

MARCH 26, 1991

91-136 The meeting was called to 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, Administrative Assistant Hitsky, Clerk McLachlan, Comptroller Barrow, Assessor Welch, Building & Engineering Director Hamel, Police Chief DiPrima, Recreation Director Grybel, Public Service Administrator Preston, Community Development Director Oliverio.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Community Development Director Oliverio.

An award was presented to District #7 Dad's Club President Pete Stevens by the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association Chairperson Porsha Fields Anderson for 31 years of outstanding achievement for community service.

91-137 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Joseph F. Kosinski, that the agenda for the Regular Meeting of March 26, 1991, be approved as submitted.

Motion unanimously adopted.

91-138 Motion by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, supported by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, that the minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 12, 1991, be approved as submitted.

Motion unanimously adopted.

The Public Hearing and Issuance of Finding Floodplain and Wetlands Protection was called to order at 8:14 p.m. by Council Chairman Daniel S. Paletko.

Community Development Director Oliverio stated that due to the Waterline Replacement Program being taken out of the CDBG budget for 1991-1992, and this is an environmental public hearing, that tonight's Public Hearing must be rescheduled.

91-139 Motion by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, supported by Councilman Robert L. Brown, that the Public Hearing be closed.

Motion unanimously adopted.

The Public Hearing closed at 8:17 p.m.

91-140 Motion by Councilman Robert L. Brown, supported by Councilman Joseph F. Kosinski, that Current Claims 6-1 through 6-13 be approved as submitted.

1. DOWNRIVER RECYCLING CENTER - January & February recycling satellites. Inv. 91-024, 91-025, 3/2/91. From A/C 200-810 (Sanitation) \$3,354.16. Gen. Govt.
2. PAINTER & RUTHENBERG - Roll off service for February 1991. Inv. 7192, 2/28/91. From A/C 200-810 (Sanitation) \$4,200.00. Gen. Govt.
3. SATURN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY - Bridge removal and replacement. Cert. No. 1, 3/15/91. Job No. DHT 2313-05. From A/C 440-880 (Road Repairs) \$186,566.25. DPW.
4. WADE-TRIM/ASSOCIATES - Contract Administration - 1988 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning. Inv. 36127, 2/14/91. Job No. DHT 2224-21. From A/C 540-818 (Contractual Services) \$502.00. Water.
5. WADE-TRIM/ASSOCIATES - Contract Administration - Pardee Bridge. Inv. 35883, 12/28/90. Job No. DHT 2280-02. From A/C 440-880 (Road Repairs) \$6,015.40. DPW.

6. WADE-TRIM/ASSOCIATES - Downriver updated facility planning study. Inv. 35456, 3/17/91. Job No. DHT 2311-03. From A/C 536-817 (Professional & Consult) \$482.75. Water.
7. WADE-TRIM/ASSOCIATES - Plans & specifications - Valley View & Hawthorne Hills Subdivisions. Inv. 36449, 3/17/91. Job No. DHT 2328-01. From A/C 440-880 (Road Repairs) \$11,000.00. DPW.
8. WADE-TRIM/IMPACT - Prepare plans and elevations South End Community Center. Inv. 36892, 3/14/91. Job No. DHT 6165.02. From A/C 103-960-818-090 (Administration) \$1,100.50. Comm. Dev.
9. WAYNE COUNTY DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS - Ecorse Creek Pollution Abatement Drain I, Phase I. Inv. 5/7/90. From A/C 200-994 (E.C.P.C.) \$128,271.19. Gen. Govt.
10. WAYNE COUNTY DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS - Downriver & Rouge Valley Bond Issue. Inv. 80124, 3/6/91 & Inv. 80142, 3/7/91. From A/C 200-992 (Sewage Disposal Bond Issue) \$88,253.54. Gen. Govt.
11. WAYNE COUNTY DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS - Principal & Interest NH/RV Bond Issue. Inv. 80142, 3/7/91. From A/C 905-991 (Principal) \$120,000.00 and A/C 905-995 (Interest) \$192,770.00. Water.
12. WAYNE OAKLAND LIBRARY FEDERATION - WOLF charges for 10/1/90-12/31/90. Inv. A3170, 2/8/91. From A/C 738-827 (W.O.L.F.) \$40,140.00. Recreation.
13. LILA & ALI JAWAD - Easement settlement on NH/RV Project. Check req. 2/21/91. From A/C 537-973 (Sewers Capital Outlay) \$5,200.00. Water.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 91-141 Motion by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, supported by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids, per specifications, for demolition of any/all buildings at 25221 Hanover, Lot 5, Van Born Meadows #1, Sidwell #043-02-0005-000, per the request of Building & Engineering Director Hamel, communication dated March 20, 1991.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 91-142 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Robert L. Brown, that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids, per specifications, for Uniform Traffic Tickets, per the request of Police Chief DiPrima, communication dated March 8, 1991.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 91-143 Motion by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, supported by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, that tabled C.M. 91-110 be brought back on the table, per Mayor Van Houten, communication dated March 15, 1991.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 91-144 Motion by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, supported by Councilman Joseph F. Kosinski, that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids, per specifications, for the summer sidewalk replacement program, per the request of Building & Engineering Director Hamel, communication dated March 4, 1991.

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.

- 91-145 Motion by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, supported by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, that the City Council concurs with and approves entering into an agreement dated December 3, 1990, with Wade-Trim/Associates for engineering services for the NHV/RV Local Improvements Segment III. Further, authorizes Mayor Van Houten and Clerk McLachlan executing said agreement, per Mayor Van Houten, communication dated March 15, 1991.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 91-146 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, that the Mayor Van Houten's communication dated March 18, 1991 regarding the appointment of Mrs. Penny Hilden filling the unexpired term of David Schwartz on the City Beautiful Commission through September 1991, be received, contents noted and filed.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 91-147 Motion by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, supported by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, that the City Council concurs with and approves a budget amendment in the Cable Production account for the purchase of racks, as follows:

Increase Revenues:

A/C 101-000-675-001 Cable Productions \$5,000.00

Increase Expenditures:

A/C 101-809-981-000 Cable Capital Outlay \$5,000.00

Further, authorizes the purchase of Winsted racks for cable equipment from Roscor in the amount of \$4,569.00, as quoted, and payment thereof, per Administrative Assistant Hitsky, communication dated March 14, 1991.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 91-148 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, that the City Council concurs with and approves C.M. 91-125 be amended, re: Lease of a 1991 Thunderbird vehicle with trade-in, from Varsity Ford for 36 months at \$380.00 per month, and accept an alternative incentive lease of a 1991 Thunderbird vehicle with trade-in, from Varsity Ford for 36 months at \$328.00 per month, and payment thereof. With this agreement Treasurer Plawecki will personally contribute \$1,144.00 to cover the difference in cost, per Treasurer Plawecki, communication dated March 18, 1991.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 91-149 Motion by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, supported by Councilman Joseph F. Kosinski, that the City Council concurs with and approves authorizing Chief of Police DiPrima accepting a proposal from C.M.P. for the trade off of old weapons for newer weapons at no additional cost, as outlined in Captain Seipenko's communication of March 8, 1991, per Police Chief DiPrima, communication dated March 15, 1991.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 91-150 Motion by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, supported by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, that

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program has provided needed financial assistance to numerous projects in the past, and;

WHEREAS, the CDBG program is the last remaining flexible federal tool with which the City can address the concerns of the poor, the hungry, the needy and the homeless of our community, and;

WHEREAS, President Bush has proposed transferring the CDBG program to the states respectively, and;

WHEREAS, such a transfer is not in the best interests of the program nor of this City;

THEREFORE, Be It Hereby Resolved, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Dearborn Heights hereby formally request that our congressional representative take whatever action they deem appropriate to prevent the transfer of the local portion of the CDBG program from the federal government to the State government, and;

That Congressman Sander Levin and Congressman William D. Ford join the many other congressmen who have co-signed the letter to Rep. Bob Traxler, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee of V.A., HUD and Independent Agencies and Rep. Bill Green, ranking minority member of that committee, in opposition to the Administrations plans;

That the City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to Representatives Sander Levin and William D. Ford, Senator Donald Reigle and Senator Carl Levin.

Per Community Development Director Oliverio, communication dated March 18, 1991.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 91-151 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, that the City Council concurs with and approves a Grant Application for funding under the Michigan State Quality of Life Bond Program in the amount of \$750,000 for a proposed recreation center. Further, authorizes Mayor Van Houten and Clerk McLachlan signing the application for funding to the Department of Natural Resources with a match of \$275,000 from the 1991-92 Community Development Block Grant program and the remaining monies to be matched through a bond program, per Community Development Director Oliverio, communication dated March 18, 1991.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 91-152 Motion by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, supported by Councilman Joseph F. Kosinski, that the City Council concurs with and approves Change Order No. 1 for an "Extension of Time" to Saturn Construction Company until May 30, 1991 for final completion of work for bridge removal and replacement, per Public Service Administrator Preston, communication dated March 19, 1991.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 91-153 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Robert L. Brown, that

WHEREAS, property tax assessment in the City of Dearborn Heights have soared an average of 31% over the past three years; and

WHEREAS, the increase has been as high as 42% in some areas of the city; and

WHEREAS, the Dearborn Heights City Council has rolled back the city tax rate in prior years to offset part of the assessment increases and will do so again this year; and

WHEREAS, the present property tax system puts pressure on local elected officials and local assessment offices in attempting to administer the program as defined by State Law; and

WHEREAS, escalating property valuations undermine the economic security of Dearborn Heights citizens and threaten to drive some residents out of their homes; and

WHEREAS, a typical property tax bill is split proportionally by governmental units in the following percentages:

Schools	56%
City	26%
County	13%
Community College	5%

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Dearborn Heights hereby petitions Governor Engler, the State Legislature, Tax Committee of the House of Representatives, Tax Committee of the Senate, State Representative Young, and State Senator Hart to remove the funding of schools from the property tax system and that an alternate method of funding education be used.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that tax reform should be highest State priority and reform finalized before June 30, 1991.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 91-154 Motion by Councilman Robert L. Brown, supported by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, that the proposed Resolution for City employees that served in the Persian Gulf, be tabled.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 91-155 Motion by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, supported by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, that Proposed Ordinance H-91-1 amending Section 28-31 regarding sidewalk replacement program notification, be read for the second time and to become official upon publication as provided by law.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 91-156 Motion by Councilman Robert L. Brown, supported by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, that the request from Nikko Wolverine for establishment of an industrial facilities tax abatement district, be denied. Further, a letter of explanation be forwarded to Nikko Wolverine.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 91-157 Motion by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, supported by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, that the communication from Mark Zewicke regarding the 20th District Court maintaining documents pertaining to military discharges, be received, contents noted and filed.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 91-158 Motion by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, supported by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, that the request from the Polish Army Veterans Association of America holding their annual "Blue Flower" poppy sale from Friday, June 14 through Sunday, June 16, 1991, be approved.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 91-159 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Gary P. Blackburn, that the request from Ned S. Harb for a new full year Class C license at 8645 Telegraph, be referred to a Committee of the Whole Study Session and request the applicants presence at said session.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 91-160 Motion by Councilman Joseph F. Kosinski, supported by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, that the request for renewal of a 1991-92 business license for the Odyssey Lounge, 27346 Ford Road, be approved.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 91-161 Motion by Councilman Jerome P. Chismar, supported by Councilman Joseph F. Kosinski, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion unanimously adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.