REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVI
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025, AT 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Fischer called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mayor Fischer, Mayor Pro Tem Casey, Council Members Gurumurthy (absent/excused), Heintz, Smith, Staudt, Thomas

ALSO PRESENT: Victor Cardenas, City Manager
Tom Schultz, City Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

CM 25-06-76 **Moved by Casey, seconded by Smith; MOTION CARRIED: 6-0**

To approve the agenda as presented.

Roll call vote on CM 25-06-76

Yeas: Casey, Heintz, Smith, Staudt, Thomas, Fischer
Nays: None
Absent: Gurumurthy

PRESENTATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

CITY MANAGER REPORT: None

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Venkat Thalla said thank you for the wonderful service that he has been experiencing for the past 26 plus years. He said he is a civil engineering undergraduate in industrial engineering and operations research from Indian Industrial Technology, Mumbai, India. He said he came to the United States in 1986 and then to Michigan in 1989. He said the past 40 years he's been in systems engineering, development analysis, and design management. He said he was with a company that he helped to run, from 1997 to 2001. He said before that he was doing charity work in his village and then later on he went into deep research into problems and solutions. He said he has been able to share some of that research with members of the Council already. He said he is glad that there are solutions for the spectrum of public safety. He said solutions began in 1926 with the first firefighter or policeman, which he learned at the recent information sessions. He said that the Mayor and Council came up with the 'build, operate, invest' cycle. He said it is similar to the cycle he has come up with, being 'build, operate, upgrade, invest' and said that this is a continuous process and is a self-system life cycle. He said we have to keep on finding what the solution components are and bring them into the solution stream.

CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS AND APPROVALS:

CM 25-06-77 Moved by Casey, seconded by Thomas; MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

A. Approve Minutes of:
June 2, 2025 - Regular Meeting

B. Approval of amendment to the contract for the City Clerk, as prepared and approved as to form by the City Attorney.

C. Acceptance of a water main easement from the property owners of 21565 Beck Road (parcel 50-22-32-400-42) for construction of the Southwest Water Main Loop, in the amount of $3,886.

D. Approval to award American Generators Sales and Service the Generator Preventative Maintenance and Repair Service contract for one year in the amount of $37,571 with the option for (2) renewals at one-year increments.

E. Approval to award a unit price contract for Street Sweeping Services to SCA of MI, LLC, the lowest qualified bidder, at an estimated annual cost of $65,350. The contract term is one year with three optional one-year extensions.

F. Approval of the First Amendment to Purchase Agreement to extend the selling date to July 15, 2025 of a portion of Parcel 22-23-151-029 to Novi Industrial, LLC for $68,000.

G. Approval of the 2025 Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) Municipal Credit Fund Contract and transfer to People's Express in the amount of $62,149.

H. Enter Executive Session immediately following the regular meeting of June 23, 2025, in the Council Annex for the purpose of discussing City Manager and City Assessor Performance Evaluations, property acquisition, and for confidential written correspondence from the City Attorney.

I. Approval of claims and warrants – Warrant 1182

Roll call vote on CM 25-06-77

Yeas: Heintz, Smith, Staudt, Thomas, Fischer, Casey
Nays: None
Absent: Gurumurthy

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

1. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

City Clerk Hanson read the results of the ballots previously provided to the Council for the Council appointments. For the Beautification Commission, Nicole Rumao was appointed. For the Election Commission, Marla Wise was appointed. For the Parks Recreation and Cultural Services Commission, Ebony Bagley was appointed, Salene Riggins and Charley Staab were reappointed. For the partial term on the Zoning Board of Appeals, Joseph Samona was appointed.

CM 25-06-78 Moved by Casey, seconded by Thomas: MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Approval to appoint Stephanie Hall and Becky Staab, with terms expiring June 30, 2027, and Wendy Scar, term expiring June 30, 2026, to the Cultural Arts Advisory Committee.

Roll call vote on CM 25-06-78
Yeas: Smith, Staudt, Thomas, Fischer, Casey, Heintz
Nays: None
Absent: Gurumurthy

CM 25-06-79 Moved by Casey, seconded by Thomas: MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Approval to reappoint John Avdoulos, Gary Becker, and Edward Roney, with terms expiring June 30, 2028, to the Planning Commission.

Roll call vote on CM 25-06-79
Yeas: Staudt, Thomas, Fischer, Casey, Heintz, Smith
Nays: None
Absent: Gurumurthy

2. Approval of resolution to authorize Budget Amendment #2025-6

City Manager Cardenas said that the interest that has been accruing was recommended to go to fund individual capital projects. He said in this instance, being the year end, they are recommending using that money for any offsets. He said after the end of the fiscal year, they will bring back any savings from the budget to be brought to the Council to decide where to place those savings. He said they will know the exact totals after the audit process, once the books are closed.

CM 25-06-80 Moved by Casey, seconded by Thomas: MOTION CARRIED 6-0

Approval of resolution to authorize Budget Amendment #2025-6.

Roll call vote on CM 25-06-80
Yeas: Thomas, Fischer, Casey, Heintz, Smith, Staudt
Nays: None

Absent: **Gurumurthy**

3. Consideration of Fireworks Permit by Eddie Hesano for a display to be held on Saturday, July 19th, 2025, on Walled Lake.

City Manager Cardenas said that this permit falls under the new ordinance that was revised by City Council as recommended by the Ordinance Review Committee. He said the fireworks show will be operated by Great Lakes Fireworks, LLC, on July 19th, and will be permitted as the ordinance dictates.

CM 25-06-81 Moved by Staudt, seconded by Casey: MOTION CARRIED 5-1

Approval of the request for Fireworks Permit by Eddie Hesano to be operated by Great Lakes Fireworks, LLC, on Saturday, July 19th, 2025 on Walled Lake, because the application appears to be complete and because the proposed display is similar to others in previous years and there have not been significant complaints as to the nature and extent of the display and the event is close in time to other displays for the 4th of July holiday such that it is less likely to cause a disturbance of the peace.

Roll call vote on CM 25-06-81
Yeas: Fischer, Casey, Heintz, Smith, Staudt
Nays: Thomas
Absent: **Gurumurthy**

4. Consider awarding engineering services to OHM Advisors for the design of stream mitigation efforts related to Bishop Creek impacting various road construction projects, in the amount of $114,000.

City Manager Cardenas said that this is going to actually help with the construction of Crescent Blvd, by Eleven and Twelve Mile. He said it is two different roadways that are affected by Bishop Creek. He said that it needs to be done now to help the construction of the buildings and the roads anticipating the approval of the ballot initiative in August. He said this is jump starting on that work and helping construct the road.

CM 25-06-82 Moved by Thomas, seconded by Smith: MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Approval to award engineering services to OHM Advisors for the preliminary design of stream mitigation efforts related to the Crescent/Lee BeGole Road Extension and 12 Mile Road Widening projects, in the amount of $114,000.

Roll call vote on CM 25-06-82
Yeas: Casey, Heintz, Smith, Staudt, Thomas, Fischer
Nays: None
Absent: **Gurumurthy**

5. Consideration of approval of Change Order No. 1 to Mattioli Cement Company, Inc. for the 2025 Neighborhood Road Program – Concrete Streets to add Cheshire Court, in the amount of $196,695.

CM 25-06-83 Moved by Casey, seconded by Thomas: MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Approval of Change Order No. 1 to Mattioli Cement Company, Inc. for the 2025 Neighborhood Road Program – Concrete Streets to add Cheshire Court, in the amount of $196,695.

Roll call vote on CM 25-06-83

Yeas: Heintz, Smith, Staudt, Thomas, Fischer, Casey
Nays: None
Absent: Gurumurthy

6. Consideration of a unit price contract to Havener Tech, LLC, for as-needed catch basin, storm water pipe, and concrete slab stabilization services in the estimated annual amount of $300,000.

Member Heintz said he was curious about spray foam being safe. He said upon further investigation it seems like polyurethane foam is a safe and effective approach. He said he would like to applaud the Department of Public Works for continuing to look for ways that are both cost effective and safe.

CM 25-06-84 Moved by Smith, seconded by Thomas: MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Approval of a unit price contract for as-needed catch basin, storm water pipe, and concrete slab stabilization services to Havener Tech, LLC, using the Farmington Hills contract (extended to MITN members) in the estimated annual amount of $300,000. The contract term is one year with four optional one-year extensions.

Roll call vote on CM 25-06-84

Yeas: Smith, Staudt, Thomas, Fischer, Casey, Heintz
Nays: None
Absent: Gurumurthy

7. Consideration of adoption of a resolution authorizing approval of a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the rehabilitation of 13 Mile Road between M-5 and Haggerty Road, in the amount of $357,459.

CM 25-06-85 Moved by Thomas, seconded by Heintz: MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Adoption of a resolution authorizing approval of a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to agree to the rights

and obligations associated with the rehabilitation of 13 Mile Road between M-5 and Haggerty Road, with the City of Novi's estimated responsibility for construction in the amount of $357,459.

Roll call vote on CM 25-06-85 **Yeas: Staudt, Thomas, Fischer, Casey, Heintz, Smith**
Nays: None
Absent: Gurumurthy

8. Consideration of a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the rehabilitation of West Park Drive between 12 Mile Road and Pontiac Trail, in the amount of $2,659,275.

CM 25-06-86 Moved by Casey, seconded by Smith: MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Adoption of a resolution authorizing approval of a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to agree to the rights and obligations associated with the rehabilitation of West Park Drive between 12 Mile Road and Pontiac Trail, with the City of Novi's estimated responsibility for construction in the amount of $2,659,275.

Roll call vote on CM 25-06-86 **Yeas: Thomas, Fischer, Casey, Heintz, Smith, and Staudt**
Nays: None
Absent: Gurumurthy

CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS: None

AUDIENCE COMMENT:

Venkat Thalla said that he would pass the 2025 bond proposal because without a doubt, new buildings are needed. He said he is glad that Novi has four fire stations, and that our officers are experts and the consultant company that recommended the co-location of the fire and police departments are as well. He said out of the 66,000 residents of Novi, about 2,500 of the most precious life values are in Novi High School. He says that we are blessed that the Police Station, High School, and Council are all here. He said that we may possibly need two police stations moving forward. He said he would like to thank staff member Patricia Deering, Facilities Supervisor, because he contacted her regarding shrubbery that were infected and dying. They came and took the large rocks that were in the way of removing the shrubs. He said two of them went to Lakeshore Park, and the other 28 went to a historical site in Novi.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Rules Committee - Mayor Fischer

Mayor Fischer said that they did some minor clean ups on the audience participation and presentations language that will be forthcoming to Council.

2. Ordinance Review Committee - Mayor Fischer

Mayor Fischer said that they discussed car washes and the right changes and tweaks to that to make sure they are in the right area of the city and the correct zoning. He said they looked at the outdoor gathering permit process and recommended some changes that came from staff, giving them extra time and leeway to review the permit process and work with the applicants to get the information they need. He said it will be forthcoming to City Council, and previews are available.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL ISSUES: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

City Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:19 p.m. and returned at 9:55 p.m.

CM 25-06-87 Moved by Casey, seconded by Staudt: MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

To direct staff to proceed as discussed in Executive Session as it pertains to property acquisition.

Roll call vote on CM 25-06-87

Yeas: Fischer, Casey, Heintz, Smith, Staudt, Thomas
Nays: None
Absent: Gurumurthy

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 P.M.

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Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

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Transcribed by Alyssa Craigie,
Administrative Assistant

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Justin Fischer, Mayor

Date approved: July 7, 2025