

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVI
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024, 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, Heintz, Smith, Staudt, Thomas

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

CM 24-06-79 Moved by Thomas, seconded by Casey; MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

To approve the agenda as presented

Roll call vote on CM 24-06-79	Yeas: Casey, Gurumurthy, Heintz, Smith, Staudt, Thomas, Fischer
	Nays: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PRESENTATIONS:

PRESENTATIONS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

1. Laurel Acho - PRCS Commission

In lieu of going through her application again, Ms. Acho addressed qualifications not in her application. She has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, majored in marketing, and went to law school. She has done surveys and then would summarize the results. She has written summaries, charts, graphs, and done PowerPoint presentations. She has designed brochures, written newsletters, organized & marketed events, wrote articles about new products and then pitched them to magazines & journals. She also uses her marketing skills to design her own business cards and other promotional materials.

2. Farah Baig - PRCS Commission

Ms. Baig is long time resident having moved here in 1993 and has seen a lot of development since then. She is pleased to see Novi take an active role in maintaining its green spaces. She has had the opportunity to sit at several of the Older Adult Committee meetings and is excited about plans to create a community center. She is a strong proponent of intergenerational interactions and feels the PRCS is a natural space to make that happen. She currently works as a consultant with the State of Minnesota while they develop their blueprint for an age-friendly state. She expressed that the opportunity has given her a unique perspective on the importance of natural space that makes our

lives better. She is excited to offer the expertise that she's developed over the course of her PhD research as she completed her doctorate in organizational leadership policy and development as well as her current consultancy work. She also thinks she would be a true asset to the commission. She continued to say that there are almost 10,000 adults over the age of 65 in Novi and that these individuals are an integral part of PRCS. Her skills are not limited to just meeting the needs of older adults, as she was a high school teacher with the Detroit Public School District. She looks forward to contributing to the City of Novi.

3. Jay Dooley - PRCS Commission

Unable to join due to a work conflict.

4. Swaminathan Gopalakrishnan - PRCS Commission, Planning Commission

Mr. Gopalakrishnan immigrated from India 25 years ago and came to Western Michigan for a master's program. He spent two decades in west Michigan, with the first 10 years in engineering and the next 10 years in program management. Five years ago, he moved to Novi, and he made a career change a year ago when he became a senior program manager. In his program management role, he manages global programs and works with diverse teams from China, Mexico and Japan. He manages budgets and a large team. Some of his PM skills include communication and he is skilled in negotiation and adaptability. For the last two years, he has spent on the Board of Review where he learned how the City functions, how the tax system works and what the citizens need. He has learned a lot from being on the Board and is confident that he can serve the Parks and Recreation with that experience. His hobbies include cooking and being outdoors and feels Novi has a great parks system he would love to be a part of and contribute to.

5. Hilliard Hampton - Planning Commission, PRCS Commission:

Not present.

6. Sri Komaragiri - Planning, Corridor Improvement Authority

Ms. Komaragiri started by saying that last time she was at the podium before the Council was when she was answering questions about the Adell Center. She said that every time she passes around Grand River and sees the signs about proposed rezoning, she feels like this is the vision she was part of when she worked on the master plan, and it's coming to life and feels like she is being left out, so this is her way of trying to be a part of the development. She worked on the Walkable Novi Committee and feels this is an exciting time for Novi. She wants to contribute her experience as a planner, as she has worked for Novi and other townships.

7. Yogesh Kumar - Beautification Commission, Board of Review, Planning Commission

Mr. Kumar relocated to Novi City 10 years ago and it has been not only a place to reside but a sanctuary for him and his family. He has a Master of Science in mechanical

engineering and has over 25 years of experience in manufacturing and design. His profession has given him diverse and rewarding roles at various corporate levels. He worked as a program manager and director in his recent job and that has given him the opportunity to work and oversee million-dollar projects. In addition, he is also a realtor with Keller Williams, and that gives him satisfaction to provide people with fulfilling their American dream of home ownership, which is important for migrants. He is eager to extend his contribution, beyond his profession, to the Beautification Commission. He was born in India and has traveled to 14 countries which has given him the opportunity to understand and learn what these countries have done to beautify their cities. He would say that with all his experience in strategic planning, project management and community engagement, he is poised to make a significant contribution to these committees and enriching the vibrancy and wellbeing of the community.

8. Mike Lynch - Planning Commission

Mr. Lynch has been on the Planning Commission for 18 years and is willing to commit another three years. He said that when you look at his past performance, it's a good indication of what the future will be.

9. Mark Pehrson - Planning Commission

Mr. Pehrson has been a Novi resident for about 38 years. He has been on the Planning Commission and Novi Fire Department for a few years. He looks forward to the opportunity to be reappointed. He thinks the Commission lately has done great things to promote equity, sustainability, and diversity. He loves working with the staff and says the Planning department is top notch and looks forward to working with them again if he's reappointed.

10. Mark Somerville - Open to any placement

Mr. Somerville has been a resident of this community for 20 years. He is open to any position that is open to his unique set of skills. He has recently retired and has time to give back to the community. He was educated at the University of Michigan with a degree in German literature & communications. He also did his MBA at Michigan State and did a little bit of postgraduate studies at Harvard Business School. He had a career in technology with some of the highlights being Salesforce.com, where they built the company up from a billion dollars in 2011 to a \$20 billion dollar New York Stock Exchange component. He worked for Hewlett Packard and has a small LLC, Somerville Analytics LLC, where the emphasis is consulting companies that focus on AI. He is an Eagle Scout as well as being involved with the Down Syndrome Association of Michigan, Sons of the American Revolution, University of Michigan Men's Glee Club and St. Andrew's Society. He approaches opportunities with an open mindset. His values are faith, compassion, joy, and health.

11. Sara Srinivasan - Beautification Commission, PRCS Commission

Not present

12. Ramesh Verma - Planning Commission

Mr. Verma has lived in the city for the last 46 years. He has been before the Council many times and has served on the Library Board and Zoning Board. He is currently serving in the Planning Commission and had attended since 2001. He enjoys serving the Board, which he finds unique as they make decisions that keep the interests of the city. He stated the Board works together, their decisions are always unanimous, they respect each other, and help each other. He is a former captain from the Corp of Engineers. He would like to continue on the Board for the next four years.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: None

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Belinda Smith Brock lives in the Meadowbrook Commons senior ranch homes at 25007 Meadowbrook Road, building 3. She said the ranch homes consist of 10 buildings with a total of 60 units, with a signed, rented one vehicle carport parking. There are approximately 27 guest parking spaces and of those 27, two parking spaces are for emergency parking vehicles only. Recently, new neighbors moved in, having two vehicles taking up two parking spaces. One of those cars is parked in the sign rented carport section. The second car has been parked in the guest parking area, is seldom being driven and is parked in the guest parking area for days. The primary car used is the one parked in the carport. Ms. Brock emailed the community manager regarding the residence taking up two parking spaces and the community manager responded by email and said there are not designated guest parking around the ranches and those parking spaces are open for residents who may have more than one vehicle, two max. From Ms. Brock's understanding based on the lease agreement she signed, the ranch homes have a parking lot addendum separate from the general rules of occupancy parking and that addendum states, "tenant may only park one vehicle per rented unit, per rented space, if guest parking is available, such parking is for guest only.". She continues to say that the limited ranch guest parking is used on daily basis by family members & guests, visiting nurses & doctors, Molly Maid cleaning service, cable servicing, food delivery, delivery services, et cetera and the two parking spaces being used by ranch residents has caused an inconvenience to others. Ms. Brock concluded by saying that additional supportive documentation and pictures were left with the Clerk.

CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS AND APPROVALS:

CM 24-06-80

Moved by Thomas, seconded by Casey; MOTION CARRIED: 7-0