

MEMORANDUM



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: VICTOR CARDENAS, INTERIM CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS
DATE: APRIL 18, 2023

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide a review of a few property acquisition opportunities that City Council has expressed interest in.

The first is a group of parcels located on Lee BeGole Dr., directly across the street from the Department of Public Works. These parcels were brought before Council previously. The owner is looking for \$4 million for all four parcels. Per Council direction, City Administration obtained an appraisal which came to a value of \$2.6 million. If Council is still interested in pursuing staff recommends submitting an offer of a little more than \$3 million to begin the negotiations.



The second parcel I'd like to offer for Council's consideration is 50-22-24-301-013, 4.51 acres on Meadowbrook Rd., directly across the street from Meadowbrook Commons. Our realtor has contacted the owner's representative and received a price of \$295,000. As you can see, the property is heavily wooded and comprised mainly of wetlands. The goal for acquiring this parcel would be for woodland preservation.



The third property of interest is 50-22-11-107-002 which is comprised of 2.54 acres on Novi Road, just north of the Saratoga Circle subdivision. A previous development proposal was denied by Council on December 8, 2014, as nearby residents strongly opposed it, would have significant impact on the environmental features of the property and would have required a text amendment to the Sandstone Associates Limited Partnership v. City of Novi Consent Judgment as the zoning intends it as a church and/or cemetery. The property is also heavily woodland and has a significant amount of identified wetland area. The goal for acquiring this parcel would be for environmental woodland/wetland preservation. City Administration is currently inquiring about a sales price.

