

MINUTES JANUARY 24, 2023 REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

23-036 The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Council Chairman Dave Wassim Abdallah.

Roll Call showed the following:

Present: Council Chairman Dave Wassim Abdallah, Council Chair Pro Tem Ray Muscat, Councilman Hassan M. Ahmad, Councilman Mo Baydoun, Councilwoman Nancy Bryer, Councilman Tom Wencel.
Absent: Councilman Robert Constan.
Also Present: City Clerk Senia, Mayor Bazzi, Treasurer Hicks-Clayton, Building & Engineering Director Watland, Chief of Staff Hernandez, City Engineer Dib, Community & Economic Director Jamal, Comptroller King, Corporation Counsel Farinha, DPW Director Conrad, Fire Chief Brogan, Human Resource Director Hazlett, IT Director Cooper, Library Director McCaffery, Ordinance Enforcement & Animal Control Director Dishroon, Parks and Recreation Director Laurencelle, Police Chief Hart.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deputy Fire Chief Vaskin Badalow.

Fire Chief Brogan gave a presentation of awards given to firefighters for incidents that took place from 2020-2022. These awards included a Lifesaver Award to Firefighter Hunter Moore, 2 Medals of Valor to Firefighter Brian Lobkovich and Captain Josh Erickson, and the Firefighter of the Year Award to Firefighter Kevin Ryan.

Councilman Robert Constan arrived at 6:09 p.m.

A brief update on Warren Valley was given by Council Chair Dave Abdallah in the absence of the scheduled presenters Wissam Issa and Jason Pearsall.

23-037 Motion by Councilman Baydoun, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the Amended Agenda for the Regular Meeting of January 24, 2023 as submitted, with the addition of Item 9-I Clerk Senia - Special Outside Legal Counsel.

Motion unanimously adopted

23-038 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Muscat to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 10, 2023, as outlined in 4-A.

Motion unanimously adopted

23-039 Motion by Councilman Baydoun, seconded by Councilman Muscat to approve the Minutes for the Special Meeting of January 17, 2023, as outlined in 4-B.

Motion unanimously adopted

23-040 Motion by Councilman Baydoun, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve Current Claims 6-1 through 6-35 as submitted.

1	THE ACCUMED GROUP	\$ 7,442.32
2	ALL SEASONS UNDERGROUND	\$ 15,567.74
3	ALLIED BUILDING SERVICES OF	\$ 3,192.00
4	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$ 1,545.26
5	BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	\$ 2,607.56
6	BOWLES BROTHERS SERVICES, INC	\$ 2,870.00
7	CHAPMAN, ROGER	\$ 5,220.00
8	CONTRACTORS CONNECTION	\$ 2,706.60
9	CQC	\$ 2,941.64
10	D & D WATER & SEWER, INC.	\$ 18,970.00
11	CITY OF DEARBORN	\$ 33,044.27
12	DETROIT SALT COMPANY	\$ 21,088.17
13	EAGER BEAVER LAWN CARE & LANDSCAPING	\$ 3,420.52
14	THE EBCO COMPANY, LLC	\$ 2,807.50
15	ETNA SUPPLY	\$ 7,581.00

16	FERGUSON WATERWORKS #3386	\$ 2,654.20
17	GENEX SERVICES, LLC	\$ 1,800.00
18	GRAYS OUTDOOR SERVICES L.L.C.	\$ 2,250.00
19	GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY	\$ 9,692.85
20	GUARDIAN ALARM COMPANY	\$ 1,781.94
21	HARD ROCK CONCRETE, INC.	\$ 494,830.48
22	THE LIBRARY NETWORK	\$ 5,161.85
23	MOTOR CITY SUPPLIES	\$ 1,998.00
24	NEW BENEFITS, LTD.	\$ 2,210.00
25	NICHOLS	\$ 1,790.56
26	PIPETEK INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES LLC	\$ 36,297.52
27	PRIORITY WASTE LLC	\$ 213,465.28
28	QUAD-TRAN OF MICHIGAN, INC.	\$ 9,863.72
29	R & R FIRE TRUCK REPAIR, INC.	\$ 5,685.61
30	RKA PETROLEUM COMPANIES, INC	\$ 5,141.12
31	SHAMROCK FLOORCOVERING SERVICES INC	\$ 2,459.88
32	STRYKER SALES CORPORATION	\$ 1,912.96
33	SYNCB/AMAZON	\$ 1,713.42
34	TEACHOUT SECURITY SERVICES, INC	\$ 2,610.57
35	TMESYS, INC.	\$ 2,235.35
TOTAL		\$ 936,559.89

Motion unanimously adopted

23-041 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Constan to accept the Public Assistance Grant from the State of Michigan in the amount of \$1,613,881.89 and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the City. These funds will be tracked in GL Public Assistance Covid #101-000-635-002, as outlined in 8-A. Per Mayor Bazzi communication dated January 12, 2023.

Motion unanimously adopted

23-042 Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to concur with the Mayoral reappointment of the following individuals to the Planning Commission: Mr. Kenji Fujita, Mr. Jim Jomaa, Mr. Ali Berry, Dr. Ali S. Makki, Ms. Jill Myslinski, Mr. Hassan Saab, Mr. Saif Alsenad, and Ms. Lisa Farrens Oshanski, all terms to expire January 2026 as outlined in 8-B. Per Mayor Bazzi communication.

Ayes: Council Chairman Abdallah, Councilman Constan.

Nays: Council Chair Pro Tem Muscat, Councilman Ahmad, Councilman Baydoun, Councilwoman Bryer, Councilman Wencel.

Absent: None.

Motion defeated

23-043 Motion by Councilman Baydoun, seconded by Councilman Constan to refer the Planning Commission Appointments back to Administration, and request that more backup be provided to the City Council prior to the meeting in which the item will be presented.

Motion unanimously adopted

23-044 Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement for FundingScout Services between the City and Wade Trim, as outlined in 9-A. Per Chief of Staff Hernandez communication dated January 13, 2023.

Ayes: Council Chairman Abdallah, Councilman Ahmad, Councilman Baydoun, Councilman Constan.

Nays: Council Chair Pro Tem Muscat, Councilwoman Bryer, Councilman Wencel.

Absent: None.

Motion adopted

23-045 Motion by Councilwoman Bryer, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the payment of a 50% deposit on 25 chairs for Studio B (AKA City Council Chambers) in the amount of \$2,630.00. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to sign the necessary warrants and the Treasurer to issue payment, as outlined in 9-B. Per Emergency Manager Ankrapp communication dated January 10, 2023.

Motion unanimously adopted

23-046 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to approve the appointment of Hussein Saad as an Assistant Corporation Counsel of the City of Dearborn Heights, through, and with the assistance of his law firm Hussein Saad Law PLLC, on a part-time basis, at the rate of \$150.00 per hour, as outlined in 9-C. Per Corporation Counsel Farinha communication dated January 13, 2023.

Ayes: Council Chairman Abdallah, Council Chair Pro Tem Muscat, Councilwoman Bryer.

Nays: Councilman Ahmad, Councilman Baydoun, Councilman Constan, Councilman Wencel.

Absent: None.

Motion defeated

23-047 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to refer the Assistant Corporation Counsel Appointment back to Administration, and request that more backup be provided to the City Council prior to the meeting in which the item will be presented.

Motion unanimously adopted

23-048 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to approve the purchase and payment of a tripod conversion kit at a cost of \$3,150.00. Of this total, the AFG Grant will cover \$2,835.00. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to sign the necessary warrants and the Treasurer to issue payment for the remaining balance of \$315.00 from Fire AFG Grant Account #101-335-940-080, as outlined in 9-D. Per Fire Chief Brogan communication dated January 12, 2023.

Ayes: Council Chairman Abdallah, Council Chair Pro Tem Muscat, Councilman Baydoun, Councilwoman Bryer, Councilman Constan, Councilman Wencel.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Ahmad.

Motion adopted

23-049 Motion by Councilman Baydoun, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve payment for training to Spectrum Training Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$5,400.00. The cost of this training will be reimbursed by the Michigan Firefighters Council Smoke money. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to sign the necessary warrants, and the Treasurer to issue payment from Training Account #101-335-962-000, as outlined in 9-E. Per Fire Chief Brogan communication dated January 12, 2023.

Motion unanimously adopted

23-050 Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Muscat to approve the agreement between the City and Plante Moran to furnish and file Forms 1094-C and 1095-C so that the City may remain in compliance with the Affordable Care Act reporting requirements as defined by the Internal Revenue Service, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to sign the necessary warrants and the Treasurer to issue payment as outlined in 9-F. Per HR Director Hazlett communication dated January 11, 2023.

Motion unanimously adopted

23-051 Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Muscat to approve the purchase of 55 computers and 70 monitors for various departments and buildings through-out the City for a total cost of \$69,925.00. American Express Corporate Membership Reward Points will be used for \$21,025.00, PEG funding will be used for \$4,700.00, Police Forfeiture will be used for \$24,540.00, the Parks & Recreation budget will be used for \$2,300.00, and SMART Grant Funding will be used for \$15,810.00. In addition, provided the Mayor also authorizes any such payment as necessary expense, the City Council authorizes warrants to be issued for the payment of these services. By doing so, the City Council is authorizing any such warrants and payments without prior authorization by the City Council of the specific warrant and payment as permitted by and consistent with City Charter Section 8.9, as outlined in 9-G. Per IT Director Cooper communication dated January 24, 2023.

Motion unanimously adopted

23-052 Motion by Councilwoman Bryer, seconded by Councilman Muscat to approve the continuation of the software agreement between the City and SHI for thirty-five (35) Adobe Acrobat Pro licenses, and three (3) Adobe Creative Cloud licenses for Government for a total cost of \$6,009.40. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to sign the necessary warrants, and the Treasurer to issue a payment of \$4,291.90 from Account #101-258-981.000 and a payment of \$1,717.50 from PEG Funds Account #101-809-981.500. Furthermore, provided the Mayor also authorizes any such payment as necessary expense, the City Council authorizes warrants to be issued for the payment of these services. By doing so, the City Council is authorizing any such warrants and payments without prior authorization by the City Council of the specific warrant and payment as permitted by and consistent with City Charter Section 8.9 as outlined in 9-H. Per IT Director Cooper communication dated January 24, 2023.

Motion unanimously adopted

23-053 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Muscat to approve City Clerk Lynne M. Senia's request to pursue outside Special Legal Counsel for a one-time consultation in regards to Wayne County Circuit Court No. 22-007487-CZ, as outlined in 9-I. Per Clerk Senia communication dated January 24, 2023.

Motion unanimously adopted

23-054 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to direct Corporation Counsel Roger Farinha to review the City Special Land Use Ordinance, and amend it as necessary to include City Council as the only legislative body authorized to approve Special Land Use requests by 2/3 majority vote according to the City Charter, State of Michigan, and Federal rules and regulations. In addition, submit as an emergency ordinance amendment to the City Council accordingly, no later than February 7, 2023, as outlined in 11-A. Per Council Chair Pro Tem Muscat communication.

After further discussion, the motion was amended to reflect the following:

Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to direct Corporation Counsel Roger Farinha to review the City Special Land Use Ordinance, and amend it as necessary to include City Council as the only legislative body authorized to approve Special Land Use requests by 2/3 majority vote according to the City Charter, State of Michigan, and Federal rules and regulations. In addition, submit as an emergency ordinance amendment to the City Council accordingly, no later than February 14, 2023, as outlined in 11-A. Per Council Chair Pro Tem Muscat communication.

Ayes: Council Chair Pro Tem Muscat, Councilwoman Bryer, Councilman Constan, Councilman Wencel.

Nays: Council Chairman Abdallah, Councilman Ahmad, Councilman Baydoun.

Absent: None.

Motion adopted

23-055 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to adjourn the Dearborn Heights City Council Regular Meeting.

Motion unanimously adopted

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

LYNNE M. SENIA
CITY CLERK

DAVE WASSIM ABDALLAH
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

GEORGANNE SEMENIUK
COUNCIL SECRETARY