

**MINUTES MARCH 23, 2021
ELECTRONICALLY HELD REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL
VIRTUAL MEETING**

21-113 The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Council Chairwoman Malinowski Maxwell.

Roll Call showed the following:

Present: Council Chairwoman Malinowski Maxwell (Fort Meyers, FL), Council Chair Pro Tem Dave Wassim Abdallah (Dearborn Heights, MI), Councilman Zouher Abdel-Hak (Dearborn Heights, MI), Councilman Mo Baydoun (Dearborn Heights, MI), Councilman Robert Constan (Dearborn Heights, MI), Councilman Ray Muscat (Dearborn Heights, MI), Councilman Tom Wencel (Dearborn Heights, MI).

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Clerk Senia, Mayor Bazzi, Treasurer Hicks-Clayton, Building and Engineering Director Watland, Chief of Staff Hernandez, City Engineer Dib, Community and Economic Development Director Hachem, Comptroller Jawad, Grants and Budget Compliance Director Jamal, DPW Director Selmi, Emergency Management Coordinator Gavin, Fire Chief Brogan, Human Resource Director Sobota-Perry, Library Director McCaffery, Ordinance Enforcement and Animal Control Director McIntyre, Parks and Recreation Director Constan, Police Chief Meyers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Tom Wencel.

21-114 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Constan to allow Police Chief Meyers to address the Council in regards to the Council Citation for Officer Joseph Stephens.

Motion unanimously adopted

At this time, Council Chairwoman Malinowski Maxwell asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the terrible shooting in Boulder, Colorado which claimed the lives of 10 people including a police officer.

21-115 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to award the Council Citation to honor Officer Joseph Stephens for his courageous work.

Motion unanimously adopted

21-116 Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Abdel-Hak to approve the March 23, 2021 Order of Business for the Electronically Held Regular Meeting Agenda as submitted.

Motion unanimously adopted

21-117 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Abdallah to move to a Closed Session at 7:18 p.m.

Ayes: Council Chairwoman Malinowski Maxwell, Council Chair Pro Tem Abdallah, Councilman Abdel-Hak, Councilman Baydoun, Councilman Constan, Councilman Muscat, Councilman Wencel.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion unanimously adopted

The Honorable Body returned to an Open Session at 7:36 p.m.

21-118 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Abdel-Hak to approve the recommendation of attorney Mr. Clark pertaining to 3.1-A.

Motion unanimously adopted

21-119 Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Muscat to approve the Minutes for the Electronically Held Regular Meeting of March 9, 2021, as outlined in 4-A.

Motion unanimously adopted

21-120 Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to approve Current Claims 6-1 through 6-45 as submitted.

1	AccuMed Group, The	Rescue Runs	\$6,800.27	Fire
2	Ajax Materials Corp.	Road Supply	\$6,078.00	Highway
3	Allie Brothers	Clothing	\$3,702.99	Police
4	Bound Tree Medical, LLC	Medical Sup	\$5,533.10	Fire
5	Bowles Brothers Services, Inc.	Inv-piping/Trans	\$10,500.00	Water
6	CDW Government	COVID Supplies	\$4,212.28	General Govt
7	City of Dearborn	Water Charges	\$2,857.04	Water
	City of Dearborn	Sewer Charges	\$24,274.63	Water
8	City of Dearborn	Rep/Maint	\$75,000.00	IT Dept
	City of Dearborn	Rep/Maint	\$15,000.00	Police
	City of Dearborn	Rep/Maint	\$25,000.00	Water
9	D/A Central, Inc.	Cont. Serv	\$1,650.00	Police
10	D & D Water & Sewer	Emer. Swr Repair	\$12,893.00	Water
11	Detroit Salt Company	Road Supply	\$5,154.56	Highway
12	Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority	Sewer Disposal	\$38,685.00	Water
13	Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority	DwnRiv Loc Srf Prin	\$118,749.50	Water
	Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority	DwnRiv Loc Srf Int	\$27,078.69	Water
14	Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority	Sewer Disposal	\$437,291.48	Water
15	Gasiorek, Morgan, Greco, and McCauley, et al	Prof/Con	\$3,290.00	Water
16	Grainger	Supplies	\$2,056.15	Building & Maint
17	Granite Inliner	Cont. Serv Lng	\$16,409.40	Water
18	Huntington National Bank, The	Fire St Bonds	\$17,350.00	General Govt
19	J & B Medical	Medical Sup	\$1,549.36	Fire
20	Lardner Elevator Company	Cont. Serv	\$4,200.00	Police
	Lardner Elevator Company	Rep/Maint	\$5,600.00	Court
21	Library Network, The	Capital Outlay	\$10,759.44	Library
	Library Network, The	Libnetwork	\$11,781.60	Library
22	Madonna University	Tuition	\$9,700.00	Police
23	Michigan Humane Society	Animal Pro	\$4,121.00	Ordinance
24	Michigan Pipe & Valve	Wtr/Swr Supp	\$3,008.16	Water
25	Miotke, Gary T.	Coun. Serv	\$10,521.00	General Govt
26	New Benefits, Ltd	Hosp Ins	\$2,176.00	General Govt
27	New Image Building Services, Inc.	Cont. Serv	\$2,395.71	Library
28	Phoenix Safety Outfitters	Clothing	\$2,837.00	Fire
29	Pipetek Infrastructure Services, LLC	Cont. Serv	\$19,018.99	Water
30	PM Technologies	Cont. Serv	\$1,203.05	Police
	PM Technologies	Rep/Maint	\$647.80	Court
31	Quad-Tran of Michigan	Cont. Serv	\$4,850.00	Court
	Quad-Tran of Michigan	Office Supplies	\$1,737.00	Court
	Quad-Tran of Michigan	Office Supplies	\$1,592.08	Court
32	Rogers Automatic Transmissions, Inc.	MscExpDrug	\$3,251.00	Police
33	Rosati, Schultz, Joppich & Amtsbuechler, P.C.	Prof/Con	\$3,707.50	General Govt
34	Secrest, Wardle, Lynch, Hampton, Truex, et al	Coun. Serv	\$20,724.00	General Govt
35	Shrader Tire & Oil	Rep/Maint	\$1,081.20	Water
	Shrader Tire & Oil	Rep/Maint	\$1,081.21	Highway
36	Shults Equipment, LLC	Supplies	\$2,357.88	Highway

37	State of Michigan	Rescue Runs	\$3,693.34	Fire
38	Tire Discount House, Inc.	Rep/Maint	\$4,028.44	Police
39	US Bank	Court Rev	\$43,620.00	Court
40	Wade Trim	CSO L43	\$20,612.54	Water
	Wade Trim	Leadline Serv	\$3,096.25	Water
	Wade Trim	CSO L42	\$27,723.75	Water
	Wade Trim	PRV H-12	\$8,175.00	Water
41	Wade Trim	Street Const	\$6,433.75	DPW - Local St
42	Wade Trim	Watermain repl	\$9,750.00	Community Dev
43	Whitlock Business Systems, Inc.	Cont. Serv	\$3,199.87	Treasurer
	Whitlock Business Systems, Inc.	Cont. Serv	\$256.14	Treasurer
	Whitlock Business Systems, Inc.	Cont. Serv	\$2,590.80	Treasurer
44	Winder Police Equipment	Rep/Maint Equip	\$10,430.50	Police
45	West Shore Services, Inc.	Cont. Serv	\$1,700.00	Police
	West Shore Services, Inc.	Cont. Serv	\$1,700.00	Fire

Motion unanimously adopted

21-121 Motion by Councilman Abdallah, seconded by Councilman Constan to award the bid for 2021-2022 Street and Sidewalk Repair Program to Zuniga Concrete in the amount of \$761,666.25 as they are the lowest qualified bid. This will be paid from the Water and Sewer Department as well as the Highway Department depending on the department for which the repair is completed. In addition, authorize the Comptroller's Office to return all bid bonds to the companies that participated in the bidding process. Furthermore, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract documents on behalf of the City, as outlined in 7-A. Per DPW Director Selmi communication dated March 9, 2021.

Motion unanimously adopted

21-122 Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Abdallah to award the bid for a new fire truck to R & R Fire Truck Repair in the amount of \$658,897.00. This was the second lowest qualified bid and was selected since the lowest qualified bid did not provide some of the features that were required. This will be partially funded from Capital Outlay and partially financed. These details will be brought forward in a future Council Motion from the Treasurer once details are solidified. In addition, authorize the Comptroller's Office to return all bid bonds to the companies that participated in the bidding process, as outlined in 7-B. Per Fire Chief Brogan communication dated March 16, 2021.

Motion unanimously adopted

21-123 Motion by Councilman Baydoun, seconded by Councilman Constan to authorize the Comptroller's Office to advertise for bids for the renovation of the City Council Chambers at City Hall, as outlined in 7-C. Per Mayor Bazzi communication dated March 16, 2021.

Motion unanimously adopted

21-124 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Constan to authorize the Comptroller's Office to advertise for bids for a new Vehicle Fleet Management System for the City, as outlined in 7-D. Per Mayor Bazzi communication dated March 16, 2021.

Motion unanimously adopted

21-125 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Constan to receive, note, and file the 2021 Liquor License Review and to direct Corporation Counsel to draft a letter to businesses with a deficiency, if the department that cited the deficiency has not already done so, requesting the deficiencies be addressed within 30 days of said letter, as outlined in 9-A. Per City Clerk Senia communication dated March 16, 2021.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 21-126** Motion by Councilman Abdallah, seconded by Councilman Abdel-Hak to receive, note, and file the Cash Handling Procedures for the City of Dearborn Heights Treasurer's Office, as reviewed by Corporation Counsel Miotke and Secrest Wardle, as outlined in 9-B. Per Treasurer Hicks-Clayton communication dated March 23, 2021.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 21-127** Motion by Councilman Baydoun, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the disposal of one (1) 1996 Ford F450 and one (1) 2001 E350 Parcel Van. These vehicles will be sold through the auction process, as outlined in 9-C. Per DPW Director Selmi communication dated March 11, 2021.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 21-128** Motion by Councilman Abdallah, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to approve the purchase of 15 – 2 inch Red Maple Trees and 10 Swamp White Oak Trees and authorize the planting of these trees at various locations throughout the Rouge Watershed within the City. The Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC) Grant will reimburse the City \$150.00 per tree for a total of \$3,750.00 when the project is completed, with a net cost to the City of \$5,125.00, which will be paid from the DPW Tree Fund (101-000-283.440). In addition, authorize payment upon completion, as outlined in 9-D. Per DPW Director Selmi communication dated March 11, 2021.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 21-129** Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the amendment of the current 2020 Lead Water Service Replacement Program Contract with the addition of 41 homes. This would increase the contract value by \$350,000.00. The approved budget amount in the 2020-2021 Lead Line Service Replacement Program Account (592-537-981.004) is \$2,500,000.00 and as of March 11, 2021 the activity to date is \$1,689,540.00, as outlined in 9-E. Per DPW Director Selmi communication dated March 11, 2021.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 21-130** Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Abdel-Hak to approve the Contractor's Certificate for Payment No. 4 for \$78,057.10 and Change Order No. 2 for an increase of \$20,652.21. The contract increase reflected in Change Order No. 2 is for removal of an additional tree, improving the driveway at the site, placement of additional storm pipe and additional inspection time. This work was outside the scope of the original project and was requested by the River Oaks Homeowners Association. The cost for this work is taken from the \$30,000.00 contingency approved in the Special Assessment District (SAD) financing and the project has been completed under the approved SAD amount of \$310,196.50, as outlined in 9-F. Per DPW Director Selmi communication dated March 8, 2021.

Ayes: Council Chairwoman Malinowski Maxwell, Council Chair Pro Tem Abdallah, Councilman Baydoun, Councilman Constan.

Nays: Councilman Abdel-Hak, Councilman Muscat, Councilman Wencel.

Absent: None.

Motion adopted

- 21-131** Motion by Councilman Abdallah, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the payment of AED defibrillators purchased with AFG Grant money. The purchases were previously approved in Council Motions 20-443, 20-444, and 20-445, as outlined in 9-G. Per Fire Chief Brogan communication dated March 8, 2021.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 21-132** Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Abdel-Hak to refer Item 9-H back to administration to separate the two budget amendments regarding department head salaries, as outlined in 9-H. Per Human Resource Director Sobota-Perry communication dated March 15, 2021.

Ayes: Council Chairwoman Malinowski Maxwell, Council Chair Pro Tem Abdallah, Councilman Abdel-Hak, Councilman Baydoun, Councilman Muscat, Councilman Wencel.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Councilman Constan

Absent: None.

Motion adopted

21-133 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Constan that the Dearborn Heights City Council does hereby proclaim March 2021 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month to advance the important message that people with disabilities add value and talent to our workplaces and communities, and to recognize the work that STEP does to make it happen. Additionally, the Dearborn Heights City Council invites all individuals, agencies, and organizations concerned with the problems of developmental disabilities to observe this month with appropriate observances and activities directed toward increasing public awareness of the needs and the potential of Americans with developmental disabilities in the City of Dearborn Heights and otherwise. Further, the Dearborn Heights City Council urges all of our residents and those who conduct business in our community to offer our fellow citizens with such disabilities both encouragement and the opportunities they need to lead productive lives to achieve their full potential, as outlined in 11-A. Per Mayor Bazzi communication.

Motion unanimously adopted

21-134 Motion by Councilman Baydoun, seconded by Councilman Constan to renew the Business License for Bellagio Banquet, LLC at 23900 W. Warren, as outlined in 13-A.

Motion unanimously adopted

21-135 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Abdel-Hak to walk onto the Agenda an engagement letter with Plante Moran. Per Mayor Bazzi email communication.

Ayes: Councilman Abdel-Hak, Councilman Muscat, Councilman Wencel.

Nays: Council Chairwoman Malinowski Maxwell, Council Chair Pro Tem Abdallah, Councilman Baydoun, Councilman Constan.

Absent: None.

Motion defeated

21-136 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Abdallah to adjourn the Dearborn Heights City Council Regular Meeting.

Motion unanimously adopted

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

LYNNE M. SENIA
CITY CLERK

DENISE MALINOWSKI MAXWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRWOMAN

DANA FLAMONT
COUNCIL SECRETARY