

REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 23, 1993

- 93-61 The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m., by Council Chairman Daniel S. Paletko.

Roll call showed the following:

Present: Councilman Robert L. Brown, Councilman David C. Brunell, Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, Councilman Thomas W. Miles, Council Chairman Daniel S. Paletko.

Absent: Councilman Gary P. Blackburn.

Also Present: Mayor Van Houten, Administrative Assistant Hitsky, Corporation Counsel Stevens, City Clerk Sheridan, Deputy Clerk Robbins, Comptroller Barrow, Assessor Welch, Building & Engineering Director Hamel, Personnel Director Sullivan, Deputy Police Chief Jednacz, Deputy Fire Chief Langlois, Recreation Director Grybel, Public Service Administrator Preston, Community Development Director Oliverio.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Boy Scouts in the audience.

Mayor Van Houten presented certificates to the Boy Scouts who participated in Scouts in Government Day.

- 93-62 Motion by Councilman Thomas W. Miles, supported by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, that the agenda for the Regular Meeting of February 23, 1993, be approved as submitted.

Motion adopted.

- 93-63 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Robert L. Brown, that the minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 9, 1993, be approved as submitted.

Motion adopted.

- 93-64 Motion by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, supported by Councilman Thomas W. Miles, that Fund Transfer 6-A and Current Claims 6-1 through 6-11 be approved as submitted.

- A. \$2,000.00 from A/C 371-818 (Contract Serv \$1,000.00) and A/C 371-728 (Office Supplies \$1,000.00) to A/C 371-932 (Repair & Maint Equip). Bldg. Eng.
- 1. BRANDON ROGERS & ASSOC - Professional services for Jan. 1993. Inv. 1030-FB-93, 2/1/93. From A/C 801-817 (Professional & Consult) \$1,897.00. Planning Comm.
- 2. CENTRAL WAYNE COUNTY SANITATION AUTH - Materials delivered Jan. 1993. Inv. 2/1/93. From A/C 200-810 (Sanitation) \$99,044.73. Gen. Govt.
- 3. CITY OF DEARBORN - Water and sewage for 9/15 - 12/15/92. Inv. 20001, 1/5/93. From A/C 592-537-929 (Sewage Disposal) \$2,354.75 and A/C 592-537-928 (Water Purchased) \$646.80. Water.
- 4. THE GARRISON COMPANY - Partial payment on WW Grainger Project. Ck. req. 1/26/93. From A/C 592-XXX-255 (Jobs in Progress) \$14,372.00. Water.
- 5. QUAD-TRAN OF MICHIGAN - Data processing for Feb. 1993. Inv. 604, 1/29/93. From A/C 130-818 (Contractual Services) \$3,000.00. District Court.
- 6. RAIDERS & REDSKINS FOOTBALL - Football allotment for 1992-93. Ck. req. 2/4/93. Raiders Football Assoc. \$3,300.00, Redskins Football Assoc. \$3,900.00. From A/C 691-887 (Recreation Programs) \$7,200.00. Recreation.
- 7. RUDDER LIMITED - City wide meter installation project. Inv. 10121, 1/30/93; Inv. 10122, 1/30/93. From A/C 592-537-981 (Capital Outlay) \$1,856.00. Enc. Water.

8. STRINGARI, FRITZ, KREGER, AHERN - Legal services for Jan. 1993. Inv. 1/31/93. From A/C 200-817 (Professional & Consult) \$3,006.80. Gen. Govt.
9. TEITGE ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOC. - Workers Compensation injury to Mark Casper. Ck. req. 2/8/93. From A/C 200-724 (Workers Compensation) \$5,029.00. Gen. Govt.
10. WAYNE COUNTY - DEPT OF ROADS - Lines painted on major streets. Inv. 76539. 2/8/93. From A/C 440-818 (Contractual Services) \$5,801.85. DPW-Highway.
11. WESTLAND TREE SERVICE - Tree trimming & removal. Inv. 2/15/93. From A/C 440-820 (Tree trimming & removal) \$5,967.68. DPW-Highway.

Motion adopted.

- 93-65 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Robert L. Brown, that the 1992 Police Department Annual Report be received, contents noted, and filed.

Motion adopted.

- 93-66 Motion by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, supported by Councilman Thomas W. Miles, that the traffic count in the alley s/o Warren between Beech Daly and Whitefield, per Cpl. Calzaretta's communication dated February 15, 1993, be received, contents noted, and filed.

Motion adopted.

- 93-67 Motion by Councilman David C. Brunell, supported by Councilman Thomas W. Miles, that the City Council concur with and approve awarding all beer supplies for the 1993 Spirit Festival to Central Distributors, per Recreation Director Grybel, communication dated February 15, 1993.

Motion adopted.

- 93-68 Motion by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, supported by Councilman David C. Brunell, that a Public Hearing be held March 16, 1993, at 7:30 p.m., for 1993 Quality of Life Grant Application for football field lighting and bleacher replacement at Chircop Field, per Recreation Director Grybel, communication dated February 17, 1993.

Motion adopted.

- 93-69 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Robert L. Brown, that the Development Plan and Finance Plan Update for the Westwood Development Area, per TIFA Administrator Oliverio, communication dated February 4, 1993, be tabled.

Motion adopted.

- 93-70 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, that a Public Hearing be held March 16, 1993 at 7:30 p.m., for 1993 Quality of Life Grant Application for Repaving of Canfield Parking Lot and Circular Drive, per Community Development Director Oliverio, communication dated February 15, 1993.

Motion adopted.

- 93-71 Motion by Councilman Robert L. Brown, supported by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, that the City Council accept the Consolidated Contributions Contract Authority of \$161,868.00 for an additional 25 Section 8 Housing Vouchers, per Housing Commission Director Oliverio, communication dated February 9, 1993.

Motion adopted.

- 93-72 Motion by Councilman Robert L. Brown, supported by Councilman David C. Brunell, that the following resolution re: District Seven Dads club be adopted, and presentation to be made at the 40th anniversary celebration of the organization on March 27, 1993.

WHEREAS the District Seven Dads Club was established by Unk Lloyd Harris and Peter Stephen, Jr. forty years ago, and

WHEREAS the original and ongoing philosophy of this organization has been to provide a sports program to Dearborn Heights children and

WHEREAS a concept that began with a few and ultimately grew to number thousands of young people, and

WHEREAS volunteers came forth to donate their time and talents, and

WHEREAS these volunteers have enabled the organization to continue as an unparalleled example to the community, and

WHEREAS the District Seven Dads Club has become synonymous with the spirits of camaraderie, teamwork and fair play, and

WHEREAS the activities made available through this organization have filled an immeasurable void, and

WHEREAS the experience, encouragement and benefit reaped by participants have been of a positive nature, and

WHEREAS the City of Dearborn Heights is proud to acknowledge the service to the children provided by the District Seven Dads Club, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED all elected officials of the City of Dearborn Heights join as one to congratulate the District Seven Dads Club for its invaluable contribution to the children of the community.

Motion adopted.

- 93-73 Motion by Councilman Robert L. Brown, supported by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, that City Clerk Sheridan's communication dated February 17, 1993, re: Council Motion 92-608, be tabled to the next Council Meeting.

AYES: Councilman Robert L. Brown, Councilman David C. Brunell, Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, Councilman Thomas W. Miles, Council Chairman Daniel S. Paletko.
NAYS: Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield.
ABSENT: Councilman Gary P. Blackburn.

Motion adopted.

- 93-74 Motion by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, supported by Councilman Robert L. Brown, that the following resolution re: Property Tax Relief, be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Homestead Property Tax Credit was established in Public Act 20 of 1973 when the average price of a home in Dearborn Heights was \$38,000; and

WHEREAS, the stock of homes in Dearborn Heights has remained stable, but the average price has increased to \$72,340, therefore creating large tax bill increases since 1973; and

WHEREAS, the maximum Homestead Property Tax Credit of \$1,200 has not been adjusted correspondingly; and

WHEREAS, the Homestead Property Tax Credit was established to give appropriate property tax relief directly to the homeowners of Michigan, with particular relief to those with lower incomes; and

WHEREAS, the Headlee amendment has caused a decrease in commercial and industrial taxes while only slowing the increases on residential; and

WHEREAS, the resulting property taxes have become an increasing burden on homeowners in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the severity of the burden varies depending on the income of the homeowner; and

WHEREAS, the most accurate determination of the severity of the burden is through the current Homestead Property Tax Credit.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Dearborn Heights implores the Governor and State Legislators to revamp and update the Homestead Property Tax Credit to a maximum rebate of \$2,500 which would be annually indexed for inflation.

Motion adopted.

- 93-75 Motion by Councilman Robert L. Brown, supported by Councilman David C. Brunell, that the resolution from the Charter Township of Van Buren re: Property Tax Relief, be received, contents noted, and filed.

Motion adopted.

- 93-76 Motion by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, supported by Councilman Thomas W. Miles, that the City Council denies the request to vacate that portion of an east/west public alley, 20 feet wide bounded on the north by Lots 27 through 38; Bounded on the south by Lot 26, a public alley, and Lot 39; Bounded on the east by Whitefield Street; Bounded on the west by Beech Daly Road, all contained within Frischkorn's Golfdale Quarter Acres Sub. T2S R10E L48 P14, Wayne County Records, per findings of the Police Department's traffic count.

AYES: Councilman Robert L. Brown, Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, Councilman Thomas W. Miles, Council Chairman Daniel S. Paletko.
NAYS: Councilman David C. Brunell.
ABSENT: Councilman Gary P. Blackburn.

Motion adopted.

- 93-77 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman David C. Brunell, that the east/west public alley, 20 feet wide bounded on the north by Lots 27 through 32; Bounded on the south by Lot 33; Bounded on the east by Silvery Lane; Bounded on the west by a vacated alley, all contained within Hawthorne Golf View Subdivision, T2S R10E L56 P62 Wayne County Records, retaining however, the full width for the entire length of the alley, which shall be reserved for public utilities as and for access for maintenance and/or installation thereof, be vacated.

Motion adopted.

- 93-78 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Thomas W. Miles, that the request from Pizza Hut, 22024 Van Born, to add space to 1992 Tavern licensed business, be referred back to Administration.

Motion adopted.

- 93-79 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, that the request from Evangeline Carman (Stephens) to transfer all stock interest in 1991 Class C and SDM licensed business with Dance Permit, at Confetti Lounge, 3932 Pelham, be referred back to Administration.

Motion adopted.

93-80 Motion by Councilman Robert L. Brown, supported by Councilman Thomas W. Miles, that the request for renewal of 1993-94 business license for Rose Garden Restaurant, 5680 N. Telegraph, be approved.

Motion adopted.

93-81 Motion by Councilwoman Ruth A. Canfield, supported by Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

HELENE S. SHERIDAN
CITY CLERK

DANIEL S. PALETKO, CHAIRMAN
CITY COUNCIL