

REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 14, 1998

98-143 The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Council Chairman Joseph V. Kosinski.

Roll Call showed the following:

Present: Councilman Kenneth R. Baron, Councilwoman Janet L. Blackburn, Councilwoman Margaret M. Horvath, Council Chairman Joseph V. Kosinski, Councilman Daniel S. Paletko, Councilwoman Margaret Van Houten.

Absent: Councilman Gregg Zulinski.

Also Present: Mayor Canfield, Corporation Counsel Berry-Harris, City Clerk Robbins, Deputy Clerk Lutz, Treasurer Riley, Comptroller Barrow, Assessor Welch, Building & Engineering Director Opalewski, Human Resources Director Sullivan, Deputy Police Chief Blaszczyk, Acting Fire Chief Barnett, Recreation Director Grybel, Public Service Administrator Blackburn, Community Development Director Oliverio.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by County Commissioner Kathleen Husk.

County Commissioner Husk awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for the City's 35th Birthday Anniversary from the County of Wayne.

98-144 Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Horvath, that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of April 14, 1998, be approved as submitted.

Motion adopted.

98-145 Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn, that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 24, 1998 be approved as submitted.

Motion adopted.

The Public Hearing for the proposed new recreational vehicle ordinance (H-98-08) was called to order at 8:13 p.m., by Council Chairman Joseph V. Kosinski.

Council Chairman Kosinski asked City Clerk Robbins to read the official Notice of Public Hearing.

Please take notice that a Public Hearing will be held on April 14, 1998, by the City Council of the City of Dearborn Heights at the Administrative Building, 6045 Fenton Avenue, Dearborn Heights, MI at 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to a proposed ordinance amending current Dearborn Heights law regarding the parking and storage of recreational vehicles in the city. Written comments may be directed to the City Clerk's office, 6045 Fenton, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127. Joyce Robbins, Clerk, Dearborn Heights. Published April 9, 1998. The City Clerk's office sent out 102 letters to area residents who were in violation of the blight ordinance as it exists.

Council Chairman Kosinski asked if there were any questions or comments from the general public.

Mr. Sam Mazzola, 6908 Crestwood stated he owned a 14' boat and asked why does it have to be on a cement or asphalt pad? Would be very expensive to do that. Also asked when this new ordinance would become effective?

Councilman Baron stated "We toyed with the asphalt, cement, gravel idea. Some people

unfortunately have lots of weeds and growth underneath and that's unsightly to look at. That is the reason for a cement pad."

Mr. Mazzola replied "He would agree to cut weeds."

Mr. Alexander Prokurat, 6550 Plainfield stated "You are discriminating against the elderly. I don't move as fast as I used to. The only ones who complain are those who don't own RV's. I don't store the RV on my property but seventy two hours isn't enough time to get vehicle cleaned up. Would cost me \$3,000 to build a pad. The school bus drivers are the only ones complaining, I think, because I'm near a corner. My RV is licensed and paid for and now you want a cement pad. It's too long for neighborhood 26' long. You're discriminating against the seniors."

Mr. Jerry Kowal, 6971 Whitefield stated "I'm not so much against 72 hours but we have a bad situation here all over. Some people park things behind homes but on Whitefield and Richardson there is one home that parks there all year. Normally your neighbors won't complain. This doesn't make the city look good. I don't mind someone visiting but otherwise its unsightly. Businesses have big trucks parked in driveways. I think it looks bad, that's my opinion."

Mr. Joe Wiusniewski, 27015 Richardson stated "I have a trailer in my driveway. It's almost new, in good shape and I take care of it. Shouldn't be a problem from back of home to rear of lot. It's commercial trucks in the neighborhood that are unsightly. This wouldn't be allowed in Northville or Livonia. Trucks parked in driveways are unsightly, trailers aren't that bad."

Councilman Baron replied "Commercial vehicles are a separate issue. We are working on that now."

Mr. Steve Bowers, 23421 Longview stated "The City improves its image by tightening ordinance not loosening them. I've seen many situations going up and down Telegraph. I'm seeing the same boats and trailers in backyards year after year, its unsightly. I own a boat and I knew when I purchased the boat that parts, storage, docking, maintenance and insurance are part of the owning a boat. It's a lot of work and expense. I'm already looking at a playscape don't want them adding boats or RV's. Feel this will not improve image of the City at all."

Councilman Paletko stated "I received letters from Steve Bowers and Anna Dawson and I request they be part of the record."

Mr. Mazzola asked "When will this ordinance become effective?"

Council Chairman Kosinski replied "As soon as second reading of ordinance occurs."

Councilman Paletko stated "The existing ordinance is much stricter. The council placed moratorium on this and we have been trying to reach a compromise with this ordinance. If we were to remove moratorium it would be difficult for anyone to park an R.V. at this time. The intent is to allow residents to park them under certain circumstances."

Council Chairman Kosinski asked if there were any other questions or comments.

Mr. David McArthur, 25456 Kennedy asked "Are you proposing that the vehicle can be parked in front of a home?"

Councilman Paletko replied "It depends on how close it is to homes."

Mr. McArthur asked "What about backyard?"

Councilman Baron replied "Must be 6' from inhabited area. You could put it one foot from a garage."

Mr. McArthur stated "It seems to balance needs of community and rights of property owners. I understand about cement or asphalt pad. Some people would keep up and others would not."

Council Chairman Kosinski asked if there were any questions or comments from the general public; hearing none, he asked that the Public Hearing to amend current Dearborn Heights law regarding the parking and storage of recreational vehicles, be closed.

98-146 Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn, that the Public Hearing be closed.

Motion adopted.

The Public Hearing for Amendment of the Recreational Vehicle Ordinance closed at 8:34 p.m.

98-147 Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Van Houten, that Fund Transfer 6-A and Current Claims 6-1 through 6-7, be approved as submitted.

- A. \$54,700.00 from A/C 101-300-706-000 (Police Dept. Salaries) to A/C 101-300-709-000 (Police Dept. Overtime) to cover the vacancies with overtime in the Civilian Dispatchers Area.
- 1. CENTRAL WAYNE CITY SANITATION AUTHORITY - Monthly Operation and Debt Service - Inv. dated 04/01/98 from A/C 101-200-810-000 (Sanitation) \$169,684.00. General Govt.
- 2. GARY MIOTKE - Legal Services for January 1998 - Inv. dated 03/18/98 from A/C 101-210-826-000 (Counsel Services) \$4,280.00. Corporation Counsel.
- 3. LAURA BERRY HARRIS - Legal Services for January 1998 - Inv. dated 03/18/98 from A/C 101-210-826-000 (Counsel Services) \$6,158.48. Corporation Counsel.
- 4. PAINTER & RUTHENBERG - Newsprint Pick Up & Roll Off Service - Inv. 16543 dated 03/13/98 and Inv. 16544 dated 03/13/98 from A/C 101-200-810-000 (Sanitation) \$4,461.00. General Govt.
- 5. STATEWIDE SECURITY TRANSPORT - Prisoner Food & Lodging for February 1998 - Inv. dated 03/19/98 from A/C 101-200-868-000 (Prisoner Food & Lodging) \$9,416.49.(See Budget Amendment). General Govt.
- 6. WADE-TRIM/ASSOCIATES - Construction Engineering Madison Bridge - Inv. 56720 dated 03/09/98 from A/C 103-960-947-046 (Madison Bridge) \$1,818.00. Community Devel.
- 7. WADE-TRIM/ASSOCIATES - Plans & Specifications - Municipal Walkway - Inv. 56719 dated 03/09/98 from A/C 103-960-938-097 (Municipal Walkway) \$1,074.50. Community Devel.

Motion adopted.

98-148 Motion by Councilwoman Horvath, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn, that the City Comptroller be authorized to advertise for bids, per specifications for the 1998 Grass Cutting Program per the request of Building Director Opalewski, communication dated May 31, 1998.

Motion adopted.

98-149 Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilman Baron, that the City Comptroller be authorized to advertise for bids, per specifications for the demolition of the garage only at 4206 Parker per the request of Building Director Opalewski, communication dated March 24, 1998.

Motion adopted.

98-150 Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilman Baron, that the City Comptroller be authorized to advertise for bids, per specifications for demolition of

garages only at 4217 Harding and 25046 Colgate per the request of Building Director Opalewski, communication dated March 24, 1998.

Motion adopted.

- 98-151** Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn, that the City Comptroller be authorized to advertise for bids, per specifications for demolition of home at 4876 Fleming per the request of Building Director Opalewski, communication dated April 8, 1998.

Motion adopted.

- 98-152** Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn, that the bid from Olson Cement, 5610 Wellington, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125 for the 1998 City Sidewalk Program, be approved, per Building Director Opalewski, communication dated March 26, 1998. Further, that the Treasurer be authorized to return bid deposits to the unsuccessful bidders.

AYES: Councilman Baron, Councilwoman Blackburn, Council Chairman
Kosinski, Councilman Paletko, Councilwoman Van Houten.
NAYS: Councilwoman Horvath.
ABSENT: Councilman Zulinski.

Motion adopted.

- 98-153** Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilman Baron, that the City Comptroller be authorized to advertise for bids, per specifications for sixteen (16) picnic tables and two (2) park grills for the new pavilion located at Parkland Park, per the request of Recreation Director Grybel, communication dated March 26, 1998.

Motion adopted.

- 98-154** Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Horvath, that the bid from Custom Order Police Supplies, Inc., 12733 Universal Drive, Taylor, MI 48180-6843, for ten (10) emergency light bars in the amount of \$9,950.00 and payment thereof, be approved, per Police Chief Webber, communication dated March 24, 1998.

Motion adopted.

- 98-155** Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilman Baron, that the second lowest bidder meeting all specifications Fairlane Ford, 14585 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, MI 48126 for one 4x2 pickup truck with trade-in, in the amount of \$16,650.00, less trade-in of \$500.00 for a total of \$16,150.00, and payment thereof, be approved, per Public Service Administrator Blackburn, communication dated March 25, 1998. Further, that the Treasurer be authorized to return bid deposits to the unsuccessful bidders.

Motion adopted.

- 98-156** Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn, that the second lowest bidder meeting all specifications William F. Sell & Son, Inc., 16555 Telegraph, Taylor, MI 48180 for one tractor-loader-backhoe, in the amount of \$46,145.00 and payment thereof, be approved, per Public Service Administrator Blackburn, communication dated March 25, 1998. Further, that the Treasurer be authorized to return bid deposits to the unsuccessful bidders.

Motion adopted.

- 98-157** Motion by Councilwoman Horvath, seconded by Councilman Baron, that the

communication from Mayor Canfield, dated April 3, 1998 Re: The reappointment of Marion Bloye, Wilma Gabrys and J. Robert Rock to the Commission on Aging, terms to expire April, 2001 be received, contents noted and filed.

Motion adopted.

- 98-158** Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilwoman Van Houten, that the City Council concurs with and approves the Berwyn School Land Contract Agreement between the City of Dearborn Heights and Crestwood School District per, Mayor Canfield, communication dated March 31, 1998. Further, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign and execute any and all documents that may be need to close on behalf of the City.

Motion adopted.

- 98-159** Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn, that the City Council concurs with and approves the Cost Sharing Agreement for the Survey of Homes in the South End Floodplain Area between the US Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Dearborn Heights at a cost of approximately \$50,000 for Phase 1 and Phase 3 and approximately \$10,000 for Phase 2, which is in the TIFA District per, Mayor Canfield, communication dated March 27, 1998. Further, that authorization be given for payment of \$25,000 and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign on behalf of the City.

Motion adopted.

- 98-160** Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilwoman Van Houten, that the City Council concurs with and approves an Agreement for Municipal Street Lighting with Detroit Edison for additional street lighting on the north side of Ford Road between Golfview Drive and the east side of the Rouge River Bridge per, Mayor Canfield, communication dated April 7, 1998. Funding for this project has been budgeted in the 1998/1999 budget in the amount of \$12,920.00.

Motion adopted.

- 98-161** Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Horvath, that the resolution from the UAW Region 1A re: Regional Summit Conference to Resolve Detroit Newspaper Dispute be adopted as follows:

WHEREAS the unease over the continuing strike/lock-out at the Detroit Free Press and Detroit News now 33 months old, pervades the Detroit metropolitan area, and
WHEREAS the decisive lockout between the newspapers and their employees has prevented the delivery of full and objective coverage of news and commentary essential to the citizens of Michigan, and

WHEREAS many progressive leaders refuse to be interviewed and hundreds of thousands of former readers refuse to buy or read the newspapers because of the dispute, and

WHEREAS the newspapers' management has publicly vowed to prolong indefinitely the appeal of the unfair labor practices of which it has been found guilty so as to postpone having to settle with their workers, and

WHEREAS the lockout has caused an unseemly and divisive confrontation in our community, and

WHEREAS the lives of individuals and families of locked-out workers continue to be adversely affected by the lockout, and

WHEREAS the regional economy has also been adversely affected by the lockout as many retail and service companies have declined to advertise in the Detroit newspapers, thus reducing their profitability and costing local, state and federal governments tax revenue,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Dearborn Heights, herewith declares its willingness to participate in a Regional Summit Conference of regional legislative bodies to which the management of the Detroit newspapers and the collective bargaining units represented in their workforces will be invited in a determined effort to bring this lockout to a prompt and just conclusion.

Motion adopted.

- 98-162** Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn, that the City Council concurs with and approves the appointments of Richard Dziengowski, 4132 Madison and Thomas Wencel, 4218 Tulane to the Planning Commission, terms to expire May, 2001.

Motion adopted.

- 98-163** Motion by Councilwoman Van Houten, seconded by Councilman Baron, that the City Council concurs with and approves Change Order No. 2 for the Katherine Street Bridge Removal and Ecorse Creek Channel Stabilization Project from Sun Environmental Systems, Inc., 23749 Research Drive, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335 resulting in a decrease of \$1,417.50 per, Community Development Director Oliverio, communication dated March 24, 1998. Further, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign on behalf of the City.

Motion adopted.

- 98-164** Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilman Baron, that the City Council concurs with and approves a budget amendment to cover the cost of prisoner food and Lodging through June 30, 1998 as follows:

INCREASE REVENUES	APPROPRIATE FROM FUND BALANCE
# 101-000-699-000	\$ 45,000.00
INCREASE EXPENDITURES	PRISONER FOOD & LODGING
# 101-200-868-000	\$ 45,000.00

per, Comptroller Barrow, communication dated April 6, 1998.

Motion adopted.

- 98-165** Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilman Baron, that the City Council concurs with and approves a budget amendment to cover salary expenses for a part-time person to fill a vacancy.

INCREASE REVENUES	WEBNET
# 101-000-676-999	\$7,500.00
INCREASE EXPENDITURES	CABLE TV PART-TIME
# 101-809-709-000	\$7,500.00

per, Comptroller Barrow, communication dated April 7, 1998.

Motion adopted.

- 98-166** Motion by Councilwoman Horvath, seconded by Councilwoman Van Houten, that the request from Building Director Opalewski, communication dated April 8, 1998, to purchase a Minolta Pageworks High Output Laser Printer, in the amount of \$700.00, be approved. Funds for this purchase to be allocated from 1997-98 Capital Outlay.

Motion adopted.

- 98-167** Motion by Councilwoman Horvath, seconded by Councilman Baron, that the request from Police Chief Webber, communication dated April 6, 1998, to trade-in department obsolete and unrepairable weapons to the highest quoter, C.M.P. Distributors, Inc., 22206 W Warren, Detroit, MI 48239-1024 and to purchase two (2) Ruger Carbines (\$340.00 each) \$680.00 and thirteen (13) Remington Model 780 Shotguns \$4,277.00, for a total of \$4,957.00. Trade-in funds total \$4,995.00.

Motion adopted.

- 98-168** Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilman Baron, that the City Council concurs with and approves the execution of an Indemnification Agreement with Thorne Elementary School and the City of Dearborn Heights Parks and Recreation Department for the purpose of the Summer Park Site Program per, Recreation Director Grybel, communication dated March 25, 1998. Further, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign on behalf of the City.

Motion adopted.

- 98-169** Motion by Councilwoman Van Houten, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn, that the request from Recreation Director Grybel, communication April 1, 1998 to dispose of unrepairable or obsolete equipment as follows: one (1) desk; tag #05277; one (1) Console TV, no tag and one (1) Office Chair, tag #1366.

Motion adopted.

- 98-170** Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Horvath, that the City Council concurs with the recommendation of the Spirit '98 Festival Committee to award the beer supplier contract for the 1998 Spirit Festival to Action Distributing Company, 35601 Veronica, Livonia, MI 48150 per, Recreation Director Grybel, communication dated April 1, 1998. Cost per barrel to be \$45.00 per barrel.

Motion adopted.

- 98-171** Motion by Councilwoman Van Houten, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn, that proposed Ordinance H-98-07, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS, BE AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 36-27 OF CHAPTER 36, ARTICLE II, OR SAID CODE PROVIDING THAT: AS TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT 25996 VAN BORN ROAD, CHANGE IN ZONING FROM C-1 (Neighborhood Business District) to C-2 (General Business District), be considered read for the second time, to become effective upon publication in the City's official newspaper as provided by law.

Motion adopted.

- 98-172** Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Van Houten, that proposed Ordinance H-98-10, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS, BE AMENDED BY AMENDING SECTIONS 51, 52, 53, 54 AND 55 AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 56 AND 57 OF CHAPTER 33 OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS, GRASS AND VEGETATION IN THE CITY, be considered read for the second time, to become effective upon publication in the City's official newspaper as provided by law.

Motion adopted.

98-173 Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilman Baron, that the communication from Chairperson Exie Markowsky, Friends of the Ecorse Creek, dated April 3, 1998 Re: The notification to elected official and the public of the rescheduling of the Sixth Annual Ecorse Creek Cleanup date from Saturday, May 23 to May 30, 1998 be received, contents noted and filed.

Motion adopted.

98-174 Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Van Houten, that the 1998-99 business license renewal for Uncle Ray's Place, 24502 Warren, be approved.

Motion adopted.

98-175 Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn, that the request from Y & K Lucky Star, Inc., 22113 W Warren to transfer stock interest in 1997 SDD-SDM licenced corporation with Sunday Sales thru issuance of stock to new stockholders Mumtaz Francis (Yaldoo), 7488 Franklin Ridge, West Bloomfield, MI 48322 and Usama Khidhir, 5976 Glen Eagle, West Bloomfield, MI 48323, be approved and the liquor control be so notified.

Motion adopted.

98-176 Motion by Councilwoman Van Houten, seconded by Councilwoman Horvath, that the request from Hass General Store, LLC, 25249 Hass, to transfer ownership of 1997 SDM license from Chami, Inc. to Vicki Saroka, 6530 Rockland, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127, be approved and the liquor control commission be so notified. 970005490 NLL.

Motion adopted.

98-177 Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Van Houten, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

JOYCE A. ROBBINS
CITY CLERK

JOSEPH V. KOSINSKI, CHAIRMAN
CITY COUNCIL

MARIA E. LAWRENCE
RECORDING SECRETARY