

MINUTES MAY 17, 2022
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

22-221 The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Council Chairman Dave Wassim Abdallah.

Roll Call showed the following:

Present: Council Chairman Dave Wassim Abdallah, Council Chair Pro Tem Ray Muscat, Councilman Mo Baydoun, Councilwoman Nancy Bryer, Councilman Robert Constan, Councilman Tom Wencel.
Absent: Councilman Hassan M. Ahmad.
Also Present: City Clerk Senia, Mayor Bazzi, Treasurer Hicks-Clayton, Building and Engineering Director Watland, Chief of Staff Hernandez, Community and Economic Development Director Jamal, Comptroller Sabuda, Corporation Counsel Miotke, Library Director McCaffery, Ordinance Enforcement and Animal Control Director Dishroon, Parks and Recreation Director Laurencelle.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dearborn Heights resident Zouher Abdel-Hak.

22-222 Motion by Councilman Baydoun, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the Agenda for the Special Meeting of May 17, 2022 as submitted.

Ayes: Council Chairman Abdallah, Council Chair Pro Tem Muscat, Councilman Baydoun, Councilwoman Bryer, Councilman Constan, Councilman Wencel.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Ahmad.

Motion adopted

22-223 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to open the Public Hearing at 5:38 p.m. for the purpose of hearing comments and/or objections, if any, to the proposed Corporate Fund Budget for the City of Dearborn Heights for the fiscal year 2022-2023, as outlined in 5-A.

Ayes: Council Chairman Abdallah, Council Chair Pro Tem Muscat, Councilman Baydoun, Councilwoman Bryer, Councilman Constan, Councilman Wencel.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Ahmad.

Motion adopted

Councilman Hassan M. Ahmad entered the Dearborn Heights City Council Special Meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Resident Zouher Abdel-Hak questioned why there were two different versions of the millage for Act 345 which included a discrepancy in the expenses. Comptroller Sabuda explained that there was a change that he went over during the budget hearings and the correct millage is 7.5059.

Resident Rachel LaPointe asked if a pay increase is negotiated with unions would a budget amendment be done to reflect this change. She suggested DPW prioritize a list of items that need to be done by importance now that overtime has been cut. Ms. LaPointe appreciated the detailed budget but would have liked money to be set aside in an emergency or rainy day type fund.

Council Chairman Abdallah questioned if we have the 2 months or 16% of funds in reserve as Council directed the administration to do according to the State. He also felt that all overtime should be cut to help meet this objective. Comptroller Sabuda indicated that he will investigate to see how much we currently have in reserve and email the Council this figure before the Corporate Fund Budget is adopted.

Resident Vince Drapkowski mentioned that Governor Whitmer has mandated all public meetings be recorded in one form or another and would like money set aside for this to be funded. Council Chairman Abdallah would like all meetings recorded. The Clerk's Office is looking into the process to set this in place.

After hearing the remarks, the following motion was offered:

22-224 Motion by Councilman Baydoun, seconded by Councilman Muscat to close the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m., as outlined in 5-A.

Motion unanimously adopted

22-225 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to adjourn the Dearborn Heights City Council Special Meeting.

Motion unanimously adopted

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

LYNNE M. SENIA
CITY CLERK

DAVE WASSIM ABDALLAH
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

DANA FLAMONT
COUNCIL SECRETARY