

REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 13, 2006

06-208 The meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m. by Council Chair Elizabeth J. Agius.

Roll Call showed the following:

Present: Council Chair Elizabeth J. Agius, Councilwoman Janet S. Badalow, Councilman Kenneth R. Baron, Councilman Tom Berry, Councilman Bob Constan, Councilwoman Margaret M. Horvath, Councilwoman Margaret M. Van Houten.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mayor Paletko, Administrative Assistant Kramarz, City Clerk Dudzinski, Deputy Clerk Pawlukiewicz, Treasurer Riley, Comptroller Barrow, Deputy Comptroller Macari, Assessor Riedel, Building & Engineering Director Sobh, Fire Chief Gurka, Police Chief Gust, Recreation Director Grybel, Public Service Administrator Franzil, Community & Economic Development Director Jamal (arrived at 8:09 p.m.), Library Director Deller, Assistant Emergency Coordinator Ankrapp.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Gust.

Senior Vice Commander, Roger Kehrier from the Military Order of Purple Heart presented a plaque to Police Chief Gust for the family of slain Police Officer Jason Makowski.

06-209 Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilwoman Badalow, that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of June 13 2006, be approved with the addition of 13-F, Library Budgets.

Motion unanimously adopted.

06-210 Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilman Berry, that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 23, 2006, be approved as submitted.

Motion unanimously adopted.

The Public Hearing for the 2006-2011 proposed Recreation Master Plan was called to order at 8:08 p.m. by Council Chair Elizabeth J. Agius.

Council Chair Agius dispensed with the reading of the Notice of a Public Hearing (see below).

Notice is hereby given that the City of Dearborn Heights City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 13, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. at the City Dearborn Heights City Hall, 6045 Fenton Road, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed City of Dearborn Heights Recreation Master Plan 2006-2011. A recreation master plan assists the City and specifically the Recreation Department in identifying recreation needs within the community. The plan ultimately determines the most effective and efficient methods of improving the existing facilities, programs and properties as well as providing facilities, programs and properties beyond those that currently exist. While a Recreation Master Plan assists the community in determining its long-range goals and needs if approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), it also qualifies the community for recreation grants which are administered through the MDNR. The proposed Recreation Master Plan includes a community description, an overview of the administrative structure of the Recreation Department, an inventory and analysis of the existing recreation facilities, and finally recommended projects proposed to be funded for the next five years.

Copies of the proposed City of Dearborn Heights Recreation Master Plan will be available for review at City Hall in the City Clerks' office, the City libraries, Canfield Community Center and Richard A. Young Recreation Center during normal office hours. Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the City Council at the City Hall address cited above. All written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2006. Publish June 7 and June 11, 2006.

Recreation Director Grybel "Good evening. Tonight we are here as part of the Recreation Master Plan process to get comments from the public but what I would like to do first is to go over the process that we went through, that is very long and tedious but I think is very necessary to be able to do an effective planning. We do this once every five years in the Parks & Recreation Department, as required by the Department of Natural Resources, if you wish to participate in any grant opportunities. It's just good planning but then again there are some benefits that could come down the road.

The first stage we had was the selecting of our consulting firm which was LSL Planning and that was back in January, that's when City Council awarded that to LSL Planning. We next selected a Recreational Advisory Committee, they met. Well let me give you their names because they were very

school, county parks and whatnot the city is definitely at a surplus of park land, however the city doesn't control obviously the school parks or the county parks we want to make sure that we keep a balance between what the city can control versus not control.

Also we evaluated the facilities and it was shown based on population deficiency in tennis courts, volleyball courts, swimming pools and 9 hole golf courses and again many of these things schools especially offer tennis courts and swimming pools and golf courses are pretty abundant in the metro Detroit area.

So from that we establish a goal to lead us into recommendations and that general goal is to acquire, develop, maintain and preserve sufficient open space and the development of recreation facilities to adequately serve both the existing and future needs of the City's residents for recreation opportunities. Now from that we have a set of general recommendations, these are for all the parks throughout the city, they lead to park promotion, getting the word out there of what the parks are and where they are located and what they have to offer. Increase Community involvement, programs like adopt a park and dedicated trees or benches for certain loved ones or family member. Increase barrier free accessibility of course is always a concern. Consistent design improvements, having a look and a feel to the city's parks in terms of signage, lighting, landscaping, so when you get to one of the City of Dearborn Heights parks you know it's a City of Dearborn Heights park.

Also expanded programming, as mentioned by Ken, the success of the programs is increasing, want to make sure there is ample opportunity for seniors and for youth and everyone in between to have many options for types of programming that can be offered.

Lastly, land acquisition, while this is mainly a built out community if land acquisition ever presents itself we want to be able to be open to take on additional park lands, maybe some underserved areas in the neighborhoods, which leads us to the action plan. Now this is kind of the bulk heart of the plan. It's broken down into a five year plan, now many of these recommendations are carried over from the old plan. Ken was very active in getting all the old recommendations completed. I'm not going to go over all the recommendations in detail but they are in the plan and highlighted in the presentation here. For the first year focal is on Municipal Park and I believe Ken, you can correct me if I'm wrong, that's the only park available for CDBG funds at this time and again we are focusing on that while the money is here we are going to improve that park and also and some minor improvements to other parks.

McMillan Park is a piece of land that's owned by the County that they are not using and so we need to see if we can't work with the county and get that land turned over to city control and thereby adding another park to our system at a low to minimal cost hopefully.

Year two there is a little touch up to all the parks. We wanted to make sure that no park was neglected and that we hit minor improvements to each of the parks and in 2007; we try to hit many of the parks in different regions in the city so that every neighborhood has a little face lift, if you will, to their parks. And many of the improvements are just resurfacing of tennis courts and ADA accessible play structures and path ways, we have a sand volleyball court at Parkland Park and a small pavilion at Municipal Park.

Year three 2008, again we are looking at improvements to different parks featuring here Parkland Park with an regulation in-line skating rink to accommodate hockey leagues and whatnot and also improvements to the sledding hill to allow for outdoor concerts and lighting for improved use during the winter for sledding and also renovations to the concession stand at that park. At the other parks we have improvements to the arena at Central Park and Canfield and new play structures. At this point, if our acquisition for McMillan Park is successful from the county, we would like to develop that and make it some kind of an active park. At that time, we will have to do a concept plan for that park venture, but I am sure it would start out small scale, maybe a play structure or something, just to get it active for the community.

Year four, again improvement throughout, mainly focusing on play structures, new ADA accessible structures for both children aged 6-12 and also 5 and under there are different features of these different play structures and we want to make sure we accommodate a variety of age ranges for these parks.

Year five is our big ambitious, I guess you can say our dream year, we have lots of ambitious plans and again many of these were carried over from the last plan; they have been planned and discussed for probably 20 years but we have to keep it in the plan in case funding ever became available and that includes expanding Swapka/Powers Park to include an outdoor swimming area, for Parkland Park developing a nature center and possibly an amphitheatre and also a bridge over the River Rouge and Central Park and Canfield Park demolishing the existing center there and replacing it with a larger 35,000 square foot rec center comparable to what's in Livonia and some of the other communities around here. Canton has a large health center type, modern facility to have available to the community. Again very ambitious but we have it in case a very large donation comes in, anything along those lines which of course leads us to our funding sources.

There are a number of sources available. Ken has been very active in seeking funds. We do have the CDBG, we have a variety of grants that are available through the State as well as user fees, a possible

preserving space for parks for these particular areas.”

Council Chair Agius “I think you have to look at the map Gary to see the two areas, there are sort of three areas the”

Ms. Schillinger “If I can point out the light yellow areas, there is one here in the immediate northwest corner, down in the northeast corner and the south central strip in the middle and then the southwest corner and again this is just covering the city parks. The yellow does cover city-wide parks there are some parks, Parkland Park for example serves the whole city. So it’s not that it’s not served by a park it’s not served by a local small scale neighborhood park they can walk to necessarily because the county park is located in the northern portion that serves almost as a neighborhood park to residents up there as well as the schools. There are many schools down in the southern region that also act, not only within our city limits but in the neighboring communities. Just because it’s not within our border doesn’t mean there is not a park just across the street from our borders.”

Councilwoman Van Houten “And in the strip there are some Dearborn parks right close by there too.”

Ms. Schillinger “Again this is only looking at the city parks and we also need to keep in mind all these other sources of parks”

Councilman Constan “Sara, the River Rouge County Park is that a misnomer what is that referring to River Rouge County Park.”

Ms. Schillinger “That the whole”

Councilwoman Van Houten “Are you talking about Hines Park?”

Ms. Schillinger “Yes.”

Councilman Baron “But that upper northwest corner, that’s all Hines Park up there, how come you consider that?”

It’s just not a city park.

Ms. Schillinger “I think the neighborhood park, which is the blue, services ¼ mile ½ mile walking distance radius, whereas the larger blue up to I believe 2 miles and so the yellow parks service the whole community, not even considering county parks, private parks, school parks all of those things, neighboring communities.”

Council Chair Agius “Anyone else in the audience on the public hearing, anyone else, anyone else, on the proposed Recreation Master Plan, hearing none I’ll ask for the motion to close the Public Hearing.”

06-211 Motion by Councilwoman Van Houten, seconded by Councilman Constan, that the Public Hearing be closed.

Motion unanimously adopted.

The Public Hearing for the 2006-2011 Recreation Master Plan closed at 8:32 p.m.

06-212 Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilman Constan, that Fund Transfer 6-A and 6-B and Current Claims 6-1 through 6-22, be approved as submitted.

- A. \$19,000.00 transferred from Fund Balance (A/C 101-000-390-000) to Animal Processing (A/C 101-300-806-000) to cover Boarding of Stray Animals.
- B. \$60,000.00 transferred from Fund Balance (A/C 592-000-390-592) to Contractual Services (A/C 592-537-818-000) to cover Cement Repairs/Water Main Breaks.
 - 1. APEX SOFTWARE – Drawing Software Program – Inv. 33771-317901 dated 4/19/06 from A/C 101-200-818-000 (Contract Services) \$3,000.00. Assessing Department
 - 2. CENTURY CEMENT – Street Repair Program Ann Arbor Trail – Cert. #2 dated 5/19/06 from A/C 202-202-880-300 (Street Repairs) \$199,131.12. DPW-Highway
 - 3. CITY OF TAYLOR – Reimb. Boarding of Animals 7/1/05-6/30/06 – Inv. 200500421 dated 5/10/06 from A/C 101-300-806-000 (Animal Proc.) \$19,950.00 See Budget Amendment. Police Department
 - 4. DEARBORN HEIGHTS SOCCER ASSOCIATION – Youth Allotments – Inv. dated 5/23/06 from A/C 101-691-887-000 (Recreation) \$1,765.00. Recreation
 - 5. E & N CEMENT – Pavement Repairs – Inv. dated 12/6/05 from A/C 592-537-818-000 (Contractual Services) \$115,447.11. See Budget Amendment. Water Dept.
 - 6. ELECTRICAL POWER & DESIGN, INC. – Maintenance Service May 2006 – Inv. 6469C dated 05/12/06 from A/C 101-300-818-000 (Contract Services) \$997.50 and A/C 101-130-

- 932-000 (Repairs) \$502.50. Police/Court
7. FIFTH THIRD BANK – Interest Payment Telephone Equipment – Inv. 0610399918 dated 5/15/06 from A/C 101-200-853-000 (Telephones) \$1,714.81. General Govt.
 8. FIRST STEP – Services Provided for Police Department – Inv. dated 5/19/06 from A/C 101-300-818-000 (Contract Services) \$2,428.65. Police Dept.
 9. HAMILTON ANDERSON ASSOCIATES, INC. – Master Plan Services – Inv. #3 dated 2/27/06 from A/C 103-960-918-205 (Admin) \$7,801.00. CDBG
 10. HEIGHTS TREE SERVICE – Tree Trimming & Removals - Inv. 95 dated 6/4/06 from A/C 101-440-820-000 (Trees) \$13,117.50. DPW-Highway
 11. NAGEL CONSTRUCTION – Sewer Cleaning Program – Inv. 2233 dated 6/2/06 from A/C 592-540-818-030 (Contract Services) \$18,840.50. Water Dept.
 12. PLANTE & MORAN – Accounting & Auditing Services – Inv. 17784 dated 5/26/06 from A/C 101-440-818-000 (Contract Services) \$1,705.00 and A/C 592-536-817-000 (Prof/Consult) \$570.00. DPW-Water
 13. QUAD-TRAN OF MICHIGAN – Data Processing June 2006 – Inv. 4844 and 4855 dated 5/31/06 from A/C 101-130-818-000 (Contract Services) \$3,600.00; A/C 101-130-728-000 (Supplies) \$1,112.80 and A/C 101-200-728-000 (Supplies) \$2,485.08. District Court
 14. STATEWIDE SECURITY TRANSPORT – Prisoner Food & Lodging April 2006 – Inv. dated 5/12/06 from A/C 101-200-868-000 (Prisoners Lodging) \$2,012.00. General Govt.
 15. TRYBUSKI'S LANDSCAPING – Grass & Weed Cutting Charges – Various Invoices dated 5/29/06 from A/C 101-200-963-000 (Weeds) \$13,975.57. Building Engineering
 16. WADE-TRIM – Admin., Eng. & Inspection Ann Arbor Trail – Inv. 90229 dated 5/22/06 and Inv. 90266 dated 5/19/06 from A/C 202-202-880-300 (Street Repairs) \$19,585.51. DPW-Highway
 17. WADE-TRIM – Ecorse Creek, Storm Water & CSO Project – Inv. 90257, 90261, 90262 and 90265 dated 5/19/06 from A/C 592-154-000 (Sewers) \$35,581.85. Water Dept.
 18. WADE-TRIM – Engineering Services – Various Invoices dated 4/18/06 from A/C 101-371-809-000 (Eng. Services) \$3,707.90. Building Engineering
 19. WASTE MANAGEMENT – Roll Off Services DPW – Inv. #'s 2674502 and 2674503 from A/C 101-200-810-000 (Sanitation) \$3,000.00. General Govt.
 20. WAYNE COUNTY ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE – Traffic Signal Maintenance January and February 2006 – Inv. 1002047 and 1002097 dated 5/16/06 and 5/17/06 from A/C 101-440-925-000 (Signal Maintenance) \$7,542.70. DPW-Highway
 21. GARY MIOTKE – Legal Services March 2006 – Inv. dated 6/7/06 from A/C 101-210-826-000 (Counsel Services) \$6,199.50. See Budget Amendment. Corporation Counsel
 22. SECREST, WARDLE, LYNCH.... – Legal Services April 2006 – Inv. dated 6/7/06 from A/C 101-210-826-000 (Counsel Services) \$8,800.50. See Budget Amendment. Corporation Counsel

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 06-213** Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Badalow, that the low bid from Long Mechanical, 190 East Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, for the Berwyn Senior Center Plumbing Replacement Project, in the total bid amount of \$83,200.00, be approved, per Community & Economic Development Director Jamal, communication dated May 30, 2006. Further, that the Treasurer be authorized to return bid deposits to the unsuccessful bidders and that Corporation Council review and submit the final contract to the Mayor and City Clerk for signatures.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 06-214** Motion by Councilman Berry, seconded by Councilwoman Badalow, that the City Council concurs with and approves the appointment of Eleanor Gnatek, 7467 Fenton, to the Tax Increment Finance Authority, term to expire December 2008. Ms. Gnatek is replacing Gabriel Noory whose term expired December 2004.

Aye: Council Chair Agius, Councilwoman Badalow, Councilman Berry, Councilman Constan.
Nays: Councilman Baron, Councilwoman Horvath, Councilwoman Van Houten.
Absent: None.

Motion adopted.

- 06-215** Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Badalow, that the City Council concurs with and approves the request from Moussa Allouch, 1262 Sherbourne Drive, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127 to change the property lines for two (2) parcels and creating the following descriptions in Cummings Ford Road Sub.:

Parcel 33-014-01-0483-300 – Lot 483 and the South 2 ft. of Lot 484 Cummings Ford Road Sub., T2S, R10E, L 53, P 79, WCR

Parcel 33-014-01-0484-300 – Lot 484 exc. the South 2 ft. Cummings Ford Road Sub., T2S, R10E, L 53, P 79, WCR, per Deputy Assessor Cooper, communication dated June 7, 2006.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 06-216** Motion by Councilwoman Horvath, seconded by Councilman Baron, that the City Council concurs with and approves a one-year Janitorial Services Contract for the Caroline Kennedy and John F. Kennedy Jr. Libraries, with New Image Building Services, 320 Church Street, Mount Clemens, MI 48043, for \$26,568.00, per A. Michael Deller, Library Director, communication dated May 24, 2006. Further, that the Mayor be authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the City.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 06-217** Motion by Councilwoman Horvath, seconded by Councilman Constan, that the City Council concurs with and approves various Budget Amendments as listed in a communication from Comptroller Barrow, dated June 13, 2006.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 06-218** Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilman Constan, that the City Council concurs with and approves Change Order #5 with Lanzo Lining Services, Inc., 125 SE 5th Court, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441-4749, for an increase in the rehabilitation of the sanitary sewer system at various locations, in the amount not-to-exceed \$340,262.00, per Public Service Administrator Franzil, communication dated June 7, 2006. Funds for this project were approved in the 2005-2006 Water Department Budget A/C 592-540-818-040.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 06-219** Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilwoman Badalow, that the Boards and Commissions Appointment Policy be adopted as follows and inserted in the Council Policy & Procedures Manual in the chapter titled Council Powers and Duties, Section 601-25 Officers and Employees, No. 6 as follows:

1. Notice of term expiration or resignation: When terms expire or members resign on any board or commission, a 30-day written notice will be sent from the Clerk's office for distribution to all Council members.
2. In the case where a member may be reappointed, the Council Chair will phone the person and ask if they wish to continue serving on the Board. Also their attendance will be checked to ensure that reappointment is warranted.
3. Submission of potential nominees: Within two weeks of receiving the notice of vacancy Council members should submit to the Council and to the Mayor's office candidates for consideration.
4. Group discussion: For each potential appointment, a brief study session will be held so that members can discuss candidates.
5. Agenda placement: Whenever possible item will be placed on the Council agenda within one month of receipt of notice of term expiration or resignation. The Chair will only officially recommend those appointments that have majority approval of Council from discussion.

Mayoral Appointments:

For those appointments by the Mayor that require Council concurrence, the Mayor may, at his/her discretion, provide advance notice of the appointment two weeks prior to agenda placement. Alternatively, a brief study session for notice may be added to an agenda. Reappointments do not require advance notice.

*This request does not apply to appointments that require only a "receive, note and file".

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 06-220** Motion by Councilwoman Horvath, seconded by Councilwoman Badalow, that the Resolution from the City of Lincoln Park in Support of Community Development Block Grant Program Funding be received, contents noted and filed.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Motion unanimously adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

S. JUDITH DUDZINSKI
CITY CLERK

ELIZABETH J. AGIUS, CHAIR
CITY COUNCIL

MARIA E. LAWRENCE
COUNCIL SECRETARY