



**CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 23, 2023**

SUBJECT: Consideration of a resolution to create an Older Adults Needs Committee.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Manager

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Before his retirement, City Manager Pete Auger updated City Council on an evaluation of the services and programs offered by the City of Novi to its senior population. The goal of this committee is to continue those efforts and dive deeper into the needs, expectations, and aspirations of our aging community members.

Upon consideration of the attached resolution, Mayor Gatt will propose membership of the committee, comprised of three (3) council members and four (4) members of the community.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration of a resolution to create an Older Adults Needs Committee.

**CITY OF NOVI
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING
A CITY COUNCIL OLDER ADULT NEEDS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, Michigan, held in the City Hall of said City on _____, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. Prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Councilmembers _____

ABSENT: Councilmembers _____

The following preamble and Resolution were offered by Councilmember _____ and supported by Councilmember _____.

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, older residents of the City of Novi are valued members of the community; and

WHEREAS, older adults are a diverse group of homeowners, taxpayers, employees, civic leaders, artists, and more; and

WHEREAS, ageism and social isolation experienced by seniors can lead to increased mortality and poor health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the City can help to address those and other issues by providing opportunities for education, physical activity, and social participation throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it advisable to consider all of its options for addressing needs and issues faced by older adults in the City, from health to security to housing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously established (2013) an Older Adult Services Advisory Board to advise and assist and report to the Parks Recreation & Cultural Services (PCRS) Commission and Department; and

WHEREAS, the Board has over ensuing years provided such advice and service in exemplary fashion, but the City Council now finds that establishing an Older Adults Needs Advisory Committee to report directly to the City Council as an advisory body would help the Council and the City empower seniors, create more opportunities for their input into City programs, understand senior needs, projects, and events, and would provide a

broader means by which seniors can comment upon and be involved in issues and decisions that affect them; and

WHEREAS, the responsibilities of the Committee would be to assess and understand necessities by, for, and with seniors throughout the City and to provide input to the City on matters involving older adults while reporting to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Committee shall be established in the first instance for a period of one years. It may be renewed thereafter as deemed necessary by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Committee to be known as the "Older Adult Needs Committee" is hereby established.
2. The Committee shall have seven (7) members, appointed by the Mayor with the approval of City Council:
 - Three (3) Members of City Council
 - Four (4) Members of the Community

A Staff liaison(s) to the Committee shall appointed by the City Manager.

3. The Committee's term of existence shall be for a period of one (1) year commencing on the date of this Resolution.
4. The Committee shall determine the number of times it shall meet regularly, and shall be charged with performing the following functions:
 - To advise the City Council regarding activities, needs, and volunteer community opportunities for older individuals and groups in Novi.
 - To discuss programs, projects, and facilities as they pertain to Novi older adults.
 - To focus on dissemination of information and advocacy regarding recommended services for older adults in the areas of health information and referral, volunteer services, counseling, outreach to the home-bound, recreation, education, and other needs.
 - To identify best practices for programs and service delivery needs for Novi older adults.
 - To formulate and recommend plans to assist in meeting the critical needs of older adults and adults with disabilities.

5. The Committee shall, at its first meeting following adoption of this resolution, choose a chairperson and secretary from among its members. All meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public, in compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

AYES:

NAYS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held this _____ day of _____, 2023, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting have been kept and made available to the public as required by said Act.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk
City of Novi