

REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCILMAY 8, 1990

- 90-214 The meeting was called order at 8:00 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, Building & Engineering Director Hamel, Personnel Director Sullivan, Police Chief DiPrima, Deputy Fire Chief Carr, Recreation Director Grybel, Public Service Administrator Preston, Community Development Director Oliverio.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Divine Child Journalism Class.

- 90-215 Motion by Councilman Robert L. Brown, supported by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, that the agenda for the regular meeting of May 8, 1990, be approved as submitted with the add on of Item 7F, regarding advertising for bids for the Fire Department Computer System.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-216 Motion by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, supported by Councilman Joseph F. Kosinski, that the minutes from the regular meeting of April 24, 1990, be approved as submitted.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-217 Motion by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, supported by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, that Current Claims 6-1 through 6-19, be approved as submitted.

1. ALLEGAN COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT. - Prisoner food and lodging, February and March 1990. Inv. 3/28/90, 4/6/90. From A/C 130-868 (Prisoner Food & Lodging) \$7,265.00. District Court.
2. MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE - Annual membership dues. Inv. due June 1, 1990. From A/C 200-958 (Dues, Memberships & Sub.) \$7,883.00. Gen. Govt.
3. MICHIGAN HUMANE SOCIETY - Fees due for March, 1990. Inv. 4587, 3/31/90. From A/C 200-806 (Animal Processing) \$1,760.00. Gen. Govt.
4. ADAM DADAOU - Legal fees for month of April 1990. Inv. 5/2/90. From A/C 210-826 (Legal Services) \$10,131.05. Corp. Counsel.
5. MUSICIANS PERFORMANCE TRUST FUND - Musicians for Concerts in the Parks. Check request 4/25/90. From A/C 691-887 (Recreation Programs) \$1,512.00. Recreation.
6. MUSICIANS PERFORMANCE TRUST FUND - Musicians for Spirit Festival and Parade. Check request 4/25/90. From A/C 691-891 (Spirit Festival) \$2,226.00. Recreation.
7. WESTLAND TREE SERVICE - Tree trimming and maint. Inv. 4/26/90. From A/C 440-820 (Tree Trimming & Removal) \$1,820.16. DPW.
8. SOMAT ENGINEERING INC. - Pardee Bridge over Ecorse Creek. Inv. 03-09-05, 3/26/90. Job No. ZZ88409. From A/C 440-880 (Road Repairs) \$472.00. DPW.
9. WADE-TRIM/ASSOCIATES - Preparation of Act 51 Report. Inv. 33996, 4/10/90. Job No. DHT 1001-90. From A/C 440-880 (Road Repairs) \$136.50. DPW.
10. WADE-TRIM/ASSOCIATES - 1989 Joint Crack Sealing Program. Inv. 34014, 4/11/90. Job No. DHT 2296-04. From A/C 440-880 (Road Repairs) \$337.50. DPW.

11. WADE-TRIM/ASSOCIATES - Watermain Replacement Phase VIII. Inv. 33997, 4/10/90. Job No. DHT 2212-30. From A/C 103-960-125.089 (Watermain Replacement) \$184.70 (Enc.). Comm. Dev.
12. WADE-TRIM/ASSOCIATES - Assist for EPA lawsuit. Inv. 34001, 4/10/90. Job No. DHT 2311-01. From A/C 536-817 (Professional & Consult) \$874.00. Water.
13. E & N CEMENT - DPW yard pavement repairs. Inv. 4/28/90. From A/C 536-931 (Repair & Maint) \$43,147.94. Water.
14. WM. F. SELL & SON, INC. - 3 cycle diesel engine. Inv. 13496, 3/5/90. From A/C 537-932 (Repair & Maint) \$3,297.55 (Enc.). Water.
15. WADE-TRIM/ASSOCIATES - Sewer evaluation NH/RV Project. Inv. 33998, 4/10/90. Job No. DHT 2214-03. From A/C 537-973 (Sewers Capital Outlay) \$525.30. Water.
16. WADE-TRIM/ASSOCIATES - Tech assist, easements NH/RV Project. Inv. 33999, 4/10/90. Job No. DHT 2214-08. From A/C 537-973 (Sewers Capital Outlay) \$476.70. Water.
17. WADE-TRIM/ASSOCIATES - Design bid documents Warren Road relief sewer NH/RV. Inv. 34017, 4/11/90. Job No. DHT 2214-12. From A/C 537-973 (Sewers Capital Outlay) \$32,746.76. Water.
18. IMAGEMASTER REPRODUCTIONS INC. - Booklet printing for Bond Issue NH/RV Project. Inv. 1054, 4/12/90. From A/C 537-973 (Sewers Capital Outlay) \$5,634.25. Water.
19. WADE-TRIM/ASSOCIATES - 1988 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning Program. Inv. 34076, 4/13/90; 34011, 4/10/90. Job No. DHT 2224-20,21. From A/C 540-818 (Contractual Services) \$1,767.70. Water.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-218 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Robert L. Brown, that the low bid from P.J. Electric Service for installation of new interior lighting into the Caroline Kennedy and John F. Kennedy Jr. Libraries in the amount of \$11,155.00, and payment thereof, be approved, per Recreation Director Grybel, communication dated May 2, 1990. Further, that the Treasurer be authorized to return bid deposits to the unsuccessful bidders.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-219 Motion by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, supported by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, that the low bid from Transformer Inspection Company, Inc. for installation of eight (8) new light fixtures to the existing lighting system at Swapka Softball Field in the amount of \$5,238.00, and payment thereof, be approved. Funds for this project were received in the form of a \$5,000.00 State Grant through the efforts of State Representative Young. Balance of \$238.00 to come from A/C 691-981, per Recreation Director Grybel, communication dated April 24, 1990. Further, that the Treasurer be authorized to return bid deposits to the unsuccessful bidders.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-220 Motion by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, supported by Councilman Robert L. Brown, that the low bid from Hank Gniewek's, Inc., for the yearly trophy purchase in an amount not to exceed \$4,900.00, and payment thereof, be approved, per Recreation Director Grybel, communication dated April 24, 1990. Further, that the Treasurer be authorized to return bid deposits to the unsuccessful bidders.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-221 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Joseph F. Kosinski, that the bid from Colonial Fireworks Co., for the Spirit '90 Festival Fireworks Display in the amount of \$14,000.00, and payment thereof, be approved, per Recreation Director Grybel, communication dated May 1, 1990. Further, that the Treasurer be authorized to return bid deposits to the unsuccessful bidders.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-222 Motion by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, supported by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, that the low bid from Ashmor Interlocking Paving for installation of a Unilock Camelot stone walkway at the Little Red Schoolhouse in the amount of \$2,915.60, and payment thereof, be approved. Monies to fund this project received in the form of a State Grant through the efforts of Representative Young, per Recreation Director Grybel, communication dated April 24, 1990. Further, that the Treasurer be authorized to return bid deposits to the unsuccessful bidders.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-223 Motion by Councilman Robert L. Brown, supported by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids, per specifications, for the Fire Department Administration Computer System, per proposal as submitted by Plante & Moran.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-224 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, that

WHEREAS, The property owners of Dearborn Heights have communicated to City officials their strong discontent with the current property tax structure; and

WHEREAS, Many property owners of Dearborn Heights are angry and frightened about the current and future impact of the property tax burden; and

WHEREAS, We, the elected officials of Dearborn Heights, feel an obligation to communicate to the Legislature the feelings of our constituency, comprising approximately 65,000 people; and

WHEREAS, The current property tax system in Michigan has become burdensome to a growing number of residents throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, The maximum Michigan Homestead Property Tax Credit of \$1,200 no longer provides adequate relief; and

WHEREAS, Every day there are an increasing number of people who protest that they are being taxed out of their homes; and

WHEREAS, There are a number of property tax reform proposals under consideration in the Legislature with others being proposed by citizen petition; and

WHEREAS, The need for property tax relief and school finance reform is now; and

WHEREAS, The State Legislature has the power and authority to enact laws that will provide property tax relief to residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dearborn Heights Mayor and City Council do hereby emphatically indicate their support for reform of the property tax system with the intent of substantially reducing the property tax burden on residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dearborn Heights Mayor and City Council call upon the State Legislature to immediately take the steps necessary to reduce the property tax burden and to reform funding of public education in Michigan.

Per Mayor Van Houten, communication dated May 2, 1990. Further, this resolution to be forwarded to State Senator Hart, State Representative Young, and surrounding communities.

Motion unanimously adopted.

90-225 Motion by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, supported by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, that the City Council concurs with and approves the purchase of thirteen entry signs at a total cost of \$10,000.00, and payment thereof, from Worthington Wood Works, Ltd. Monies to come from A/C 440-787, per Mayor Van Houten, communication dated May 2, 1990.

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

NAYS: Councilman Jerome P. Chismar.

ABSENT: None.

Motion adopted.

90-226 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, that Mayor Van Houten's communication dated May 1, 1990 regarding the reappointment of Edward Truskowski to the Electrical Examining Board, term expiring February 1993, be received, contents noted and filed.

Motion unanimously adopted.

90-227 Motion by Councilman Robert L. Brown, supported by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, that the request from 20th District Court Administrator Badalow, communication dated April 30, 1990, for a budget amendment from General Fund due to increase in jail costs and number of people being incarcerated, be approved, as follows:

Increase Revenues:

A/C 699.000 Appropriation from Fund Balance \$15,000.00

Increase Expenditures:

A/C 130-868 Prisoner, Food and Lodging \$15,000.00

These funds to be used only as requested and not for salaries.

Motion unanimously adopted.

90-228 Motion by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, supported by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, that the request for a boundary line shift, be approved, contingent upon the Zoning Board of Appeals granting of variance and approval of the following legal descriptions:

Lot 249 and the north 1 foot of Lot 250, also E 1/2 adjacent vacated alley, Telegraph Super Highway Subdivision.

Lot 250 except the north 1 foot, also E 1/2 adjacent vacated alley, Telegraph Super Highway Subdivision.

Per Assessor Welch, communication dated May 2, 1990.

AYES: Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, Councilman Robert L. Brown, Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, Councilman Joseph F. Kosinski, Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski.

NAYS: Council Chairman Daniel S. Paletko.

ABSENT: None.

Motion adopted.

90-229 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, that the request for the split of Lots 1884, 1885 and 1886 in the Dearborn Homes Subdivision #7, be approved contingent upon the Zoning Board of Appeals variance approval of the following legal descriptions:

Lot 1884 and the West 30 feet of Lot 1885, Dearborn Homes Subdivision #7 (75.70 X 110)

The East 10 feet of Lot 1885 and all of Lot 1886, Dearborn Homes Subdivision #7 (50 X 110)

Per Assessor Welch, communication dated May 2, 1990.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-230 Motion by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, supported by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, that the City Council concurs with and approves a Council Citation presentation to Robert Dale Racke for his assistance to the Dearborn Heights Police Department on March 31, 1990, per Police Chief DiPrima and Officer Zulinski, communication dated April 25, 1990.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-231 Motion by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, supported by Councilman Robert L. Brown, that the request by Allied Veterans Council of Dearborn Heights for their annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28, 1990, mustering at 6840 Waverly, marching north on Waverly to W. Warren, then east on Warren to the St. Hedwig Cemetery and return by the reverse route at 11:30 a.m., with police protection and assistance, at 9:30 a.m., be approved, per Police Chief DiPrima, communication dated April 30, 1990.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-232 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Robert L. Brown, that the City Council concurs with and approves Wade-Trim/Associates preparing plans and specifications for a jogging/walking track at Swapka Park. Plans to be submitted to the D.N.R. for approval before soliciting for bids. Monies to come from a \$35,000.00 State Grant through the efforts of State Representative Young, per Recreation Director Grybel, communication dated April 26, 1990.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-233 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids, per specifications, after approval by the D.N.R., for Swapka Park Jogging/Walking Track, per the request of Recreation Director Grybel, communication dated April 26, 1990.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-234 Motion by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, supported by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, that the City Council concurs with and approves prohibiting the selling of any products on the grounds of the Canfield Community Center including Beech Daly Road adjacent to the grounds June 28, 29, 30 and July 1, 4, 1990, without approval by the Spirit '90 Festival Committee, per Recreation Director Grybel, communication dated May 1, 1990.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-235 Motion by Councilman Robert L. Brown, supported by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, that

BE IT RESOLVED: By the City of Dearborn Heights, that the annual Independence Day Parade, and hereby is approved for: June 28, 1990 (Thursday) from 5:30 PM to 10:00 PM to close Beech Daly Road from Joy Road to the Canfield Community Center or until the street or road is returned to normal traffic operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The City of Dearborn Heights will provide the necessary police supervision, establish and post necessary detour signs according to the Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices and assume liability for damage claims which may arise as a result of the closure or partial closure, and that Robert G. McLachlan, City Clerk, is hereby designated to sign the road closure permit in behalf of the City.

This resolution to be forwarded to the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, securing the permit prior to the event, per Recreation Director Grybel, communication Dated May 1, 1990.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-236 Motion by Councilman Robert L. Brown, supported by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, that the City Council concurs with and approves authorizing the Police Department closing Beech Daly Road from Ford Road to Lawrence Street on Wednesday, July 4, 1990 from 9:00 PM until the road is returned to normal traffic operations for the City's annual fireworks display, with July 5 as the designated rain date, per Recreation Director Grybel, communication dated May 1, 1990.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-237 Motion by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, supported by Councilman Robert L. Brown, that the City Council concurs with and approves Wade-Trim/Associates recommendation that the low bid from Hayes Excavating Company, Inc. for Waterline Phase IX in the amount of \$433,628.50, be approved, per CEDD Director Oliverio, communication dated April 26, 1990. Further, that the Treasurer be authorized to return bid deposits to the unsuccessful bidders.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-238 Motion by Councilman Robert L. Brown, supported by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, that the request from Bashar Enterprises, Inc. to transfer ownership of 1989 SDD-SDM licensed business located at 27310 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127, Wayne County, from Ara and Simon Basmadjian, be tabled to the Council meeting of May 22, 1990.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-239 Motion by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, supported by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, that the request from DEL'S BAR, INC. to transfer all stock from existing sole stockholder, Lee Eisenberg to new sole stockholder, Audrey C. Hunt, in conjunction with a 1989 Class C licensed business with Dance Permit, located at 25950 Ford Road, be referred to Fire, Police and Building Departments, for recommendation and report.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-240 Motion by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, supported by Councilman Robert L. Brown, that the request from Allied Veterans Council for Carl E. Stitt Post 232; American Legion, Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 16; Pvt. John Lyskawa Post 7546 VFW; Moroz-Pietrowski Post 7910 VFW; Porta-Motor City Marine Corps League, selling poppies from May 16th through May 19, 1990, be approved.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-241 Motion by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, supported by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, that the request from Polish Army Veterans' Association holding their annual "Blue Flower" (Polish Poppy Collection) from June 22 through June 24, 1990, in public areas, be approved.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-242 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, that the communication from Michigan Sane/Freeze canvassing door-to-door from May 2 through May 31, 1990, be received, contents noted and filed.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-243 Motion by Councilman Robert L. Brown, supported by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, that the request for renewal of 1990-91 business license for the Odyssey Lounge, 27346 Ford Rd., be approved.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 90-244 Motion by Councilman Robert L. Brown, supported by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion unanimously adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.