

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 7, 1993

93-256 The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m., by Council Chairman Daniel S. Paletko.

Roll call showed the following:

Present: Councilman Robert L. Brown, Councilman David C. Brunell, Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, Councilman Thomas W. Miles, Council Chairman Daniel S. Paletko.

Absent: Councilman Gary P. Blackburn

Also Present: Mayor Van Houten, Administrative Assistant Hitsky, Deputy Clerk Robbins, Comptroller Barrow, Deputy Assessor Cooper.

Deputy Clerk Robbins read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Notice of public hearing on increasing property taxes.

The City Council of the City of Dearborn Heights will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of 0.2043 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 1993.

The hearing will be held on Monday, June 7, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. at 6045 Fenton, Dearborn Heights, MI.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting. If adopted the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 2.9989% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by .0324% over the preceding years operating revenue.

The taxing unit publishing this notice, and identified below has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

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Chairman Paletko opened the Public Hearing to the audience for questions and/or comments.

Ron Walkuski, 27251 Doxtator asked what is the rate of increase and what is being done with deficit spending?

Chairman Paletko said that the city does not have deficit spending, that we have a balanced budget. However, to balance the budget, funds would be appropriated from a rainy day fund in the amount of \$441,000. Stated that the council has worked very hard on reducing costs wherever possible. Last year we had a freeze on increased taxes and the new increase amounts to approximately \$10.00 for a home assessed at \$50,000 over the next two years. Commented that head count has been reduced by quite a few people but this fall the DPW would have to hire more personnel to keep services for snow removal and street cleaning.

Lou Kramer feels that residents are sick and tired of increased taxes and that according to what he has heard several residents have had to refinance their homes or move out because of increased taxes.

Chairman Paletko stated that he does not feel that a \$10.00 increase in taxes would make anyone refinance their home. He believes if refinancing is done that possibly it is because several years ago interest rates were double digit and currently rates have dropped and that it is to most peoples advantage to refinance.

Mayor Van Houten stated that the council has had budget deliberations for three months and had several study sessions. Labor costs are small part of the budget, very little capital outlay, numerous head count reductions, as well as building and maintenance cuts, including police and fire. Stated that we are watching expenditures closely.

Chairman Paletko asked if there were any more questions and/or comments. Hearing none, he asked that the Public Hearing be closed.

93-257 Motion by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, supported by Councilman Thomas W. Miles, that the Public Hearing be closed.

Motion unanimously adopted.

The Public Hearing for increasing property taxes closed at 8:01 p.m.

93-258 Motion by Councilman Robert L. Brown, supported by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, that the City Council adopt the General Government Fiscal 1993-94 balanced budget in the amount of \$24,524,581.00.

AYES: Councilman Robert L. Brown, Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, Councilman Thomas W. Miles, Council Chairman Daniel S. Paletko.
NAYS: Councilman David C. Brunell.
ABSENT: Councilman Gary P. Blackburn.

Motion adopted.

93-259 Motion by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, supported by Councilman Robert L. Brown, that the tax levy for the 1993-94 fiscal year be set at 7.0168 mills.

Motion unanimously adopted.

93-260 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, that 2.3825 mills be levied to finance the voter approved Act 345 Fire and Police Pension Plan for the fiscal year 1993-94 in the amount of \$2,189,000.00.

Motion unanimously adopted.

93-261 Motion by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, supported by Councilman Robert L. Brown, that the City Council levy an additional 2.4772 mills on the State Equalized Valuation for financing garbage and rubbish disposal for the fiscal year 1993-94.

Motion unanimously adopted.

93-262 Motion by Councilman Robert L. Brown, supported by Councilman David C. Brunell, that the City Council levy an additional 1.6510 mills on the State equalized Valuation of Public Safety, as approved by the voters of the City of Dearborn Heights, for the fiscal year 1993-94.

Motion unanimously adopted.

93-263 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Thomas W. Miles, that the City Council levy an additional assessment for the fiscal year 1993-94 of .1415 mills to satisfy debt requirements established for the Ecorse Creek Pollution Abatement Drain No. 1 with the stipulation that this assessment be collected on the December 1, 1993 County and School Tax Bill.

Motion unanimously adopted.

93-264 Motion by Councilman Robert L. Brown, supported by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, that the millage approved for solid waste disposal by the electorate in July, 1985, be levied at .8255 mills.

Motion unanimously adopted.

93-265 Motion by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, supported by Councilman Robert L. Brown, that the City Council levy an additional assessment of .1132 mills for Sewage Disposal Bond Payment for the fiscal year 1993-94.

Motion unanimously adopted.

93-266 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, that the City Council levy an additional assessment of .0892 mills for 1971 Sanitation Debt for the fiscal year 1993-94.

Motion unanimously adopted.

93-267 Motion by Councilman Robert L. Brown, supported by Councilman Thomas W. Miles, that the City Council approve the 1993-94 lump sum budget for the District Court in the amount of \$972,405.00. Salaries not to exceed amount specified in the budget.

Motion unanimously adopted.

93-268 Motion by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, supported by Councilman Thomas W. Miles, that the Special Meeting be adjourned.

Motion unanimously adopted.

The Special Meeting adjourned at 8:22

HELENE S. SHERIDAN
CITY CLERK

DANIEL S. PALETKO, CHAIRMAN
CITY COUNCIL