

MINUTES OCTOBER 10, 2023
REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

Approved for the Agenda of:
10-24-23

APPROVED with an amendment to 23-462
Motion No. 23 - 485

23-452 The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Council Chairman Dave Wassim Abdallah.

Roll Call showed the following:

Present: Council Chairman Dave Wassim Abdallah, Council Chair Pro Tem Mo Baydoun, Councilman Zouher Abdel-Hak, Councilman Hassan Ahmad, Councilwoman Nancy Bryer, Councilman Robert Constan, Councilman Tom Wencel.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Clerk Senia, Mayor Bazzi, Treasurer Hicks-Clayton, Building & Engineering Director Watland, Chief of Staff Hernandez, CEDD Director Jamal, City Engineer Dib, Corporation Counsel Farinha, DPW Director Conrad, Fire Chief Brogan, IT Director Cooper, Library Director McCaffery, Ordinance Enforcement & Animal Control Director Dishroon.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Mohamad Rizk.

Police Director Swope introduced new Police Officers Mahmoud Rizk and Hassan Zaarour, to whom City Clerk Senia then administered the Oath of Office.

Fire Chief Brogan presented a Citizen's Award to Animal Control Officer Kevin Abbott for his quick thinking and opportune response to an emergency situation on July 24, 2023, at which he secured the scene of a vehicle vs pedestrian collision and administered aid until the Fire Department arrived.

23-453 Motion by Councilman Baydoun, seconded by Councilman Abdel-Hak to approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of October 10, 2023, as submitted.

Motion adopted

23-454 Motion by Councilman Baydoun, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to approve the Minutes for the Special Meeting of September 21, 2023 as outlined in 4-A.

Motion adopted

23-455 Motion by Councilman Baydoun, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 26, 2023 as outlined in 4-B.

Motion adopted

23-456 Motion by Councilman Baydoun, seconded by Councilman Abdel-Hak to approve Current Claims and ACH/Wire Transfers 6-1 through 6-54 as submitted.

1	THE ACCUMED GROUP	\$9,444.98
2	ALLIED BUILDING SERVICES OF	\$4,680.96
3	ALLIED BUILDING SERVICES OF	\$2,650.00
4	ALLIED BUILDING SERVICES OF	\$2,925.00
5	ALLIED BUILDING SERVICES OF	\$3,664.00
6	ALLIED BUILDING SERVICES OF	\$6,000.00
7	ALLIED BUILDING SERVICES OF	\$25,450.00

8	AT&T MOBILITY	\$3,825.93
9	BERT'S TESTING AND TRAINING	\$1,800.00
10	BOWLES BROTHERS SERVICES, INC	\$6,335.00
11	DEACONS OF DOO-WOP	\$1,500.00
12	DUKE'S ROOT CONTROL INC.	\$4,210.93
13	ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	\$6,082.10
14	FRONTLINE CONSULTING	\$5,400.00
15	GIP PIPE PRODUCTS INC	\$1,730.52
16	GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY	\$22,309.56
17	HENRY FORD HEALTH SYSTEM	\$8,559.20
18	IB ELECTRIC	\$5,100.00
19	IMAGETREND, INC.	\$4,057.46
20	JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC.	\$6,262.71
21	MATTHEW BENDER & COMPANY, INC.	\$1,588.07
22	MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL RISK MGT AUTH	\$330,460.75
23	MICHIGAN POLICE TRAINING	\$3,650.00
24	MICHIGAN URBAN SEARCH & RESCUE	\$1,625.00
25	POWER DMS, INC	\$8,870.02
26	RKA PETROLEUM COMPANIES, INC	\$21,750.51
27	STRYKER SALES CORPORATION	\$2,386.80
28	STRYKER SALES CORPORATION	\$2,386.80
29	CITY OF TAYLOR	\$2,421.60
30	URBAN TREE TRIMMING	\$8,350.00
31	US BANK OPERATIONS CENTER	\$84,284.38
32	VILLANOVA CONSTRUCTION	\$54,409.75
33	VILLANOVA CONSTRUCTION	\$8,631.35
34	VILLANOVA CONSTRUCTION	\$19,078.00
35	WADE TRIM	\$4,009.25
36	WADE TRIM	\$8,403.75
37	WADE TRIM	\$6,632.50
38	WADE TRIM	\$6,488.00
39	WADE TRIM	\$3,435.00
40	WADE TRIM	\$4,117.50
41	WADE TRIM	\$47,589.60
42	WADE TRIM	\$43,067.50
43	WADE TRIM	\$28,969.50
44	WADE TRIM	\$19,805.00

45	WADE TRIM	\$3,985.00
46	WADE TRIM	\$405.00
47	WADE TRIM	\$445.00
48	WADE TRIM	\$130.00
49	WADE TRIM	\$130.00
50	WADE TRIM	\$325.00
51	WADE TRIM	\$545.00
52	WADE TRIM	\$960.00
53	WADE TRIM	\$1,155.00
54	WAYNE COUNTY ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$1,612.62

Motion unanimously adopted

23-457 Motion by Councilwoman Bryer, seconded by Councilman Constan to award the bid for the Eton Senior Center Boiler Room Pipes and Valves Replacement to Allied Building Services Company of Detroit Inc. as the lowest qualified bidder in the amount of \$18,700.00, and authorize the Comptroller to return the bid bonds to the unsuccessful bidders. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. Additionally, authorize the CEDD Director to approve necessary change orders up to \$3,740.00 (20% of the bid amount). Furthermore, authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to sign the necessary warrants and the Treasurer to issue payment not to exceed \$22,440.00 logged to fund 103- Eton Senior Center Improvement- general ledger tracking accounts, and paid from the unrestricted General Fund Pool Bank Account, which will be fully reimbursed from the US Treasury accordingly, as outlined in 7-A. Per CEDD Director Jamal communication dated October 3, 2023.

Motion unanimously adopted

23-458 Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Abdel-Hak to award the bid for the 2023 Street Paving Contract for the re-construction of five (5) streets to Mark Anthony Contracting as the lowest bidder for an amount not to exceed \$2,751,474.03 (the bid amount plus 10% for material testing and quality assurance), and authorize the Comptroller to return the bid bonds to the unsuccessful bidders. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. Furthermore, authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to sign the necessary warrants and the Treasurer to issue payment from Local Streets General Ledger Account #203-203-895.000, as outlined in 7-B. Per City Engineer Dib communication dated October 3, 2023.

After further discussion, the motion was amended to reflect the following:

Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Abdel-Hak to award the bid for the 2023 Street Paving Contract for the re-construction of five (5) streets to Mark Anthony Contracting as the lowest bidder for an amount not to exceed \$2,751,474.03 (the bid amount plus **up to** 10% for material testing and quality assurance), and authorize the Comptroller to return the bid bonds to the unsuccessful bidders. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. Furthermore, authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to sign the necessary warrants and the Treasurer to issue payment from Local Streets General Ledger Account #203-203-895.000, as outlined in 7-B. Per City Engineer Dib communication dated October 3, 2023.

Motion unanimously adopted

23-459 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to concur with the Mayoral Proclamation of October 2023 as Disability Awareness Month, as outlined in 8-A. Per Mayor Bazzi communication dated October 3, 2023.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 23-460** Motion by Councilwoman Bryer, seconded by Councilman Constan to concur with the Mayoral reappointment of Mr. Raed Mourad to the Act 78 Police & Fire Civil Service Commission, term to expire November 2029, as outlined in 8-B. Per Mayor Bazzi communication dated October 3, 2023.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 23-461** Motion by Councilwoman Bryer, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the increase of Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing permit fees, as well as Certificate of Occupancy/Compliance Inspection Fees, as outlined in 9-A. Per Building & Engineering Director Watland communication dated October 1, 2023.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 23-462** Motion by Councilwoman Bryer, seconded by Councilman Abdel-Hak to accept and approve the Agreement for the FEMA/MSP/Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) 4547-DR-MI - CFDA Number: 97.039 - Project Number: HMGP 4547.07 in the amount of \$2,725,000.00. The 10% matching fund (up to \$295,125.00) may be eligible to be paid by CDBG-DR grant (if secured during the second-round application which will be processed timely and accordingly). Further, authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign required documentation as attached in the 13 item Agreement package, pending review ~~and approval~~ by Corporation Counsel in coordination with the CEDD legal services firm. Additionally, authorize the CEDD Director to process the necessary documentation to secure the homes' acquisitions, pending Council approval of the purchasing offers. Furthermore, authorize the Comptroller to establish and fund the 10% match General Ledger Account 592-536-924.592 in the amount up to \$295,125.00 from the Water/Sewage Fund Balance which will be fully reimbursed from the CDBG-DR Fund (if funding secured). Also, establish another Ledger Account 592-536-925.592 for the grant expenses/reimbursement tracking and record reconciliations; noting that the grant expenditures up to \$2,656,125.00 will be paid temporarily from the Water/Sewage Fund pool bank account and fully reimbursed from FEMA/MSP/HMGP 4547.07 grant, as outlined in 9-B. Per CEDD Director Jamal communication dated October 2, 2023.

Motion unanimously adopted

MOTION 23-462 AMENDED 10-24-23, PER MOTION NO. 23-485

- 23-463** Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to approve the Lower Rouge CSO L-42 Sewer Separation Project Scope Modification Contract Change Order #3 for \$114,452.55 for a new contract total of \$12,869,220.66 (including previously approved change orders) which represents a 16.21% increase. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to sign the necessary warrants and the Treasurer to issue payments from Account #592-537-981.005 and P.O. #22-535, as outlined in 9-C. Per City Engineer Dib communication dated October 3, 2023.

Ayes: Council Chairman Abdallah, Councilman Abdelhak, Councilman Ahmad, Councilwoman Bryer, Councilman Constan, Councilman Wencel.

Nayes: Council Chair Pro Tem Baydoun.

Absent: None.

Motion adopted

- 23-464** Motion by Councilwoman Bryer, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to approve the reassignment of the Concrete Sectioning Street Repair Program Contract from Angel's Cement LLC to A & G Construction under the same terms and conditions and for the same cost, as outlined in 9-D. Per City Engineer Dib communication dated October 3, 2023.

Ayes: Council Chairman Abdallah, Councilman Ahmad, Councilwoman Bryer, Councilman Constan, Councilman Wencel.

Nayes: Councilman Abdelhak, Council Chair Pro Tem Baydoun.

Absent: None.

Motion adopted

23-465 Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to approve Change Order #2 to the Asphalt Paving Street Repair Program Contract with S & J Sealer Company in the amount of \$82,750.00 plus a 10% owner reserve for testing and quality control, for a total request of \$91,000.00, for a new contract value of \$388,800.00. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to sign the necessary warrants, and the Treasurer to issue payment from GL Account #202-203-880.500, as outlined in 9-E. Per City Engineer Dib communication dated October 3, 2023.

After further discussion, the motion was amended to reflect the following:

Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to approve Change Order #2 to the Asphalt Paving Street Repair Program Contract with S & J Sealer Company in the amount of \$82,750.00 plus **up to** a 10% owner reserve for testing and quality control, for a total request of **up to** \$91,000.00, for a new contract value of **up to** \$388,800.00. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to sign the necessary warrants, and the Treasurer to issue payment from GL Account #202-203-880.500, as outlined in 9-E. Per City Engineer Dib communication dated October 3, 2023.

Motion unanimously adopted

23-466 Motion by Councilwoman Bryer, seconded by Councilman Wencel to affirm the City Charter provisions regarding the use of competitive bids to buy all goods and products that exceed \$1,500.00 and to extend the competitive bids to all services provided by consultants, vendors, and any other services to the city. In addition, direct the Mayor to get the council's approval for all contracts, involving employment, contractors, vendors, consultants, engineering, planning, construction, and legal services before making any payments from the city treasury, as outlined in 9-F. Per Councilman Abdel-Hak communication dated October 3, 2023.

After further discussion, the motion was amended to reflect the following:

Motion by Councilwoman Bryer, seconded by Councilman Wencel to table Item 9-F until the next City Council Meeting. Per Councilman Abdel-Hak communication dated October 3, 2023.

Motion unanimously adopted

23-467 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to approve the 2023 Bridge Inspection Program with Wade Trim in the amount of \$15,500.00. In addition, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract on behalf of the City, pending Corporation Council approval, and authorize the Treasurer to issue payments not to exceed \$15,500.00, as outlined in 9-G. Per DPW Director Conrad communication dated October 5, 2023.

Motion unanimously adopted

23-468 Motion by Councilwoman Bryer, seconded by Councilman Abdel-Hak to approve the purchase of thirty-six (36) Automatic External Defibrillators and two (2) trainers from Stryker for a total cost of \$67,308.60. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to sign the necessary warrants and the Treasurer to issue payment from the Fire MEDC Grant Account #101-335-940.075, as outlined in 9-H. Per Fire Chief Brogan communication dated October 3, 2023.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 23-469** Motion by Councilman Abdel-Hak, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the purchase of one (1) desktop computer from CDW for WDHT for a cost not to exceed \$2,165.31 as a replacement for aging equipment. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to sign the warrant, and authorize the Treasurer to issue payments from the PEG funds, Account #101-809-981.001. Further, provided the Mayor also authorizes any such payment as necessary expense, the City Council authorizes warrants to be issued for the payment of these services. By doing so, the City Council is authorizing any such warrants and payments without prior authorization by the City Council of the specific warrant and payment as permitted by and consistent with City Charter Section 8.9, as outlined in 9-I. Per IT Director Cooper communication dated October 3, 2023.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 23-470** Motion by Councilman Abdel-Hak, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to approve the purchase of one (1) Canon XF605 4K UHD Pro Camcorder for WDHT for a cost not to exceed \$4,699.00 as a replacement for aging equipment. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to sign the warrant, and authorize the Treasurer to issue payments from the PEG funds, Account #101-809-981.001. Further, provided the Mayor also authorizes any such payment as necessary expense, the City Council authorizes warrants to be issued for the payment of these services. By doing so, the City Council is authorizing any such warrants and payments without prior authorization by the City Council of the specific warrant and payment as permitted by and consistent with City Charter Section 8.9, as outlined in 9-J. Per IT Director Cooper communication dated October 3, 2023.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 23-471** Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Abdel-Hak to approve the purchase and payment of a delivery vehicle for library materials and programs for a cost not to exceed \$26,969.00 from Lunghamer Ford of Owosso. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to sign the necessary warrants and the Treasurer to issue payment from Account 738-738-808, as part of a grant previously authorized by Council, as outlined in 9-K. Per Library Director McCaffery communication dated September 29, 2023.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 23-472** Motion by Councilwoman Bryer, seconded by Councilman Abdel-Hak to approve the transfer/retirement of Dearborn Heights Patrol Canine "Twix", and approve a Release and Hold Harmless Agreement reviewed and approved by Corporation Counsel. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City, and an authorized agent to sign the agreement on behalf of the Dearborn Heights Police Department, as outlined in 9-L. Per Police Chief Hart communication dated October 5, 2023.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 23-473** Motion by Councilwoman Bryer, seconded by Councilman Constan that Proposed Ordinance H-23-03 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS, BE AMENDED BY AMENDING SECTION 36-64 CONCERNING TAYOR-DEARBORN HEIGHTS GATEWAY OVERLAY DISTRICT, be considered read for the first time, as outlined in 11-A. Per City Engineer Dib communication dated October 2, 2023.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 23-474** Motion by Councilman Baydoun, seconded by Councilman Abdel-Hak to adopt the Resolution regarding the Early Voting Plan for City of Dearborn Heights Residents, that the Council concurs with the recommendation of the Dearborn Heights Election Commission and hereby establish a single municipality early voting site for all statewide and federal elections conducted in the City of Dearborn Heights to be Canfield Community Center located at 1801 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127, as outlined in 11-B. Per Clerk Senia communication dated October 4, 2023.

Motion unanimously adopted

23-475 Motion by Councilman Wencel, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to suspend the rules that the Council may entertain a motion regarding water billing penalties.

Motion unanimously adopted

23-476 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Baydoun for water bill penalties to be waived for the next 90 days.

After further discussion, the motion was amended to reflect the following:

Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to waive penalties on the current water bills up until December 31, 2023.

Motion unanimously adopted

23-477 Motion by Councilman Baydoun, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to adjourn the Dearborn Heights City Council Regular Meeting.

Motion unanimously adopted

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 p.m.

LYNNE M. SENIA
CITY CLERK

DAVE WASSIM ABDALLAH
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

GEORGANNE SEMENIUK
COUNCIL SECRETARY