

REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 10, 2012

12-115 The meeting was called to order at 8:13 p.m. by Council Chairman Kenneth R. Baron.

Roll Call showed the following:

Present: Councilman Ned Apigian, Councilwoman Janet S. Badalow, Council Chairman Kenneth R. Baron, Councilwoman Lisa Hicks-Clayton, Councilwoman Margaret M. Horvath.

Absent: Councilman Tom Berry.

Also Present: City Clerk Prusiewicz, Mayor Paletko, Treasurer Riley, Building & Engineering Director Sobh, Comptroller Macari, Corporation Counsel Miotke, Emergency Management Director Ankrapp, Fire Chief Gurka, Human Resource Director Sobota-Perry, Library Director McCaffery, Police Chief Gavin, Public Service Administrator Zimmer, Recreation Director Grybel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mike McCaffery.

12-116 Motion by Councilwoman Badalow, seconded by Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton, that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of April 10, 2012, be approved as submitted.

Motion adopted.

12-117 Motion by Councilwoman Horvath, seconded by Councilman Apigian, that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 27, 2012, be approved as submitted.

Motion adopted.

12-118 Motion by Councilwoman Horvath, seconded by Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton, that Current Claims 6-1 through 6-12, be approved as submitted.

No.	Payee	Acct Title	Amount	Dept
1.	Antler Construction Inc.	EEC Block Grant	\$19,477.35	DPW
2.	Central Wayne County Sanitation	Sanitation	\$35,803.57	Gen. Govt.
3.	Election Systems & Software	Materials/Supplies	\$3,994.39	Clerk's Office
4.	Great Lakes Graphics	Contractual Serv.	\$1,871.53	Assessor's Off.
5.	Milia MD, Marc J.	Workers Comp	\$2,479.39	Gen. Govt.
6.	Miotke, Gary	Legal Services	\$9,170.00	Corp. Counsel
7.	New Image Bldg. Svcs., Inc.	Contractual Serv.	\$2,214.00	Library
8.	Oakwood Hospital	Workmans Comp	\$2,635.66	Gen. Govt.
9.	Secrest, Wardle	Legal Services	\$4,052.00	Corp. Counsel
10.	US Bank	Library Bond	\$112,320.00	Library
		Interest	\$100,984.33	Library
11.	Wade Trim & Assoc.	Bridge Rep/Maint	\$8,865.00	DPW
12.	Wayne County Dept of Environ.	Downriver SRF Int	\$12,973.21	Water
		W.C.Basin SRF Int	\$116,962.50	Water

Motion adopted.

12-119 Motion by Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton, seconded by Councilwoman Badalow, that the City Council accept the request for the North Dearborn Heights Baseball League to hold their annual opening day parade on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Police Chief Gavin and Fire Chief Gurka have both approved the route and will provide services as required. Per Mayor Paletko, communication dated March 21, 2012.

Motion adopted.

12-120 Motion by Councilwoman Horvath, seconded by Councilman Apigian, that the business license renewal for Msgr. Hunt K of C #3312, 7080 Garling, be approved.

Motion adopted.

12-121 Motion by Councilwoman Badalow, seconded by Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton, that the City Council concurs with and approves the Resolution to Michigan Public Service Commission regarding DTE Energy Smart Meters as follows:

WHEREAS, DTE Energy ("DTE") has begun a comprehensive program for the installation of new meters to customers in the Metro Detroit area, and are expected to eventually replace existing meters within the City of Dearborn Heights with Smart Meters, which are computerized electronic devices allowing for remote reading by DTE via radio frequencies and two-way communication between DTE and the smart meters; and,

WHEREAS, The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) has jurisdiction in this matter and is currently undertaking a review process of Smart Meter Technology; and,

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2012 the MPSC announced that it was launching an investigation into smart meters (case # U-17000), and gave deadlines of March 16th for electric utilities to submit information and April 16th for comments from the general public; and,

WHEREAS, the FCC has not revised their current standards that pertain to radio frequencies and Smart Meter Technology in the last 30 years; and,

WHEREAS, public utilities have indicated that Smart Meters provide a benefit to themselves by providing improved energy efficiency and emergency response time thus eliminating the need for on-site personnel and equipment to read each consumer meter; and,

WHEREAS, a number of Dearborn Heights residents and residents from neighboring communities have expressed concerns regarding Smart Meter Technology in the areas of health, safety, and privacy; and,

WHEREAS, DTE Energy has offered an opt-out provision for its customers in its response to the MPSC review; and,

WHEREAS, the Dearborn Heights City Council believes it is appropriate to assist its concerned residents in obtaining consideration of their issues by requesting a careful and thorough review and analysis of the health, safety, and privacy issues thereof by the MPSC; and,

WHEREAS, the Dearborn Heights City Council encourages the MPSC to review the opt-out provision provided by DTE Energy and allow individual customers to decline smart meter installation in their homes without penalties or additional fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Dearborn Heights supports the MPSC's investigation into DTE Energy's deployment of smart meters relative to the expressed public concerns over the potential health, safety, and privacy issues with smart meters and urges the MPSC to include an open public forum for discussion of these issues within the commission's review process on this matter; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dearborn Heights City Council imposes a moratorium on smart meter installation within the city limits until further notice; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to post this resolution in a prominent location on the City's website, and to deliver a copy of this resolution to Governor Rick Snyder, State Senator Tupac Hunter, State Representatives Bob Constan and Phil Cavanagh, DTE Energy regulatory affairs, SEMCOG, and Michigan Municipal League.

Ayes: Councilwoman Badalow, Council Chairman Baron, Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton, Councilwoman Horvath.

Nays: Councilman Apigian.

Absent: Councilman Berry.

Motion adopted.

12-122 Motion by Councilwoman Horvath, seconded by Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton, that the City Council concurs with and approves a one year subscription to "Leads Online" in the amount of \$4,528.00 from the State Drug Forfeiture account. Per Police Chief Gavin, communication dated February 20, 2012.

Motion adopted.

- 12-123** Motion by Councilman Apigian, seconded by Councilwoman Horvath, that the City Council concurs with and approves advance authorization for the design/layout, printing and distribution services for the Spring/Summer 2012 Dearborn Heights Today Newsletter. Further, to approve for payment the following: Walt Kempfski Graphics – \$2,300.00 for design/layout;; Grand Blanc Printing - \$4,800.00 for pre-press, printing & delivery, for a total not to exceed: \$7,100.00. Per Emergency Manager Ankrapp, communication dated April 3, 2012.

Motion adopted.

- 12-124** Motion by Councilwoman Horvath, seconded by Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton, that the City Council concurs with and approves the Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies as required by the Michigan Department of Transportation for miscellaneous operations within the State Highway Right of Way. This resolution authorizes Public Service Administrator William Zimmer and Water Department Superintendent Sean Moylan to apply for necessary permits. Further, authorize the City Clerk to sign on behalf of the City. Per Public Service Administrator Zimmer, communication dated April 2, 2012.

Motion adopted.

- 12-125** Motion by Councilwoman Badalow, seconded by Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton, that the City Council approves the request and authorizes the library to accept Guardian Alarm's bid of \$250.00 per month for security and monitoring services. The agreement is for one year with an initial payment of \$200.00 for installation of their monitoring service. Per Library Director McCaffery, communication dated April 30, 2012.

Motion adopted.

- 12-126** Motion by Councilman Apigian, seconded by Councilwoman Horvath, that the City Council concurs with and approves the U.S.D.A. TEFAP Food Commodity Agency Agreements for the Berwyn and Eton Sr. Citizen Centers. Further, to authorize the Mayor to sign both agreements on behalf of the City. Per Recreation Director Grybel, communication dated April 2, 2012.

Motion adopted.

- 12-127** Motion by Councilwoman Badalow, seconded by Councilman Apigian, that the business license renewal application from Uncle Ray's Place, 24502 Warren, be approved.

Motion adopted.

- 12-128** Motion by Councilwoman Horvath, seconded by Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

WALTER J. PRUSIEWICZ
CITY CLERK

KENNETH R. BARON
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

EVE SCHAFER
COUNCIL SECRETARY