CLEMIS) at a cost of \$20,919 from Idemia, who is a single source vendor for the County and amend the Budget.
- C. Consideration and Approval of successor labor agreement between the City of Novi and the Novi Police Sergeants and Lieutenants Command Officers (COAM) Association for a contract term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026.
- D. Executive Session immediately following the regular meeting of October 11, 2021 in the Council Annex, to discuss pending litigation, Nofar v City of Novi and confidential written communication from Legal Counsel.
- E. Approval of claims and warrants – Warrant 1093

**Roll call vote on CM 21-10-137 Yeas: Casey, Crawford, Fischer, Maday, Mutch, Gatt, Staudt
Nays: None**

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION: None

CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS FOR COUNCIL ACTION: None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL ISSUES: None

AUDIENCE COMMENT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

Mayor Gatt announced they would adjourn into Executive Session and that they did not plan on returning to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

Robert J. Gatt, Mayor

Transcribed by Deborah S. Aubry

Date approved: October 25, 2021