

REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 23, 2000

00-054 The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. by Council Chairwoman Margaret M. Horvath.

Roll Call showed the following:

Present: Councilwoman Elizabeth J. Agius, Councilman Kenneth R. Baron, Councilwoman Janet L. Blackburn, Council Chairwoman Margaret M. Horvath, Councilman Daniel S. Paletko, Councilwoman Margaret Van Houten, Councilman Gregg Zulinski.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mayor Canfield, Executive Assistant Heise, Corporation Counsel Miotke, City Clerk Robbins, Financial Analyst Macari, Assessor Pargo, Building & Engineering Director Opalewski, Human Resources Director Sullivan, Deputy Police Chief Gust, Fire Marshal McDonagh, Recreation Director Grybel, Public Service Administrator Blackburn, Community Development Director Oliverio.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pvt. John Lyskawa Post #7546 Commander Robert Dinnell.

Lyskawa Post Commander Dinnell presented plaques to the Fireman and Policeman of the Year. The Fire Department's recommendation and honoree is Firefighter Mickey Wiewiura. Police Department's recommendation and honoree is Police Officer Gerald Skelton.

00-055 Motion by Councilwoman Van Houten, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn, that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2000, be approved as submitted.

Motion unanimously adopted.

00-056 Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Agius, that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2000, be approved as submitted.

Motion unanimously adopted.

The Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Floodplain and Wetlands Protection opened at 8:10 p.m., by Council Chairwoman Margaret M. Horvath.

Council Chairwoman Horvath waived the reading of the official notice of a Public Hearing and asked Community Development Director Oliverio for his opening remarks.

Community Development Director Oliverio stated "The City of Dearborn Heights is considering funding, with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies, four projects which are located either partially or fully within the 100-year floodplain. Use of federal funds requires compliance with federal Executive Orders 11988, Floodplain Management, and 11990, Protection of Wetlands. The subject projects are as follows:

1. Recreation Center Bond Program - The City is proposing to provide \$225,250 for a bond payment for the Community Recreation Center at Powers (Swapka) Park located at Powers and McKinley Streets in the City's south end. This is a continuing activity.
2. Parkland Park Improvements - This park, located on the City's northeast side, has been only minimally developed. The 1996 City Recreation Plan and the Parkland Park Master Development Plan identified recreational facility deficiencies and potential improvements. The City plans to allocate \$100,000 of its 2000-2001 CDBG funds to address needed improvements.

3. Senior Center Computers - The City is proposing to install computer workstations for local seniors' use at both the Berwyn and Eton Senior Centers. The City plans to allocate \$30,000 of its 2000-2001 CDBG funds to this project.
4. Tree Replacement Program - The City is proposing to replace a number of trees (City-wide) that have been lost due to storm damage and disease. The City plans to allocate \$20,000 of its 2000-2001 CDBG funds to address this need.

The City is interested in discussing practicable alternatives to these projects, learning public perceptions of possible adverse impacts that could result from undertaking these projects within the floodplain, and, identifying any possible administrative measures which can be used to reduce or eliminate any adverse effects."

Council Chairwoman Horvath asked if there were any questions or comments, hearing none, she asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

00-057 Motion by Councilwoman Van Houten, seconded by Councilman Baron, that the public hearing be closed.

Motion unanimously adopted.

The Community Development Floodplain and Wetlands Protection Public Hearing closed at 8:15 p.m.

The Public Hearing for the proposed Recreation Master Plan 2000-2005 opened at 8:16 p.m., by Council Chairwoman Margaret M. Horvath.

Council Chairwoman Horvath waived the reading of the official notice of a Public Hearing (notice follows).

Notice is hereby given that the City of Dearborn Heights City Council will hold a public hearing at a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 23 at 8:00 p.m., at the City of Dearborn Heights Administration Building, 6045 Fenton, Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48127.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed City of Dearborn Heights Recreation Master Plan 2000-2005. A recreation master plan assists the City and specifically the Parks and Recreation Department in identifying recreation needs within the community. The plan ultimately determines the most effective and efficient methods of improving the existing facilities, programs and properties as well as providing facilities, programs and properties beyond those which currently exist. While a Recreation Plan assists the community in determining its long-range goals and needs, if approved by the MDNR, it also qualifies the community for recreation grants which are administered through the MDNR Grants Management Section. The proposed Recreation Master Plan includes a community description, an overview of the administrative structure of the Parks and Recreation Department, an inventory of the existing recreation facilities, a needs assessment and analysis, and finally recommended goals, guidelines and capital improvements for the next five years.

This hearing is intended to provide an opportunity for interested citizens to express their opinions regarding the aspects of the proposed Recreation Master Plan.

Copies of the proposed City of Dearborn Heights Recreation Master Plan are available for review at the following locations during normal office hours:

City of Dearborn Heights; Canfield Community Center, 1801 N Beech Daly Road, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127 and the Richard A. Young Recreation Center, 5400 McKinley Boulevard, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125.

Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention

of Joyce A. Robbins, City Clerk, at the City Hall address cited above. All written comments must be received by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 21, 2000.

The City of Dearborn Heights will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the public hearing to individuals with disabilities. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Dearborn Heights Clerk at least two days prior to the hearing. Joyce A. Robbins, Dearborn Heights, City Clerk. Published February 10, 2000 and February 17, 2000.

Council Chairwoman Horvath asked Recreation Director Grybel for his opening remarks.

A "Recreation Master Plan Executive Summary" presented to Council and Administration.

Parks & Recreation Director Grybel "We are very proud to present our first rendering of the City's Five Year Recreation Master Plan. This is a process which involves the community and citizens at large and tonight is that opportunity for the community to speak in a public forum and express their concerns or wish to add input into the process. The City is required to have on file at all times a Five Year Recreation Master Plan with the Department of Natural Resources and this will enable us to each year qualify for grants when they become available. At this time I would like to introduce Carol Kroop, from Wade-Trim who has been our facilitator through the process and she will give a quick overview of the process and then she will highlight the different aspects of the plan as we have it developed at this point."

Carol Kroop, Wade-Trim "There are several reasons for the thought process of developing a Recreation Master Plan, the first one is our City's plan expires as of this year so we want to make sure that we have a Recreation Master Plan and the second is creating a Master Plan assists the City, specifically the Parks & Recreation Department, in identifying recreation needs throughout the City. Those recreation needs tend to change on a five year/ten year basis and so it's important that we keep track of those changes so we can respond to the recreation needs. We also want to look at the most effective and cost efficient way of providing these services to the City. The MDNR requires the Recreation Master Plan to be in place and approved in order to qualify for funding. So those are the reasons why we always want to have this Master Plan in place. Now the MDNR puts together a Recreation Master Plan checklist and this draft recreation master plan follows point by point the MDNR checklist so they can follow through it and you can follow through it and make sure that each of the items is covered and really be able to follow that in an orderly format. This checklist requires a community description. A lot of the planning process behind the plan, the demographics of the City; the age differentiations; different areas of the city on population, income levels, average household values all that kind of data is gathered into the social and physical characteristics of the plan. Then we went through a very extensive recreation inventory. We inventoried every park in the City and the City's facilities not only for equipment, programs and parkland facilities but also for ADA requirements for handicapped accessibility. The plan requires an Administrative structure section that describes the structure of the City, City Council, Recreation and Parks Department and the Boards and Commissions that have input into that process. The Plan requires public involvement process and that is part of what we are doing tonight. -It requires a Basis for Action component, that's a justification for the proposals that we put forward and then an Action Program which lists the goals, the guidelines and capital improvements that this plan is recommending for the next five year period and then the long range goals that we would like to be picked up in the next round of planning that we have not necessarily provided for in capital improvements but we don't want dropped completely.

Tonight I am going to make this fairly brief and touch on the last three components of this plan. The Public Involvement Process, the Basis for Action and the Action Program. To start with the Public Involvement Process the Recreation Advisory Committee was formed back in December when we started working on this plan. This committee met every two weeks, they reviewed draft documents of each of the components of the plan, they made notes on the supplements and comments; they met for an hour and a half every other Wednesday night and really did an awful lot of hard work on this plan. This Advisory Committee was made up of the Chairman of the

Recreation Commission and the Vice Chairman of the Commission, Ron Bukowski and Bill Eby. In addition Marie Derry, the Chairman of the Planning Commission was an Advisory Commission member, Angelo Batsakis, a past Strategic Task Force Planning Member, who is also a former superintendent of the District 7 schools; Jim Polanski who has been a long-time District 7 Dad's Club member and an active city participant; Colleen Krizanac a past Strategic Task Force member and Crestwood District Board member. We have two major school districts represented in terms of the schools population and Ken Grybel who is your Director of Parks and Recreation. My company, Wade-Trim, municipal consulting firm helped with the coordination and organization of this plan as well. We had a lot of newspaper coverage on the plan. The Heritage Sunday printed an article on December 5; the Times Herald printed two articles, one on December 15 and one on January 19; the Dearborn Press and Guide covered the process of the plan on February 10. So it has been in the public venue and evidenced that this plan is in the process and being worked on. We published Public Hearing notices for tonight's hearing on February 10 and February 17 and at that time along with that Public Hearing Notice we made draft copies of this plan available at the Canfield Recreation Center and at the Richard Young Recreation Center, so those have been on display since February 10 at those two locations. Further planning process that will be enacted before we are finished with this plan is a Council work session scheduled for a week from today where we will present the plan in all of its components to the City Council and again open to public input, Council input at that point. We will also present the plan to the Planning Commission and the Recreation Commission. Those commissions do get reports back from their standing members. The Plan adoption will take place in the month of March once any modifications in the plan are made and will be presented to City Council, to Planning Commission and to the Recreation Commission for endorsement and sent on to governmental agency.

The Basis for Action component of the Plan is really a justification for what we want to do here in Dearborn Heights. There are about a dozen of these maps in the plan. This first map shows the neighborhood park service areas. These are half mile service area radius and we tried to show differentiation between major places, like crossing Ford Road or crossing Telegraph Road because in that half mile radius you want a place where your ten year old can ride a bike to the park within a short distance from his home, he doesn't have to cross major roads but can find available to him some sort of active recreation. We are able to look then where service gaps exist and try to evaluate if there is available land there to acquire new park land, can you go a little bit out of that half mile radius, for example 3/4 of a mile, and not have to cross major roads but still be within some usable park land. What we found was an area that was boarded by the Rouge River, Ford Road and Telegraph where there is no active, usable park space available and some areas especially around the Hines Drive parkway where City parkland isn't available but there is extensive County parkland. We then went on to city-wide and community park service areas. This is where you should be able to drive and park when you go to a park; it's not going to be where you are going to send your pre-schooler, your teenager, anybody that has to go across a busy street by themselves. The components here should be bathroom facilities at the site and parking at the site so you don't have to go back home in order to be able to use the park. The City is very well covered in that respect. This is a two mile service radius and the major parks all overlap and cover that two mile service area. So in justification for acquiring parkland we have a lot of different factors but predominantly the City is well covered and well proportioned. In addition for the Basis for Action we look at participation trends. We have senior centers, ski programs for the Dearborn Heights Ski Club, for all of the other major organizations we look at a needs analysis and the inventory, meeting with the City staff and input from the Advisory Commission. Then we developed an Action Plan and put together capital improvement programs for this plan. This is to provide a framework for the decisions that are made. It's not going to be added and say well neighborhood A has \$200,000 and neighborhood B only has \$100,000 because the funding is going to be based year by year on the City budget. This plan doesn't dictate the funding, it only recommends how much funding we think it will take to be able to implement these programs and the funding also depends on MDNR grants, Block grants on the available City budget and there are new funding sources becoming available all the time, old funding sources going away. So its a practicable tool for use over the next five years to take a look at what kinds of programs you want to put into place and what kind of long range planning you want to initiate. This plan can be amended at any point and in fact because so

much of the census information is 1990 we have envelopes built into the plan in order to put in new census date at it is generated. Over the next five year period we expect a lot of updated and pertinent information to be added.

At this time Ms. Kroop presented Council with the proposed Capital Improvements from Year 1 to Year 5 as shown in the "Recreation Master Plan Executive Summary" presented earlier to Council and Administration.

Overview:

Year 1 - Proposed Capital Improvements:

Parkland Park - Picnic Pavilion; ADA Trailway; Sand Volleyball Courts (2); Multi-Play Structure for 6 to 12 year olds; Two tennis Courts; Football Field fence and irrigation system and transfer of Park Ownership.

Daly Park - Multi Play Structure for ages 5 year olds and under.

Berwyn Park - Install Walking Track; Multi Play Structure for ages 5 year olds and under.

Berwyn Senior Center - Expanded Parking Facilities.

Year 2 - Proposed Capital Improvements:

Parkland Park - Regulation In-line Rink with boards; Redesign Sledding Hill, add lighting.

Daly Park - Replace two (2) Tennis Courts.

McMillan Park - Transfer Park Ownership to City.

Central Park - Multi Play Structure for ages 6 to 12 year olds.

Municipal Park - Install Park Pavilion.

Heather Lane Park - Replace two (2) Tennis Courts; Replace Multi Play Structure; Install Neighborhood use In-line Rink.

Year 3 - Proposed Capital Improvements:

Parkland Park - Install ADA Trailway from Emery Street; Install Open Air Amphitheater; Pave Parking Lot - Section B

Swapka-Powers Park - Replace four (4) Tennis Courts.

McMillan Park - Play Equipment and Landscaping.

Central Park - Replace seven (7) Tennis Courts; Install ADA Trailway.

Richard A. Young Center - Acquire two (2) Powers Street Parcels.

00-058 Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilman Zulinski, to recess the meeting.

Meeting recessed at 8:33 p.m.

00-059 Motion by Councilwoman Van Houten, seconded by Councilman Zulinski, to resume the meeting.

Meeting resumed at 8:55 p.m.

Ms. Kroop continued with last two years of proposed capital improvements.

Year 4 - Proposed Capital Improvements:

Parkland Park - Multi Play Structure for ages 5 years old and under; Install ADA Trailway with two (2) Bridges over Rouge River; Install Welcome Center/Nature Center.

Swapka-Powers Park - Replace Pavilion, include Indoor Kitchen Facilities; Install Comfort Station/Concession Building; Install Neighborhood Use In-line Rink.
Central Park - Install Neighborhood Use In-line Rink.

Year 5 - Proposed Capital Improvements:

Canfield Community Center - Construct 35,000 Square Foot Addition.
Richard A. Young Center - Construct Outdoor Swim Center.

City-Wide Park System - Implement ADA Accessibility Program to include hard surface walkways and bleacher modifications.

Ms. Kroop “That is the conclusion of the capital improvements planned and welcome Recreation Director to give you some closing comments and we will open the public hearing for questions or comments.”

Recreation Director Grybel “Thank you Carol. In closing it has been an energized effort I hope that you will see that there is an intent to make sure that all areas of the community were covered. Basically, we looked at deficiencies and tried to come up with a constructive plan that would achieve improving those deficiencies. I think in some areas we were aggressive but I think it is realistic, I think this isn’t the first time this has been brought to anyone’s attention. A lot of these items were in the last plan and we were able to achieve some of those things in the last plan but of course, in no way does this plan commit the City to these projects. It doesn’t mean the City is committed to do these, it means the financial opportunities and if everything were to fall in place then this is what we are targeting as our goal. Things that we need in our recreation. We are in favor for comments from the general public.”

Council Chairwoman Horvath “Do we have any in-line skating at the south end?”

Recreation Director “We have one in-line skating at Daly Park.”

Council Chairwoman Horvath “Okay, with that in mind can there be any trade offs, I know that this isn’t something that going to actually happen.”

Recreation Director “Yes, this plan isn’t final this is just the work of the committee who have gone through the process and now this is where we fine tune the plan. So at this time it would be the general public’s opportunity tonight basically to give input on any recreational issues they feel are important and next week at Study Session you will get a complete copy of the plan prior to that meeting. Between now and then there is time for City Council to think a little further in regards to what we are recommending and then if we want to tweak or change the priority or change the order, that is all open for discussion and debate.”

Council Chairwoman Horvath “Are there any questions from the Council?”

Councilwoman Blackburn “Will that plan include the dollars that are in place now to start these projects?”

Recreation Director “Yes, in fact I think that is part of your package that actually identifies at this point what the costs of these projects would be and gives some options regarding funding sources. That doesn’t mean it would be any one of these specifically, it could be a combination. It gives you an idea of where monies could come from and these are areas that we would be looking for funding for these projects. In almost every case we have grants and block grant funds which have been really the focal point of supporting recreational improvements up to this point in Dearborn Heights.”

Council Chairwoman Horvath “Are there any comments from the audience?”

Susan Lewkut, 6535 Kinloch “If we could still get some kind of in-line skating rink somewhere

between Kinloch Park and the Berwyn Center I would be happy. We really need it, we don't have anything within the Beech Daly, Warren and Inkster area.

Derek Pennington, Colonial "Are these projects financially feasible under the current budget or are you saying we need to come up with creative ways for funding as well?"

Recreation Director "At this point, I would almost have to say they are not obtainable under the current budget. We will rely on block grant and state grants.

Derek Pennington "The only other comment I would have is we need some sort of basketball facility for north end kids Whether it be outside or inside gym. I know the Young Center has the courts available down there but there is really nothing, a lot of the schools do not have the outdoor playgrounds for basketball anymore. I think something is lacking and it should possibly be added to the plan."

Councilwoman Blackburn "Actually, Ken maybe Wade-Trim can help you on this. On the in-line rink for neighborhood use that are flat, that is just a flat paved cement, right or is it asphalt?"

Recreation Director "It's probably asphalt."

Councilwoman Blackburn "It seems to me kids aren't interested in regulation size anything if it's not a basketball court, if you could somehow incorporate on the in-line a basketball hoop on each end?"

Recreation Director "The only problem with that I have seen in terms of multiple and they have done it in the past with tennis courts that you get yourself in a conflicting situation. You're better off with separate uses because the kids that want to play basketball and the kids who want to in-line skating come to the same facilities. Then it's a matter of who gets there first and maybe who's stronger. That has been done in other communities but unfortunately my experience has been conflict."

Councilman Zulinski "We have plans to possibly put an in-line rink at Parkland before we would do something like that would we not evaluate whether or not there are enough children to support that in that area? Like she was saying you want your child to be able to go a couple of blocks from your home how many children are there that would actually go on their bicycles?"

Recreation Director "Number one, Parkland Park is not a neighborhood park. It's a community park, it has bathroom facilities and you would drive to it. I have a seventeen year old son and I'm in Dearborn quite regularly to play because they have the boards. If you build the facility I guarantee you will have the children 12 and up they would be chomping for the opportunity to get to Parkland Park to play on a full size with boards in-line rink. There are opportunities to get on leagues and it goes on and on as to what we could do at the facility. The neighborhood settings are the ones that you walk to and those are the ones that we want to place in the neighborhoods where the kids would go to and they would be a little smaller in size."

Councilwoman Blackburn "Is there any way to move up some of the time lines perhaps on the neighborhood in-line rinks?"

Recreation Director "We could do that, basically what we try to look at is needs. We can discuss this next week at the work study on whether we want to redefine it and change part of it. We would ask City Council on what you would like to see funded. These are basic deficiencies, we went through appraisals and to the best of our ability we aren't committed, for example if monies were to become available for a project in year four next year all we have to do, because it is in there, is we amend our plan. We can then move it up. This plan is very flexible."

Mayor Canfield "In Daly Park we had tennis courts and kids were using it for in-line skating all the time so we put the in-line skating in to hopefully keep them out of the tennis courts and it has done a real good job of doing that but there was major conflict there because people wanted to

skate and other people wanted to play tennis.”

Susan Lewkut “I just wanted to comment that I disagree as far as driving your child somewhere with all the working moms out there, when it comes down to letting your child go down to the end of the block to in-line skate outside then to put them in the car and drive them somewhere moms and dads are working all the time your not going to get it.”

Council Chairwoman Horvath “I found a couple of places we could move it around that’s why I asked the question. We are going to meet with Ken next week so you have your homework assignment come back with your notes.”

Gary Thompson, Times Herald “I just wanted to clarify a point I understand that the City has recently received a grant from the State for Parkland Park and I just wanted to know if it was listed in this plan.”

Recreation Director “Yes, because at the time we were working on this plan we weren’t assured that we were going to the grant so in the items for year one capital improvement some of the items under Parkland Park will go under the grant. In case we didn’t get funded we had to make sure that was still in our plan when it went to MDNR when we reapply in April but it looks like we won’t have to do that.”

Council Chairwoman Horvath asked if there were any questions or comments, hearing none, she asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

00-060 Motion by Councilman Zulinski, seconded by Councilman Baron, that the public hearing be closed.

Motion unanimously adopted.

The Proposed Recreation Master Plan 2000-2005 Public Hearing closed at 9:07 p.m.

00-061 Motion by Councilwoman Blackburn, seconded by Councilman Zulinski, that Current Claims 6-1 through 6-13, be approved with the exclusion of Current Claim 6-12, Wayne County Department of Environment.

1. BIS COMPUTER SOLUTIONS - Y2K Upgrade - Final Inv. #4038 dated 02/03/00 from A/C 101-300-818-000 (Contract Serv.) \$2,997.55. Police Dept.
2. BS&A SOFTWARE - Assessing System Support/Service - Inv. 982337 dated 02/01/00 from A/C 101-209-818-000 (Contract Serv.) \$2,800.00. Assessor.
3. ELLEFSON BUILDING DEMOLITION CO., INC. - Two Buildings Demo’s - Inv.’s dated 02/08/00 from A/C 101-371-818-010 (Demo’s) \$10,900.00. Building/Eng.
4. FIRST STEP - Counseling Services - Inv. For 10/99-12/99 from A/C 103-960-927-099 (First Step) \$3,099.92. Community Devel.
5. NAGEL CONSTRUCTION - Sewer Cleaning Program - Inv. 1227 dated 01/31/00 from A/C 592-540-818-030 (Contract Serv. Cleaning) \$8,972.49. Water Dept.
6. PAINTER & RUTHENBERG - Roll Off Service & Newsprint - Inv. 33660 and 33673 dated 02/02/00 from A/C 101-200-810-000 (Sanitation) \$3,825.00. General Govt.
7. PLANTE & MORAN - Professional Services January 2000 - Inv. 644219 dated 02/11/00 from A/C 101-200-817-000 (Prof/Consult) \$2,120.00 and A/C 592-536-817-000 (Prof/Consult) \$550.00. General Govt.
8. QUAD-TRAN OF MICHIGAN - Data Processing February 2000 - Inv. 3266 dated 01/31/00 from A/C 101-130-818-000 (Contract Serv.) \$3,200.00; A/C 101-200-728-000 (Office Supplies) \$1,853.61 and A/C 101-130-728-000 (Office Supplies) \$1,308.40. District Court.
9. RAIDERS & REDSKINS - Youth Football Allotments - Ck. Req. dated 02/09/00 from A/C 101-691-887-000 (Rec Programs) \$8,200.00. Recreation.

10. TODAY LINK - Internet Services January 2000 - Inv. 1004 dated 02/01/00 from A/C 101-200-819-999 (Internet) \$5,563.50. General Govt.
11. WADE-TRIM/ASSOCIATES - Inspection Waterline Legacy Park - Inv. 64638 dated 01/18/00 from A/C 592-XXX-255-000 (Jobs in Progress) \$1,738.60. Water Dept.
13. WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT - Principal & Interest SRF Bonds - Inv. 89359 dated 02/07/00 from A/C 592-905-992-001 (Principal SRF) \$115,000.00 and A/C 592-905-992-002 (Interest SRF) \$26,156.25. Water Dept.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 00-062** Motion by Councilman Zulinski, seconded by Councilwoman Agius, that the City Comptroller be authorized to advertise for bids, per specifications, for the 2000 Grass Cutting Program, per the request of Building & Engineering Director Opalewski, communication dated February 16, 2000.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 00-063** Motion by Councilwoman Agius, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn, that the lowest bidder meeting all specifications, Crandall-Worthington Company, 21208 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale, MI 48220, for one (1) Clarke Model L20 Automatic Floor Scrubber, in the amount of \$4,997.00, and payment thereof, be approved, per Recreation Director Grybel, communication dated February 9, 2000. Funds for this purchase have been allocated in the R.A. Young Recreation Center Capital Outlay A/C 692-981.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 00-064** Motion by Councilwoman Van Houten, seconded by Councilman Paletko, that the City Council adopt the resolution submitted by Mayor Canfield, dated February 15, 2000
Re: Traffic Signal at Beech Daly and Kennedy as follows:

WHEREAS, recent traffic incidents at Beech Daly Road at Kennedy Street have heightened community concern regarding this intersection, and;

WHEREAS, a traffic signal regulating northbound, westbound and southbound traffic currently exists at the intersection of Beech Daly and Kennedy Street, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Dearborn Heights and the Crestwood School District have determined that the hours of operation of this traffic signal be changed to 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Friday, in order to protect neighborhood children going to and from school;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT: The City of Dearborn Heights Mayor and City Council urges the County of Wayne to expand the hours of operation of the Beech Daly/Kennedy Street intersection street light to the hours of 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Friday; further, that copies of this Resolution be distributed to Wayne County DPW Director Cameron Priebe, Wayne County DPS Traffic Safety Engineer Victoria Holland, Crestwood School District Superintendent Oscar Brown, and the Crestwood School District Board.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 00-065** Motion by Councilman Zulinski, seconded by Councilwoman Agius, that the City Council adopt the resolution submitted by Mayor Canfield, dated February 14, 2000
Re: Support of the "Let Local Votes Count" Ballot Proposal as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Dearborn Heights, like other local governments around Michigan, are empowered to enact and enforce policies, ordinances, and contracts to maintain and enhance the health, safety, and welfare of its residents, and;

WHEREAS, historically, the City of Dearborn Heights, and other municipalities throughout Michigan have exercised "Home Rule" decision-making authority, pursuant to State Law, to address the wishes and desires of local residents in a manner that reflects local needs and values, and;

WHEREAS, recent actions by the Michigan State Legislature to restrict, preempt, or override municipal policies, ordinances, and contracts have sharply eroded municipal Home Rule authority, and;

WHEREAS, the Michigan Municipal League has proposed an amendment to the Michigan Constitution to require a two-thirds vote of each chamber of the Michigan Legislature on any legislative bill that seeks to restrict or preempt the powers and authorities of cities, villages, townships, counties, or municipal authorities under Home Rule, and;

WHEREAS, the M.L.'s "Let Local Votes Count" campaign is gathering the signatures of at least 302,711 registered Michigan voters to place the proposed Constitutional Amendment on the November 7, 2000, statewide ballot;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Dearborn Heights supports the intent of the "Let Local Votes Count" ballot initiative of the Michigan Municipal League, and encourages its citizens to review the proposal and join in the support of Home Rule throughout Michigan. Further, that copies of this Resolution be distributed to Governor John Engler, State Senator George Hart, State Representative Bob Brown, State Representatives Gosselin and Raczkowski, the Michigan Municipal League, SEMCOG, and the Conference of Western Wayne.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 00-066** Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilman Zulinski, that the City Council concurs with and approves the "By-Laws for the Establishment of a Dearborn Heights Library Advisory Board" as required under City Charter Section 5.12, per Mayor Canfield, communication dated February 15, 2000.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 00-067** Motion by Councilwoman Agius, seconded by Councilman Zulinski, that the City Council concurs with and approves the appointments of the following individuals to the Library Advisory Board:

Richard Czarnecki, 6707 Plainfield, Christine Dobrovich, 548 Plainfield, Robin McNary-McLaughlin, 26355 Doxtator and Tim Powers, 8467 Riverdale, terms to expire February 2003;

Marie Gerhart, 24391 Hopkins, Sherry Kosko, 4165 Katherine, Kathy Makki, 26766 Cecile and Derek Pennington, 6532 Colonial, terms to expire February 2002 and;

Ruth Bangert, 23423 Annapolis, Tracy Blazy, 26341 Pennie and Emmy Peck, 6739 Plainfield, terms to expire February 2001.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 00-068** Motion by Councilman Zulinski, seconded by Councilman Baron, that the City Council concurs with and approves the appointment of Mr. Tim Emery, 25839 Eton, to the Tax

Increment Finance Authority, term to expire December 2001, per Mayor Canfield, communication dated February 16, 2000.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 00-069** Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilman Zulinski, that the City Council concurs with the recommendation of Chairwoman Horvath to nominate Mr. Irvin Natkowski to Mayor Canfield as a member of the Dearborn Heights Commission on Aging, per Council Chairwoman Horvath, communication dated February 16, 2000.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 00-070** Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilman Zulinski, that the City Council approve the proposed Sanitation Millage Renewal ballot language as follows:

Shall the City of Dearborn Heights be authorized to renew the levy previously approved under Section 10.1 of the City Charter of up to 0.82 of one mill for ten (10) years, commencing in 2001, to renew funding for the City's contractual payment obligation to the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$980,000, in the first year; 0.82 of one mill represents 82 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation on all taxable property in the City; per Treasurer Riley, communication dated February 16, 2000.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 00-071** Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn, that the City Council concurs with and approves a fund transfer to cover the costs of a laser printer, metal cabinet and printer stand as follows:

\$1,046.00 from A/C 101-130-804-000 (Court Trial Fees) to A/C 101-130-981-000 (Capital Outlay) per, Court Administrator Zeppa, communication dated February 16, 2000.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 00-072** Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Agius, that the City Council concurs with and approves the request to dispose of the following serviceable equipment:

One (1) fax machine, Tag #7280; one (1) projector, Tag #3406; one printer, Tag #7362; one telephone, Tag #7274; one bookcase, Tag #2160; one (1) metal cart, Tag #2056 and eight (8) chairs, Tag #'s 2227, 1988, 2214, 2152, 2151, 2188, 2215 and 2229, per Linda Zeppa, Court Administrator, communication dated February 16, 2000.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 00-073** Motion by Councilwoman Van Houten, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn, that the Resolution Appointing the TIFA Board as the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority be adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, the City is authorized by the provisions of Act 381, Public Acts of Michigan, 1996 ("Act 381"), to create a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority; and

WHEREAS, a proposed resolution incorporating a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and designating a Brownfield Redevelopment Zone pursuant to Act 381 was presented to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing in connection with the consideration of such proposed

resolution as required by Act 381, was held; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 1997, the City Council adopted a resolution identified under Motion 97-547 with the intent to both establish a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, and designating the boundaries of the zone within which the authority shall exercise its power; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan acknowledged by letter dated December 11, 1997, the receipt and filing by the City of Dearborn Heights a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority in accordance with the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act; and;

WHEREAS, upon re-reading such documentation, the resolution establishing the Brownfield Authority may be considered insufficient to comply with Section 4 (3) of State PA 381 of 1996;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The City Council does hereby resolve, as a means to clarify its earlier action implied by its October 14, 1997 resolution, that the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority shall be under the supervision and control of the board of the Tax Increment Finance Authority established under the Tax Increment Finance Act, Act No. 450 of the Public Acts of 1980, per Acting TIFA Administrator Oliverio, communication dated February 8, 2000.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 00-074** Motion by Councilman Zulinski, seconded by Councilwoman Van Houten, that the request from Police Chief Webber, dated February 7, 2000 to purchase one (1) 2000 Ford Explorer 4 door 4 x 4 from Signature Ford of Perry, MI, in the amount of \$23,883.00, and payment thereof, be approved. This vehicle is under the Macomb County Contract. Funds for this purchase will be taken from the Forfeiture Account.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 00-075** Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilman Baron, that the City Council concurs with the recommendation of the Tax Increment Finance Authority and adopts the 2000-2001 TIFA Budget, in the proposed amount of \$1,300,000.00 per, Acting TIFA Administrator Oliverio, communication dated February 14, 2000.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 00-076** Motion by Councilwoman Van Houten, seconded by Councilman Baron, that the City Council approve the request from John V. Sanker II, Manager of the Dearborn Heights Little Caesars Baseball Team, to do door-to-door collection of bottles and cans to help defray the costs of uniforms during the months of March and April.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 00-077** Motion by Councilman Zulinski, seconded by Councilman Baron, that the business license renewal for Rose Garden Restaurant, 5680 N Telegraph, be approved.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 00-078** Motion by Councilman Zulinski, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion unanimously adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

**JOYCE A. ROBBINS
CITY CLERK**

**MARGARET M. HORVATH, CHAIRWOMAN
CITY COUNCIL**

**MARIA E. LAWRENCE
COUNCIL/CLERK SECRETARY**