

Member Gurumurthy said she wanted to take the opportunity to request that they invite the Priority Waste team to come and present to Council, just like they did with GLWA. She said the delay and all that is fine, but she'd like to know what they are going to do to prevent this in the future. She sent a note to Rob about being at the Public Utilities Committee meeting, but she thinks Priority Waste should also have to come to Council and present how they are going to prevent it. She would like to know what their plan of action is.

Mayor Pro Tem Casey said she appreciated Mayor Fischer taking this out of the Consent Agenda so they could have this conversation. Novi is by no means the only community that has been affected. There have been other communities who have very publicly posted on their socials that they are working with Priority Waste to figure out how to calculate the damages. In some instances, the communities are withholding payments entirely. She feels that Council is well justified to have this conversation with them, to have this opportunity to catch their attention, again, financially, and to consider what damages the City might be able to liquidate based on the lack of service. She also said that if they needed to, in the short term, she would be open to having dialogue about relaxing the ordinance that allows them to come in from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. There's a time limit for rubbish pick up. If Priority Waste needed that window to be able to pay overtime and get the trash picked up in Novi, she'd be open to that dialogue as well if that becomes a remedy in addition to the remedies they're already talking about. She said she was in full support of withholding payment on that bill at this time but paying everything else on the warrant.

CM 26-06-084 Moved by Casey, seconded by Gurumurthy: MOTION CARRIED 7-0

Approval of claims and warrants – Warrant 1204 with the exception of check 204687 to Priority Waste.

Roll call vote on CM 26-06-084

**Yeas: Casey, Gurumurthy, Heintz, Martinez,
Smith, Staudt, Fischer**

Nays: None

AUDIENCE COMMENT:

Sunitha Ananthaswamy Ramappan, 24935 Portsmouth Ave, said she has proudly called Novi home for more than 20 years. She said although their two children graduated from Novi High School nearly a decade ago, she and her husband have chosen to continue making Novi their home because of the community and the values that are cherished there. She said she was honored to be there tonight to express her interest in serving on the Cultural Arts Advisory Committee. She apologized and said she sings better than she talks. She was a little nervous. She gave many thanks to Toby for encouraging her to apply for this position. She said throughout her life and career, she believed that arts and culture have the power to bring people together, build understanding and strengthen communities. She said bringing the world together with music is her personal motto. As a world musician, she has collaborated with artists from diverse musical genres and cultural traditions, using music as a bridge to foster connection and dialogue. For nearly

15 years, she taught preschool music at Novi Northville Montessori, introducing young children to music from cultures around the world, alongside traditional American folk music. As producer and host of "The World Musician," a show that used to be aired on Chanel 12 in Farmington from SWOCC Studios, she collaborated with artists from across Michigan to share their stories and music. Community service has also been an important part of her work, including leadership roles in cultural organizations and organizing fundraising events that support meaningful causes. What excites her most about the Cultural Arts Advisory Committee is the opportunity to enrich the lives of Novi residents through creativity, education, and cultural connection. If appointed, she would support arts programming, local artists, and partnerships that create meaningful opportunities for cultural exchange. She said Novi is a wonderfully diverse and vibrant community. She said she would be honored to contribute her experience in music, education, media, event planning and community engagement to help ensure that Novi's arts programs reflect and celebrate that diversity while bringing residents together.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL ISSUES: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

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Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

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Justin Fischer, Mayor

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Transcribed by Diana Charles
Customer Service Representative

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