

REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCILMAY 22, 1990

- 90-245 The meeting was called order at 8:05 P.M., by Council Chairman Daniel S. Paletko.

Roll call showed the following:

Present: Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, Councilman Robert L. Brown, Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, Councilman Joseph F. Kosinski, Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, Council Chairman Daniel S. Paletko.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mayor Van Houten, Adm. Asst. Hitsky, Corp. Counsel Dadaou, Clerk McLachlan, Deputy Clerk Sheridan, Comptroller Barrow, Deputy Comptroller Monson, Assessor Welch, Deputy Building & Engineering Director Marchand, Personnel Director Sullivan, Police Chief DiPrima, Deputy Fire Chief Carr, Recreation Director Grybel, Community Development Director Oliverio.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Robert L. Brown.

- 90-246 Motion by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, supported by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, that the agenda for the regular meeting of May 22, 1990, be approved as submitted.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-247 Motion by Councilman Joseph F. Kosinski, supported by Councilman Robert L. Brown, that the minutes from the regular meeting of May 8, 1990, be approved as submitted.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Council Chairman Daniel S. Paletko called the Public Hearing for the 1990-1991 City Budget to order at 8:08 p.m. and asked the City Clerk to read the Official Notice of Public Hearing.

Clerk McLachlan read the Notice of the Public Hearing.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS. Please take notice that a Public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 1990 at 8:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers located at 6045 Fenton, Dearborn Heights, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to the proposed budget for the City of Dearborn Heights for the fiscal year 1990-91. A copy of the budget will be available for inspection at the office the City Clerk, 6045 Fenton, Dearborn Heights, Michigan on and after April 23, 1990. Robert G. McLachlan, CMC - City Clerk. Published 4/19/90

I have no communications Mr. Chairman.

Council Chairman Daniel S. Paletko asked if anyone in the audience that would like to make any comments or ask questions of the proposed City Budget. Hearing none, he asked the Public Hearing be closed.

- 90-248 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, that the Public Hearing for the 1990-1991 City Budget be closed.

Motion unanimously adopted.

The Public Hearing for the proposed 1990-91 City Budget closed at 8:09 p.m..

Council Chairman Daniel S. Paletko called the Public Hearing for the Truth In Taxation to order at 8:10 p.m. and asked the City Clerk to read the Official Notice of Public Hearing.

Clerk McLachlan read the Notice of the 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 .3520 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 1990. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 1990 at 8:00 o'clock in the p.m. at 6045 Fenton, Dearborn Heights, Michigan. If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 4.8068% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. 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. This notice is published by the City of Dearborn Heights, 6045 Fenton, Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48127, 277-7377 on 5/10/90.

I have no communications Mr. Chairman.

Council Chairman Daniel S. Paletko asked for if there's anyone in the audience that would like to make any comments regarding the proposed increase.

Genieve Larwa - 6857 Highview: Why are you raising taxes again? You raise them year after year, and year after year we're in here fighting that you are charging us too much. What you ought to do is cut your salaries down, and not pressure the poor retired people because they build a half way decent home and you turn around and put a high tax on their property. That's not fair. Besides I don't have a half a dozen kids going to school that I have to support. Then by paying \$1200 a year for school tax and that's outrageous for an old citizen to pay. Outrageous. Let the people that have kids that want to educate them, pay for them. Nobody gave me a red penny to educate my kids, and they all went to parochial school and college and I paid for it and I'm not educated. I wasn't making \$30 or \$40,000 a year to educate them, but I did. And I don't owe anybody any money, but building a home in this City is outrageous. It was outrageous the way I was treated, I was treated like trash. Your codes and everything else is just trash, to me it is. Because if I know more about the building and the codes and the people that come and inspect my home and tell me they're getting \$38,000 a year and I'm wondering, what in the hell for. I don't need no inspection and I told them that it wasn't right and you told me "Oh well, that's all we can do, go to court". Is that all you people believe in the City think is go to court, take them to court continuously. I've been fighting this City for 5 years.

Chairman Paletko: This is the first time I've ever talked to you. You've made your point that you feel the taxes are too high and that's the reason we had this public hearing tonight. We will most definitely take your comments into consideration, that you feel the taxes are too high and put a burden on our senior citizens in Dearborn Heights.

Mrs. Larwa: My home isn't any different than the homes that were built here 20 years ago, so I don't know why I'm the only one on the block that's paying the highest tax. Because it's a new home? What's the difference, new home, old home.

Chairman Paletko asked if there was anyone else that wished to speak.

Mercedes Gloglowski - 6499 Drexel: I'm wondering why we need an increase in taxes. The assessment goes up every year.

Chairman Paletko: The way it works is that even though the assessments go up, in essence the taxes are brought down so that the overall increase is limited to this 4.8068%, so even though the assessments go up, say 10%, your taxes go down 6%, so you get an overall increase of 4% because the formula is based on the assessment plus the rate of mills for taxes.

Councilwoman Canfield: You didn't get the assessment increase and the taxes on top of it. That isn't how it works.

Chairman Paletko: It's not 10% and 4%, it isn't 14%. It's 4% in total. That's just the City portion. We don't control the school districts or the county, some of those special millages that are related to county.

Mrs. Glogowski: How much does it amount to, how many dollars per \$100 or per \$1,000?

Chairman Paletko: We have a recommendation of 15.2634 mills, so that will be \$15.26 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Let's say your home is worth \$20,000, assessed at 1/2 of market value, so that's \$10,000, that would be \$150.25. If you can determine what your home is pegged at, it will be at that rate.

Chairman Paletko asked if there were any other comments or questions. Hearing none, he asked the Public Hearing regarding Truth in Taxation be closed.

90-249 Motion by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, supported by Councilman Robert L. Brown, that the Public Hearing for the Truth in Taxation be closed.

Motion unanimously adopted.

The Public Hearing for Truth in Taxation closed at 8:17 p.m..

90-250 Motion by Councilman Robert L. Brown, supported by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, that Current Claims 6-1 through 6-11, be approved as submitted.

1. CENTRAL WAYNE SANITATION AUTHORITY - Materials delivered April 1990. Inv. 5/1/90. From A/C 200-810 (Sanitation) \$107,251.90. Gen. Govt.
2. PAINTER & RUTHENBURG - Roll off services April 1990. Inv. 6326, 5/1/90. From A/C 200-810 (Sanitation) \$5,950.00. Gen. Govt.
3. STRINGARI, FRITZ, KREGER, AHERN - Legal services April 1990. Inv. 5/2/90. From A/C 200-817 (Professional & Consult) \$6,026.70. Gen. Govt.
4. PLANTE & MORAN - Professional services April 1990. Inv. 17784-071801, 5/7/90. From A/C 200-817 (Professional & Consult) \$3,635.00. Gen. Govt.
5. MICHIGAN BELL COMMUNICATIONS - Maintenance agreement, 911 equipment. Contract No. 163972. From A/C 200-831 (E 911) \$4,098.00. Gen. Govt.
6. WESTLAND TREE SERVICE - Tree trimming and removals. Inv. 5/14/90. From A/C 440-820 (Tree Trimming & Maint.) \$7,607.12. DPW.
7. E & N CEMENT - Pavement repairs. Inv. 5/12/90. From A/C 440-880 (Road Repairs) \$51,780.55. DPW.
8. WAYNE COUNTY, DEPT. OF ROADS - Traffic signal charges January, February 1990. Inv. 70147, 4/26/90. From A/C 440-925 (Traffic Signal Maint.) \$6,300.18. DPW.
9. WADE-TRIM/ASSOCIATES - DPW gas tank replacement. Inv. 34135, 4/18/90. Job No. DHT 2294-03. From A/C 536-970 (Capital Outlay) \$2,257.35. Water.
10. PLANTE & MORAN - Professional services rendered April 1990. Inv. 17784-071797. From A/C 536-817 (Professional & Consult) \$2,135.00 and A/C 537-973 (Sewers Capital Outlay) \$3,420.00. Water.
11. E & N CEMENT - Pavement repairs. Inv. 5/12/90. From A/C 537-818 (Contractual Services) \$6,107.99. Water.

Motion unanimously adopted.

90-251 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids, per specifications as prepared by Testing Engineers and Consultants, Inc., for Asbestos Abatement Service at the Police Department Pistol Range, per the request of Chief of Police DiPrima, communication dated May 15, 1990.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-252 Motion by Councilman Robert L. Brown, supported by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids, per specifications as prepared by Plante & Moran, CPA's, for City Hall Information System, per the request of Comptroller Barrow, communication dated May 17, 1990.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-253 Motion by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, supported by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, that the low bid from Nationwide Fence & Supply Co. for removal of existing fence and installation of a new six (6') foot wrought iron fence at the Little Red Schoolhouse in the amount of \$4,966.00, and payment thereof, be approved, per Recreation Director Grybel, communication dated May 15, 1990. Further, that the Treasurer be authorized to return bid deposits to the unsuccessful bidders.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-254 Motion by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, supported by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, that the only bid received from Sound Planning & Associates for up-grading of the sound truck's audio equipment in the amount of \$2,318.00, and payment thereof, be approved. Monies to come from A/C 691-981, per Recreation Director Grybel, communication dated May 14, 1990.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-255 Motion by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, supported by Councilman Joseph F. Kosinski, that the low bid from Denmark Heating & Cooling for two (2) 5 ton air conditioning units for the Eton Senior Citizen Center in the amount of \$2,800.00, and payment thereof, be approved, per Recreation Director Grybel, communication dated May 14, 1990. Further, that the Treasurer be authorized to return bid deposits to the unsuccessful bidders.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-256 Motion by Councilman Robert L. Brown, supported by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, that the communication dated May 10, 1990, from Mayor Van Houten regarding an opinion concerning the role and authority of the Corporation Counsel as it pertains to serving as the legal advisor to various City commissions, be tabled.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-257 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Robert L. Brown, that the City Council concurs with and approves the reappointment of Ara Sogolian and Joyce Robbins to the Zoning Board of Appeals, terms to expire May 1993, per Council Chairman Daniel S. Paletko, communication dated May 16, 1990.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-258 Motion by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, supported by Councilman Joseph F. Kosinski, that the City Council concurs with and approves entering into a three year contract with Michigan Bell Telephone Co.'s Ameritech Value Calling Plan. Further, authorizes Mayor Van Houten and Clerk McLachlan executing said agreement, per Administrative Assistant Hitsky, communication dated May 15, 1990.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-259 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, that the City Council concurs with and approves payment of \$37,687.22 for the purchase of property located at 24604 Van Born, per Corporation Counsel Dadaou, communication dated May 17, 1990. Monies to come from A/C 592-536-970.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-260 Motion by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, supported by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, that the City Council concurs with and approves the split of southerly ten feet from Lot 1170 and add that ten feet to Lot 1169 of Amended Plat of Dearborn Pointe Subdivision on Kingston Avenue contingent upon the Zoning Board of Appeals' variance approval and payment of all taxes. Proof of fulfillment of conditions to be supplied to the Assessor prior to July 1, 1990, per Assessor Welch, communication dated May 11, 1990.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-261 Motion by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, supported by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for sealed bids, for the sale of City-Owned property, on Beech Daly described as: The North 15 feet of Lot 327, also Lots 328 and 329, Cummings Ford Road Subdivision, as one parcel. Tax Code 33 014 01 0327 002. Minimum bid is \$5,000.00, per Deputy Assessor Woolever, communication dated May 11, 1990.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-262 Motion by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, supported by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, that the City Council concurs with and approves a budget amendment in the General Fund due to the Planning Commission's consultants increased site plan reviews, as follows:

Increase Revenues:

A/C 626.010 - Planning Commission \$2,000.00

Increase Expenditures:

A/C 801-817 - Professional & Consultant Fees \$2,000.00

Per Comptroller Barrow, communication dated May 15, 1990.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-263 Motion by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, supported by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, that the Fire Department's Annual 1989 Report, be received, contents noted and filed.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-264 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Robert L. Brown, that the Tax Increment Finance Authority's proposed 1990-1991 budget, be approved as submitted in Chairman Child's communication dated May 3, 1990.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-265 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, that the Tax Increment Finance Authority's proposed 1990-1991 budget be brought back to City Council for review and possible increases in budget.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-266 Motion by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, supported by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, that Donald Poloskey's resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals, communication dated May 2, 1990, be referred to file.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-267 Motion by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, supported by Councilman Joseph F. Kosinski, that P.D. No. 0632 request for removal of temporary traffic control device No. 90-01, "No Parking Anytime" signs on north side of Midway between Charlesworth and Dwight, be approved.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-268 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, that the request from St. Albert the Great Church for their annual Festival Parade, use of the City's Recreation Department's Sound Truck, and use of the City's Fire Department Truck, be referred to Administration.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-269 Motion by Councilman Robert L. Brown, supported by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, that the request for renewal of 1990-91 business licenses for: Confetti Lounge, 3932 Pelham; Mexican Fiesta, 24310 Ford Rd.; Ford Lanes, Inc., 23100 Van Born; Pvt. J. Lyskawa VFW, 6828 Waverly; Dearborn Hts. Moose Lodge, 8710 Beech Daly; The Ground Round, 6048 Telegraph; Polish Legion American Vets., 25222 Warren; Sokol Cultural Center, 23600 Warren; Uncle Ray's Place, 24502 Warren, be approved.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-270 Motion by Councilman Robert L. Brown, supported by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion unanimously adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

ROBERT G. McLACHLAN, CMC
CITY CLERK

DANIEL S. PALETKO, CHAIRMAN
CITY COUNCIL