

MINUTES JANUARY 19, 2021
ELECTRONICALLY HELD SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL
VIRTUAL MEETING

21-017 The meeting was called to order at 7:23 p.m. by Council Chairwoman Denise Malinowski Maxwell.

Roll Call showed the following:

Present: Council Chairwoman Denise Malinowski Maxwell (Dearborn Heights, MI), Councilman Dave Wassim Abdallah (Dearborn Heights, MI), Councilman Bill Bazzi (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, Treasurer Hicks-Clayton, Building and Engineering Director Domski, Chief of Staff Laslo, Community and Economic Development Director Hachem, Comptroller Bonza, 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 Haddad, Police Chief Meyers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Tom Wencel.

21-018 Motion by Councilman Abdallah, seconded by Councilman Constan that the Agenda and Order of Business for January 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. be approved as submitted in Item 3.

Ayes: Council Chairwoman Malinowski Maxwell, Councilman Abdallah, Councilman Constan.

Nays: Councilman Bazzi, Councilman Muscat, Councilman Wencel.

Absent: None.

Motion defeated

Councilman Wencel reconsidered his vote on the previous motion and decided to vote in the affirmative.

Ayes: Council Chairwoman Malinowski Maxwell, Councilman Abdallah, Councilman Constan, Councilman Wencel.

Nays: Councilman Bazzi, Councilman Muscat.

Absent: None.

Motion adopted

Council Chairwoman Malinowski Maxwell stated that on Monday, December 7, 2020, we had the pleasure of meeting the prospective City Council Candidates to fill the unexpired term by City Councilwoman Lisa Hicks-Clayton. At this time, I am requesting your honorable body nominate all of the candidates that were interviewed. They are as follows: Zouher Abdel-Hak, Mo Baydoun, and William "Toby" Zurenko.

21-019 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Abdallah that City Council open up the nominations for those who applied for it, as outlined in 3-A.

Motion unanimously adopted

Council Chairwoman Malinowski Maxwell took a roll call vote.

Councilman Abdallah: Mo Baydoun

Councilman Bazzi: Zouher Abdel-Hak

Councilman Constan: Mo Baydoun

Council Chairwoman Malinowski Maxwell: Mo Baydoun

Councilman Muscat: Zouher Abdel-Hak

Councilman Wencel: Zouher Abdel-Hak

A majority vote was not received. Council Chairwoman Malinowski Maxwell requested another roll call vote.

Councilman Abdallah: Mo Baydoun
Councilman Bazzi: Zouher Abdel-Hak
Councilman Constan: Mo Baydoun
Council Chairwoman Malinowski Maxwell: Mo Baydoun
Councilman Muscat: Zouher Abdel-Hak
Councilman Wencel: Zouher Abdel-Hak

A candidate was not successfully nominated to fill the Council vacancy. Council Chairwoman Malinowski Maxwell would like to bring this back at the next meeting and asked Council to do some soul searching and possibly consider changing their vote.

21-020 Motion by Councilman Abdallah, seconded by Councilman Muscat to concur and authorize the Mayor Pro Tem and Clerk to sign, on behalf of the City, the previously approved contract, by City Council Motion 20-437, with Hicks Construction Company, as outlined in Item 9-A. Per City Clerk Senia communication dated January 14, 2021.

Motion unanimously adopted

21-021 Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Abdallah to continue to accept applications for the position of Mayor until Wednesday, January, 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. At that time, all applications must be submitted to the Clerk's Office and no other applicants will be accepted for the position of Mayor.

Ayes: Council Chairwoman Malinowski Maxwell, Councilman Abdallah, Councilman Bazzi, Councilman Constan, Councilman Wencel.

Nays: Councilman Muscat.

Absent: None.

Motion adopted

21-022 Motion by Councilman Wencel, seconded by Councilman Abdallah to adjourn the meeting.

Motion unanimously adopted

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

LYNNE M. SENIA
CITY CLERK

DENISE MALINOWSKI MAXWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRWOMAN

DANA FLAMONT
COUNCIL SECRETARY