

REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 29, 2012

12-065 The meeting was called to order at 8:32 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, Councilman Tom Berry, Councilwoman Lisa Hicks-Clayton, Councilwoman Margaret M. Horvath, Councilwoman Margaret M. Van Houten.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Clerk Prusiewicz, Mayor Paletko, Treasurer Riley, Administrative Assistant Kramarz, Assessor McDermott, Building & Engineering Director Sobh, 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, Grant Coordinator Klimchalk.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ray Muscat.

12-066 Motion by Councilwoman Badalow, seconded by Councilman Berry, that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of February 29, 2012, with the addition of Item 8-A, appointment to the Commission on Aging, be approved as submitted.

Motion unanimously adopted.

12-067 Motion by Councilwoman Horvath, seconded by Councilwoman Badalow, that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 14, 2012, with one name correction, be approved.

Motion unanimously adopted.

12-068 Motion by Councilwoman Badalow, seconded by Councilman Apigian, that the Minutes from the Special Meeting of February 21, 2012, with one name correction, be approved.

Motion unanimously adopted.

12-069 Motion by Councilwoman Horvath, seconded by Councilman Berry, that Current Claims 6-1 through 6-28, with Number 6-7, Computer Technologies, reduced by \$890.60 (Mission of Peace), be approved.

1	AccuMed Billing Inc	Ambulance Runs	\$2,584.34	Fire
2	All Star Pools	Rpr & Maint Equip	\$2,800.00	Recreation
	All Star Pools	Supplies	\$710.00	Recreation
3	Allied Eagle Precast LLC	Supplies	\$3,861.16	Bldg Maint.
4	Atlas Oil Company	Motor Fuel	\$3,948.66	Fire
5	Belle Tire	Rpr & Maint Equip	\$1,785.64	Fire
6	Central Wayne Coun.Sanit. Auth.	Sanitation	\$36,245.16	General Govt.
7	Computer Technologies Inc	Repairs	\$2,630.75	Data Process
	Computer Technologies Inc	Repairs	\$1,360.50	Data Process
8	Detroit Salt Company	Road Maint. Splys	\$23,346.94	Highway
9	District No. 7 Dad's Club	Recreation	\$1,670.00	Recreation
10	Garden City Osteo. Hosp.	Workers Comp	\$7,608.40	General Govt.
11	Henry Ford Hospital	Workers Comp	\$2,827.96	General Govt.
12	Heritage Hospital	Workers Comp	\$19,524.25	General Govt.
13	Heritage Hospital	Workers Comp	\$8,278.36	General Govt.
14	Hydro Designs Inc	Prof/Consult	\$5,246.00	Water
15	Johnson Controls	Rep./Maint Grnds	\$2,577.17	Library
16	Lemmen Oil	Fuel	\$21,458.07	Water
17	Library Network, The	Telephones	\$7,146.94	Gen Library
18	Matt's Auto Service	Repair/Maint Eqpt	\$1,961.64	Police
19	McMullen Systems	Supplies	\$1,739.40	Treasurer
20	Monaghan P.C.	Prof Fees	\$14,773.23	General Govt.
21	Nagel Construction	Contr Service	\$19,835.74	Water
22	New Image Bldg. Services Inc	Contr Service	\$2,214.00	Library
23	P.A.L.S. Inc	Pals Admin	\$1,500.00	CDBG
	P.A.L.S. Inc	Pals Parking Lot	\$21,600.00	CDBG
24	R & R Fire Truck Repair	Repair/Maint Eqpt	\$3,228.07	Fire
25	Statewide Security Transport	Prisoner Lodging	\$3,422.63	General Govt.
26	US Bank	Fire Bond	\$51,956.25	General Govt.

27	Wayne County Dept of Environ.	Sewage Disposal	\$23,433.00	Water
	Wayne County Dept of Environ.	C.S.O. Retention	\$214,125.00	Water
28	Winder Police Equipment	Repair/Maint Eqpt	\$10,266.97	Police

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 12-070** Motion by Councilwoman Badalow, seconded by Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton, that the City Council concurs with and approves the recommendation from Daniel Brooks, of Wade Trim Associates, Inc., to award the Richard Young Center Rain Garden and Porous Parking Lot Project to the low bidder, Antler Construction with a bid of \$391,922.89. Also, a construction contingency fund be established for \$25,000.00, and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the Contract Agreement.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 12-071** Motion by Councilman Berry, seconded by Councilwoman Badalow, that the City Council concurs with the appointment of Councilwoman Lisa Hicks-Clayton, to fill a vacancy on the Commission on Aging, term ending April, 2014. Per Mayor Paletko, communication dated February 28, 2012.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 12-072** Motion by Councilwoman Horvath, seconded by Councilman Berry, to refer the Trash Ordinance Addition, to Corporation Counsel, then to a Study Session, per Councilman Apigian, communication dated February 15, 2012.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 12-073** Motion by Councilwoman Badalow, seconded by Councilwoman Van Houten, that the City Council accepts \$332,172.00 from the SAFER Grant, for 3 frontline Firefighters for a period of two years at zero cost to the City. The 2010 SAFER grant is from FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security. Per Chief Gurka, communication dated February 15, 2012.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 12-074** Motion by Councilman Apigian, seconded by Councilwoman Van Houten, that the City Council approves the request to accept an Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) for \$46,570.00. We are the recipient of this grant from FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security. The funds are earmarked for 20 new sets of firefighter turn-out gear. The City's 20% cost sharing is \$9,314.00 to come out of Fire-protective clothing budget. Further, that the City Comptroller be authorized to advertise for bids.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 12-075** Motion by Councilwoman Van Houten, seconded by Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton, that the City Council concur with the request to dispose of 2 pieces of obsolete office equipment. 1-HP Scan-Jet 8250 printer and 1-HP Laser-Jet 4500N color printer. Per Deputy Chief McNamee, communication dated February 20, 2012.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 12-076** Motion by Councilman Apigian, seconded by Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton, that the City Council supports the resolution to Oppose Efforts to Eliminate Personal Property Tax as follows, and forward to Governor Snyder, our State Legislators, and the Conference of Western Wayne:

WHEREAS, Property Tax and Personal Property Tax (PPT) are Michigan's oldest form of taxation and as such, have contributed greatly to the growth and success of Michigan by allowing local governments to provide essential services and attract investment; and

WHEREAS, Michigan, in 1983, chose to base all Property Tax on a market value basis which included the need for Personal Property Taxes for Industrial taxpayers as a tool to balance the tax burden between classes of property because the many unique industrial and commercial properties negated a sales analysis method of establishing "Market Value"; and

WHEREAS, the ratio of Personal Property Taxes as a share of all property taxes captured by local communities has declined by up to 50% in some areas resulting in a shift of the historic PPT tax burden to other classes of property; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan requirement of Equalization of the tax burden by Property Tax Class requires that the local tax burden be equally assigned between all classes of Property Tax; and

WHEREAS, Industrial Real Property has been allowed to have an artificially low real property value regardless of construction cost or original land value resulting in other classes of property assuming a disproportionate share of the tax burden; and

WHEREAS, any action to eliminate Personal Property Taxes would result in the Residential Classes being allocated a greater and disproportionate share of the tax burden in local communities; and

WHEREAS, the recently released Anderson Study focused solely on the burdens of Personal Property Tax on likely investment and not the overall business tax burden, focusing particularly on the Administrative costs and the uncertainty of tax increases associated with new investment; and

WHEREAS, the Ernst and Young most recent annual State tax analysis of the overall business tax burden comparison State by State reveals that Michigan has already achieved a very favorable tax position when compared with all 50 states; Michigan ranking 12th from the optimum in both the State Taxes and Local Taxes categories and 6th most optimum when all State and Local Taxes are combined.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dearborn Heights City Council opposes any effort to eliminate Personal Property Taxes in Michigan that would not either; effectively modify the manner of taxing Personal Property to be more predictable and less administratively burdensome by substituting a specific tax; or correct the disparity created by eliminating PPT which would result in the illegal distribution of the tax burden to other classes which would violate the rights of Residential taxpayers, by revising the manner in which the Market or Taxable Value of Real Industrial Property is determined to reflect an equal distribution of the local tax burden based on relative value; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution also be sent to Governor Snyder, our State Legislators, and the Conference of Western Wayne.

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

Nays: Councilman Berry, Councilwoman Van Houten.

Absent: None.

Motion adopted.

- 12-077** Motion by Councilwoman Horvath, seconded by Councilman Berry, that the City Council accepts the Election Commission report of the redistricting and consolidation of voting precincts in Dearborn Heights, per City Clerk Prusiewicz, communication dated February 22, 2012.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 12-078** Motion by Councilwoman Badalow, seconded by Councilwoman Horvath, that the Resolution from the City of Inkster re: District Court Consolidation Study be received, contents noted and filed.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 12-079** Motion by Councilwoman Van Houten, seconded by Councilwoman Badalow, that the business license renewal for Fairlane Eagles #3861, be approved.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 12-080** Motion by Councilwoman Horvath, seconded by Councilman Berry, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion unanimously adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

WALTER PRUSIEWICZ
CITY CLERK

KENNETH R. BARON
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

EVE SCHAFER
COUNCIL SECRETARY