

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVI  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 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, Heintz, Smith, Staudt, Thomas

**ALSO PRESENT:** Victor Cardenas, City Manager  
Danielle Mahoney, Assistant City Manager  
Tom Schultz, City Attorney

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**CM 25-10-132      Moved by Casey, seconded by Smith; MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

**To approve the agenda as presented.**

**Roll call vote on CM 25-10-132      Yeas: Casey, Gurumurthy, Heintz, Smith, Staudt, Thomas, and Fischer**  
**Nays: None**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Presentations for Planning Commission**

**1. Joseph Dominguez**

Jospeh Dominguez said he was honored to be considered for the Planning Commission. He said he has a background in finance, is a business owner, and his career has been about balancing long term planning with practical solutions. He said he wants to bring that same approach to Novi's growth and development. He said he's listened to the concerns of the residents regarding traffic congestion, over development, environmental impacts, and a desire for more transparency. He said growth should be smart, not just about getting more. He said he will advocate for the redevelopment of aging commercial areas before expanding into their remaining natural spaces and ensuring projects align with the master plan for 2025. He said infrastructure must keep pace with development. He said that means requiring traffic studies and holding developers accountable for improvement when projects add strain to the roads, schools, and utilities. He said protecting Novi's environment must remain a top priority. He said he will push for strong storm water management, tree preservation, and green infrastructure so that growth does not come at the cost of wetlands, woodlands, or lakes. He said he would like to improve transparency and that residents should have clear plain language, summaries of proposed projects, more opportunities for input, and confidence that their voices shape Novi's future. He said he believes thoughtful planning is about balancing growth with preservation and opportunity with responsibility. He said it would be an honor to serve on the Planning Commission to help guide that balance for generations to come.

## **2. Hilliard Hampton**

Hilliard Hampton said it would be an honor to serve on the Planning Commission if selected. He said he is a retired police officer, Wayne County Sheriff's Department, in the capacity of a command officer. He said he has his bachelor's degree from Wayne State University. He said he is a licensed builder in the State of Michigan. He said his greatest pleasure was to be the general contractor for Habitat for Humanity, western Wayne County. He said they built several homes and put homes in the hands of future homeowners. He said that was very rewarding. He said he was a former Mayor and has served in this capacity for many years. He said he moved to Novi 9 years ago with his wife Marcella, a retired third grade schoolteacher, and they have a lovely home. He said they enjoy this community, it is a bustling and vibrant community that has everything you want in a city to live. He said we have various agencies who help along the way, and Simco is one of those agencies that was very instrumental to him when he was Mayor. He said he reached out to them for various things and served on their Transportation Committee. He said he was recognized after many years of service for their Tubman Scholarship and was awarded that home. He said there is no learning curve. He said he doesn't want to suggest what's good for Novi without understanding what the goals are. He said he knows about zoning, how to read a site plan, and it would be his honor to delve back into public service. He said public service is where he enjoys being and he misses it. He said it would be his pleasure to serve as the next Planning Commissioner.

## **3. Sobha Reddi**

Sobha Reddi said she's been a resident of Novi for the last 33 years. She said she was working in a profession that requires analytical skills and informatic knowledge. She said with those goals and objectives, she will be useful to the Planning Committee. She said with her experience she will support the initiatives that come forward. She said she is passionate about giving back to the community. She said she developed interest in serving the community because of her background, being born in India. She said her father is a great service man, a member of the Lions Club, and developed an eye hospital, and community school. She said her background is to support the community and take his guidance. She said she is on the Board of Trustees at SV Temple. She said she has helped a great deal for activities, coordination, interfaith programs, senior citizens events, and religious cultural events. She said she has also worked with many volunteers and community leaders in annual food drives and back-to-school programs. She said she has also helped with annual walk-ons to raise money that gets distributed among some of the state programs that helps where needed. She said if given the opportunity to serve on the Planning Commission it would be a great pride for her. She said if there are efforts to expand support, she will intend to support the other committees and be involved.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: None**