

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVI  
MONDAY, MAY 8, 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

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**CM 17-05-067 Moved by Casey, seconded by Burke; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Roll call vote on CM 17-05-067 Yeas: Staudt, Burke, Casey, Markham, Mutch, Wrobel Gatt  
Nays: None**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Gatt said a few weeks ago he had the pleasure of presenting a few awards through the Novi Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Gatt introduced the new Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, Farah Shammami. She started a month ago with the Novi Chamber of Commerce as the new Executive Director. Prior to working at the Novi Chamber of Commerce she was a self-employed Event Planner with a business partner for approximately 11 years. She said it has been wonderful so far at the Novi Chamber of Commerce, and Novi is a growing city.

Chairman of the Board, Dr. Burns, said 6 weeks ago they held the "Toast of the Town Event" which is the Business Awards Dinner. He said they solicit nominations for the Business Awards. As a Committee they go through the process of who is most deserving of that award this year. He said this year they celebrated the runners up also. They had hard choices to make because there are so many great companies in Novi.

**1. Novi Chamber of Commerce Business Recognition Award Winners for 2017**

Customer Service Excellence

- Diversified Members Credit Union
- LaFontaine Automotive Group

Best Place to Work

- Red Level Networks
- Fox Run

Community Builder

- Miller Vein
- Sam's Club of Novi

2. Recognition of Linda King for her environmental efforts for the community.

Mayor Gatt recognized Linda King for her volunteer work in the community. Ms. King said when she retired she was driving down a road in Novi and noticed litter at the curbside. That made her angry and said someone should clean that up. A few moments later a thought popped into her head and said "you're somebody". She said if she sees litter and it bothers her, she will stop and clean it up. She has been cleaning up litter in Novi for 7 years. Mayor Gatt said she was an epitome of what makes Novi great and thanked her for everything she has done.

3. Proclamation in recognition of National Letter Carriers' Food Drive Day, May 13th  
– Sherri McIntosh

Sherri McIntosh thanked Mayor Gatt and Council for recognizing this day. She mentioned this was the 25<sup>th</sup> year of the Letter Carriers' collecting food. All of the food they collect in Novi will stay in Novi and go to the food pantries at St. James Catholic Church and Faith Community Church. She thanked the residents for making this day such a success.

4. Proclamation in recognition of National Police Week, May 14 – 20, 2017 and  
Peace Officers' Memorial Day, May 15, 2017 – David Molloy, Director of Public  
Safety/Chief of Police

Police Chief, David Molloy thanked Mayor Gatt and Council for their support throughout the year. He wanted to give special thanks to the Mayor and said that 28 years ago he completed his background investigation as Detective Gatt and recommended that Chief Shaffer hire the young kid from the thumb area. He appreciates that vote of confidence in everything that he does for them.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT: None**

**CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS AND APPROVALS:**

**CM 17-05-068      Moved by Wrobel, seconded by Mutch; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**To approve the Agenda as presented.**

- A. Approve Minutes of:  
1. April 24, 2017 – Regular meeting

- B. Approval to award an amendment to the engineering services agreement with Spalding DeDecker for Construction engineering services for the 2017 Neighborhood Roads Program – Asphalt (Contract #3) project in the amount of \$82,329.64.
- C. Approval to award an amendment to the engineering services agreement with Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment (OHM) for construction engineering services for the Meadowbrook Road Culvert Replacement project in the amount of \$27,551.22.
- D. Approval to award an amendment to the engineering services agreement with AECOM (URS Corporation –Great Lakes) for construction engineering services for the Christina Lane Culverts Replacement project in the amount of \$17,164.90.
- E. Approval to award an amendment to the engineering services agreement with AECOM (URS Corporation – Great Lakes) for design engineering services associated with the 2017 Chip Seal Program in the amount of \$20,984.02.
- F. Adoption of Resolution seeking reimbursement from Oakland County for expenses associated with the City of Novi’s annual Mosquito Control Program.
- G. Acceptance of a warranty deed from Mirage Development, LLC for the dedication of a 60-foot master planned right-of-way half width along the north side of Nine Mile Road east of Center Street as part of the Montebello Estates development (parcels 22-27-453-034 and -035).
- H. Adoption of Resolution of support for the ITC Community Sports Park Pathway project and authorization of participation in the Transportation Alternatives Program grant for non-motorized pathways. The City of Novi will be responsible for 30% of the estimated cost.
- I. Approval of Claims and Accounts – Warrant No. 987

**Roll call vote on CM 17-05-068**

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

**MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

- 1. Approval of Resolution to establish an Industrial Development District for 43043 West Nine Mile, LLC for parcel 55-22-35-101-022 on 43043 West Nine Mile Road east of Novi Road.

**CM 17-05-069**

**Moved by Wrobel, seconded by Staudt; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**To approve the Resolution to establish an Industrial Development District for 43043 West Nine Mile, LLC for parcel 55-22-35-101-022 on 43043 West Nine Mile Road east of Novi Road.**

**Roll call vote on CM 17-05-069**

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

**Nays: None**

2. Approval of Resolution authorizing application from EJ Brooks Company, Inc. dba Brooks Utility Products for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for an approximately 85,000 square foot facility located at 43043 West Nine Mile Road and related Agreement concerning Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement.

Mayor Pro Tem Staudt said he had the chance to talk to the applicants a little before the meeting and they appear to have a very good project.

**CM 17-05-070**

**Moved by Staudt, seconded by Wrobel; MOTION CARRIED 6-1**

**To approve the Resolution authorizing application from EJ Brooks Company, Inc. dba Brooks Utility Products for a 5-year Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption and Agreement concerning Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement subject to approval by the State Tax Commission pursuant to Public Act 198.**

Member Markham asked a few questions of the applicant about their proposal. She said she read their employee data and said it was a broad mix of employees and that was interesting to her. She wondered if it was going to be a one shift or a two shift operation. The applicant confirmed it would be a one shift operation. She asked if these were new jobs to the company, or were they expanding. The applicant said the jobs are in place and they do add a few new seasonal jobs this time of year. He said they will be coming from the Farmington Hills location to the Novi location. Member Markham confirmed with the applicant that it will be a 5 year abatement on a 7 year lease for approximately \$182,000 to \$196,000 tax relief for that 5 year period. She said they would pay around \$39,000 to \$44,000 in taxes coming into the community. She commented that she liked this proposal better than other tax abatements she has seen. She felt it was along the lines of what she considers tax abatements should be used for, such as filling an existing building, and this is shorter term with a smaller amount of money.

Member Mutch said he would not support the tax abatement. He agreed with Member Markham and thought this was more in line with what tax abatements should be used for. He also mentioned he liked that their positions were diverse and open to many community members. He thanked them again for their investment and wished them

the best of luck at that facility. He said he wanted to go on record so that people will not be surprised when he votes no.

**Roll call vote on CM 17-05-070**                      **Yeas: Markham, Wrobel, Gatt, Staudt, Burke, Casey**  
**Nays: Mutch**

3.        Approval of Resolution for 2017 Millage Rates.

**CM 17-05-071                      Moved by Mutch, seconded by Casey; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**To approve the Resolution for 2017 Millage Rates.**

Member Mutch noted that Council has done a good job of taking advantage of opportunities to reduce the millage rate. He said the rate went up a little this year because the voters approved a 1 Mill Capital Improvement Millage which is now coming on to the rolls. He said that residents approved the 1 Mill increase, but actually it will be less than one mill due to a variety of factors. He said he could fully support this.

**Roll call vote on CM 17-05-071**                      **Yeas: Mutch, Wrobel, Gatt, Staudt, Burke, Casey, Markham**  
**Nays: None**

4.        Approval of Resolution for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget and Acknowledging the Multi-Year Budget, including Projections of Fiscal Years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.

**CM 17-05-072                      Moved by Wrobel, seconded by Casey; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**To approve the Resolution for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget and Acknowledging the Multi-Year Budget, including Projections of Fiscal Years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.**

Mayor Gatt thanked City Manager Auger and all the staff. The Budget was well presented, easy to read, and there wasn't anything that was challenged by the residents.

**Roll call vote on CM 17-05-072**                      **Yeas: Wrobel, Gatt, Staudt, Burke, Casey, Markham, Mutch**  
**Nays: None**

5.        Approval to award a construction contract for the Meadowbrook Culvert Replacement project to Z Contractors, Inc., the low-bidder, in the amount of \$298,031.07, subject to final review and approval of the form and agreement by the City Manager's office and the City Attorney.

**CM 17-05-073**            **Moved by Burke, seconded by Casey; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**To approve the award of a construction contract for the Meadowbrook Culvert Replacement project to Z Contractors, Inc., the low-bidder, in the amount of \$298,031.07, subject to final review and approval of the form and agreement by the City Manager's office and the City Attorney.**

Member Mutch wondered how long Meadowbrook Road would be impacted by this and asked if it will be required to close. Assistant City Manager Cardenas said he would have to get back with Council with the time line information and that it will be required to close down to one lane. Assistant City Manager Cardenas said the other culvert took about 10 days and this one will take longer.

**Roll call vote on CM 17-05-073**            **Yeas: Gatt, Staudt, Burke, Casey, Markham, Mutch, Wrobel**  
**Nays: None**

6. Approval to purchase dump truck chassis upgrades from Truck & Trailer Specialties, Inc., using the State of Michigan MiDeal cooperative purchasing contract, in the amount of \$118,062.

**CM 17-05-074**            **Moved by Wrobel, seconded by Staudt; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**To approve the purchase of dump truck chassis upgrades from Truck & Trailer Specialties, Inc., using the State of Michigan MiDeal cooperative purchasing contract, in the amount of \$118,062.**

**Roll call vote on CM 17-05-074**            **Yeas: Casey, Markham, Mutch, Wrobel, Gatt, Staudt, Burke**  
**Nays: None**

**AUDIENCE COMMENT - None**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL ISSUES**

Mayor Gatt asked that the City look into the senior citizen transportation operation in the City. He said he has had several calls regarding this issue and asked City Manager Auger to start a Committee with City Staff and Member Wrobel to see if there is something we can do to help our senior citizens be transported around town.

**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 7:33 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: May 22, 2017