

City of Northville
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 17, 2016

Mayor Roth called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 p.m. in the City of Northville Municipal Building, City Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167.

Mayor Roth read a statement informing those present that the City Council meeting was being recorded for rebroadcast on the City's website. By remaining at the meeting, consent is inferred by those present to have their voice and image recorded and posted on the City's website.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Ken Roth, Mayor Pro Tem James Allen, Councilmembers Nancy Darga, Sam Ekong, and Marilyn Price

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Patrick Sullivan, City Clerk Dianne Massa, Police Chief Michael Carlson, Director of Public Works James Gallogly, and 12 citizens

PRESENTATIONS

A. Citizens Comments None

B. Presentation – Proclamation

The Mayor and City Council presented resident Warren Stoddard a proclamation in honor of his 100th birthday. Following remarks noting Mr. Stoddard's many accomplishments throughout his life, it was proclaimed:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Northville, Michigan applauds the life of Warren Stoddard and wish him a very happy 100th birthday.

On behalf of City Council, the Mayor thanked Mr. Stoddard for sharing his milestone with the City.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Allen, seconded by Price to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented.

Approve City Council Minutes of:

- Regular Meeting of October 3, 2016

Receive Bills List:

- Accounts Payable Week of October 5, 2016

- Accounts Payable Week of October 12, 2016
Receive Board and Commission Minutes: None
Receive Departmental Reports:
- Youth Assistance: 10/16
Board and Commission Appointments: None
Amendment to Fees, Fines, and Penalties Schedule / Cemetery Fees
Request to Place Signs and Conduct Food Pickup Program / Cub Scouts
Street Closure Request / Block Party / Jeffrey Drive / November 5, 2016

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Traffic Control Order #16-08 / Crosswalk at N. Center and Lake Street

On July 13, 2016, the Police Department was asked to look at the possibility of placing a pedestrian crosswalk at Lake Street and North Center Street due to the amount of pedestrians said to be crossing North Center Street at or near that intersection. The Police Department requested assistance from the Traffic Improvement Association of Michigan (TIA) to analyze the situation and determine the best solution.

TIA conducted a traffic evaluation of pedestrian crossings on N. Center Street near the Kroger store. TIA collected the pedestrian and vehicular volumes, as well as gap data for N. Center Street. The goal was to determine if a pedestrian crossing was necessary, which location is best, and what traffic control might be needed.

The response and conclusion from TIA found that based on the current traffic volumes, all-way stop control would not be appropriate at the Lake Street / N. Center intersection, nor warranted at the Kroger driveway. TIA further determined that the installation of a pedestrian crossing island did not seem necessary as there are adequate two way gaps in traffic. In addition, the spacing of driveways/intersections in the area would complicate the location if one was in place as it would not leave adequate room for vehicles turning left.

TIA recommended the installation of a conventional crosswalk on the south side of the Lake Street and N. Center Street intersection. The installation of a crosswalk at this location would provide a crossing location for pedestrians near the store. The pedestrian crossing will require a curb ramp and sidewalk connection be installed on the west side of the roadway. Finally, TIA determined that the use of special emphasis crosswalk markings and pedestrian crossing signage would provide adequate traffic control at the location.

Traffic Control Order 16-08 was written to accommodate a pedestrian crosswalk on the south side of Lake Street at North Center Street.

The costs of sign placement, pavement markings, concrete for the approach, and a sidewalk are not budgeted. A first quarter budget amendment would be required to use fund balance to pay for the modifications.

City Council Discussion and Comments: It was clarified by Staff that the cost for this crosswalk is estimated to be \$8,000 and would be done as a Change Order to the existing sidewalk contract. Funding would come from the street and sidewalk fund balance. Patrick Cawley of TIA offered further explanation of the measures used to conduct pedestrian and vehicular counts in July and August and how

TIA arrived at the proposed conventional crosswalk conclusion. Additional comment from Council pertained to concern with driver behavior of not looking both ways when entering and exiting Kroger, concern with vehicles stacking in the center lane, the need for a calming mechanism for drivers at the Kroger entrance, and the suggestion of signage at Kroger for turning traffic to yield to pedestrians.

TIA suggested an incremental approach by installing the crosswalk first, then to see if any additional signage is needed after monitoring the crosswalk impact to traffic flow.

Motion Darga, seconded by Ekong to establish Traffic Control Order 16-08 as written and as a permanent order and authorize an expenditure up to \$10,000 from the Major Street and Capital Fund.
Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Mayor and Council Communications

Roth noted that a sidewalk accessibility ordinance had been found, which will be reviewed and adapted to the City and brought to Council for consideration. Roth also provided an update on the trees that were proposed for removal during a recent construction project on Baseline. The Building Inspector contacted the builder who was advised to get a permit.

Darga spoke of the USS Detroit and noted she would be taking a tour. Darga also spoke of the ghost tours at the Ford Piquet Plant. Many of the ghosts look like Northville residents and the tour was featured in the Detroit News.

Ekong noted he would be attending the CDBG meeting this week and would provide an update.

B. Staff Communications None

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Adjournment: 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Massa, CMC
City Clerk

Ken Roth
Mayor

Approved as submitted: 11/07/16