

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVI  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 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, Smith, Thomas

**ALSO PRESENT:** Victor Cardenas, City Manager  
Thomas Schultz, City Attorney

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**CM 23-09-121 Moved by Thomas, seconded by Smith; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**To approve the Agenda as presented.**

**Roll call vote on CM 23-09-121**                      **Yeas: Staudt, Casey, Crawford, Fischer, Smith, Thomas, Gatt**  
**Nays: None**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: None**

**PRESENTATIONS: None**

**MANAGER/STAFF REPORT:**

City Manager Cardenas reported good news about a couple of projects that have been going on. He said the 10 Mile Road project that Oakland County Road Commission has been working on between Meadowbrook and Haggerty that has been opened today at 1:00 p.m. to both lanes of traffic. He said he had more good news regarding the 13 Mile Road project between Meadowbrook and M-5. He said this is the work that the GLWA has been doing on the south side, they installed a pipe, and they should be done with the south side paving this Friday. He said he was proposing to Council if there are no disagreements that they open it up to traffic and then allow the city to come through next year and complete the northside, there is no piping that needs to take place, it will be just a quick asphalt overlay on that and should be done within four to six weeks. He said we will make sure there is night and weekend work to get it done as quickly as possible and try to limit the traffic congestion, so it is minimal. He said we will make sure that we handle it because we do roads. He said we will get out there once the school lets out and will charge back those costs to GWLA under the cost sharing agreement that we currently have in place.

Mayor Gatt commented that 13 Mile Road will be open both ways, probably after next Friday. Mr. Cardenas said hopefully this Friday. Mayor Gatt thanked City staff on behalf of all his colleagues up here, he said there has been tremendous pressure by this Council. He stated that he sat up there and said should get our legal people involved and so and so forth. He said every member up here has worked earnestly and fervently behind the

scenes to make this happen because we know the hardship that the people who live in the area were going through because of this. He acknowledged the importance of having the GLWA do their job, and the next time a pipe breaks in Farmington Hills somewhere, our residents are not going to have to stop and boil water and so on, so maybe the pain was worth it. He thanked City staff again. He thanked Mr. Cardenas and all his colleagues for all their hard work. He stated people are trying to make this political, he said there was nothing political about this. He said this was something tht had to be done and they ran into some problems, it took more time than they originally thought. He said the same thing happened on 10 Mile Road for that matter, but it is finally coming to an end. Thank you very much.

**ATTORNEY REPORT: None**

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None**

**CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS AND APPROVALS:**

**CM 23-09-122      Moved by Crawford, seconded by Thomas; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

- A. Approve Minutes of:  
September 11, 2023 - Regular Meeting
- B. Consideration of Equalization Division Assistance Services Agreement with Oakland County, for Real and Personal Property Assessment Administration Services through June 30, 2024.
- C. Approval of amendment to the contract for the City Clerk as prepared and approved as to form by the City Attorney.
- D. Approval of Agreement for Election Services between Oakland County, Township of Novi, City of Northville, and City of Novi for the purpose of operating an early voting site, subject to final review of the form of agreement by the City Manager's office and City Attorney.
- E. Acceptance of a Conservation Easement being offered as a part of JSP 22-37 Catholic Central North Campus, for property in Section 18, located west of Wixom Road, and south of Grand River Avenue.
- F. Acceptance of an Off-Site Conservation Easement from Singh Development, LLC being offered as a part of JSP 20-35, Townes at Main Street for property in Section 23 along Main Street. The easement is located north of I-96, west of Meadowbrook Road, along the south side of Twelve Oaks Lake in Section 14.

- G. Acceptance of an Open Space Preservation Easement from Toll Brothers being offered as a part of JSP 21-47 Parc Vista RUD, for property in Section 31, west of Garfield Road and north of Eight Mile Road.
- H. Acceptance of Conservation Easement from Sakura Novi, LLC being offered as a part of JSP 22-09 Sakura Novi, for property located in Section 23, north of Grand River Avenue, south of Eleven Mile Road, and east of Town Center Drive.
- I. Approval of a Storm Drainage Facility Maintenance Easement Agreement from BC Novaplex LLC LLC for Innova Apartments located north of Twelve Mile Road and west of Haggerty Road (parcel 50-22-12-400-066).
- J. Approval of claims and warrants – Warrant 1140

**Roll call vote on CM 23-09-122**

**Yeas: Casey, Crawford, Fischer, Smith, Thomas, Gatt, Staudt**

**Nays: None**

**MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

**1. Approval of resolution to authorize Budget Amendment #2024-1.**

City Manager Cardenas noted that under the General Fund, the Fund balance will be reduced to \$3.1 million. He said we have a rollover of \$1.5 million to \$3.1 million each year, so that is why that sticks around the \$14 million dollar mark. He said this is exceptionally high this year, because of the constraints we have in the supply chain. He stated the reason why is that we have a lot of stuff ordered, it is not coming in, fire trucks, plow trucks, that is why we are rolling over that much every year. He said we keep that amount around \$14 million every year because of all the rollovers, but the ending amount is always around \$11 million, so that is the 25% mark.

**CM 23-09-123      Moved by Casey, seconded by Thomas: CARRIE UNANIMOUSLY**

**Approval of resolution to authorize Budget Amendment #2024-1.**

**Roll call vote on CM 23-09-123**

**Yeas: Crawford, Fischer, Smith, Thomas, Gatt, Staudt, Casey**

**Nays: None**

**2. Consideration of approval to award engineering design services to AECOM for the 2024 and 2025 Neighborhood Road Program (NRP) in the amount of \$398,062.50.**

**CM 23-09-124      Moved by Smith, seconded by Thomas; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Approval to award engineering design services to AECOM for the 2024 and 2025 Neighborhood Road Program (NRP) in the amount of \$398,062.50.**

**Roll call vote on CM 23-09-124**

**Yeas: Fischer, Smith, Thomas, Gatt, Staudt,  
Casey, Crawford  
Nays: None**

- 3. Consideration of approval to award engineering design services to OHM Advisors for the design of streambank stabilization and restoration measures along the Middle Branch of the Rouge River north of Chattman Road and between 10 Mile Road and Novi Road in the amount of \$268,220.**

City Manager Cardenas explained this is tied to a previous bid that we awarded to OHM Advisors for Meadowbrook Lake and the dredging work over there. He said we are adding the services for the streambank stabilization to that contract.

**CM 23-09-125      Moved by Thomas, seconded by Casey; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Approval to award engineering design services to OHM Advisors for the design of streambank stabilization and restoration measures along the Middle Branch of the Rouge River north of Chattman Road and between 10 Mile Road and Novi Road in the amount of \$268,200.**

**Roll call vote on CM 23-09-125**

**Yeas: Smith, Thomas, Gatt, Staudt, Casey,  
Crawford, Fischer  
Nays: None**

- 4. Consideration of Approval of Change Order No. 7 to Pamar Enterprises, Inc. for the replacement of damaged curb along Roethel Drive during the water main replacement project in the amount of \$186,315.56.**

**CM 23-09-126      Moved by Casey, seconded by Smith; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Approval of Change Order No. 7 to Pamar Enterprises, Inc. for the replacement of damaged curb along Roethel Drive during the water main replacement project in the amount of \$186,315.56.**

**Roll call vote on CM 23-09-126**

**Yeas: Thomas, Gatt, Staudt, Casey, Crawford,  
Fischer, Smith  
Nays: None**

**CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS FOR COUNCIL ACTION: None**

**AUDIENCE COMMENT: None**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: None**

Mayor Gatt reminded his colleague, Member Casey, and himself that the next meeting committee reports are due for the two committees that are out there.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL ISSUES: None**

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 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: October 9, 2023