

REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 12, 1999

99-001 The meeting was called to order at 8:07 p.m. by Council Chairman Joseph V. Kosinski.

Roll Call showed the following:

Present: Councilman Kenneth R. Baron, Councilwoman Janet L. Blackburn, Councilwoman Margaret M. Horvath, Council Chairman Joseph V. Kosinski, Councilman Daniel S. Paletko, Councilwoman Margaret Van Houten, Councilman Gregg Zulinski.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mayor Canfield, Executive Assistant Heise, Corporation Counsel Sunisloe, City Clerk Robbins, Deputy Clerk Pawlukiewicz, Assessor Welch, Human Resources Director Sullivan, Police Chief Webber, Fire Chief Barnett, Recreation Director Grybel, Public Service Administrator Blackburn, Community Development Director Oliverio.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by members of the public.

99-002 Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilman Zulinski, that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of January 12, 1999, be approved with the moving of Agenda item 8-A (Financing Supplement #11 to the Downriver Sewer Project) and the addition of Agenda item 9-L (Mayor's New Vehicle Lease).

Motion unanimously adopted.

99-003 Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Van Houten, that the City Council adopt the "Resolution Approving Supplement #11 Judgment and Exhibit C 11" relative to the Downriver Sewer Project, per Mayor Canfield, communication dated January 4, 1999.

Motion unanimously adopted.

99-004 Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Horvath, that the City Council authorize Mayor Canfield to sign the "Supplement #11 Downriver Sewage Disposal System Financing Plan and Final Judgment".

Motion unanimously adopted.

99-005 Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilman Zulinski, that the City Council adopt the "Resolution Authorizing Downriver Sewage Disposal System and Refunding Bonds, 1999 Series A and Downriver Sewage Disposal Bonds, 1999 Series B (Partial Completion Bonds) and all exhibits attached thereto" per, Mayor Canfield, communication dated January 4, 1999.

Motion unanimously adopted.

99-006 Motion by Councilman Zulinski, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn, that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 22, 1998, be approved as submitted.

Motion unanimously adopted.

The Public Hearing for the petition to vacate the north/south alley located west of S Beech Daly between McDonald and Eton was called to order at 8:24 p.m., by Council Chairman Joseph V. Kosinski.

Council Chairman Kosinski asked City Clerk Robbins to read the official notice of Public Hearing.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 1999 at 8:00 p.m., by the City Council of the City of Dearborn Heights at the Administrative Building, 6045 Fenton Avenue, Dearborn Heights, Michigan at 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to the petition to vacate the north/south alley located west of S Beech Daly between McDonald and Eton.

Written comments may be directed to the City Clerk's office, 6045 Fenton, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127. Joyce Robbins, Clerk, Dearborn Heights. Published December 31, 1998.

Corporation Counsel has submitted Proof of Service, no other communications Mr. Chairman.

Council Chairman Kosinski asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak for or against the proposed vacation.

Mr. Mohamad Elfakir, petitioner "I did what I was supposed to do, I got the petition signed by 51% of abutting neighbors to sign so that I could expand my Laundromat business."

Summary: After several minutes of discussion regarding the break in the wall behind the petitioners property it was determined that there is no real problem from the standpoint of the city. When the petitioner brings his plans to the building department that issue will be addressed.

99-007 Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn, that the Public Hearing be closed.

Motion unanimously adopted.

The Public Hearing for the petition to vacate the north/south alley located west of S Beech Daly between McDonald and Eton closed at 8:31 p.m.

The continuance of the Public Hearing for the Tax Increment Finance Authority Amendments to the Development and Tax Increment Finance Plan was called to order at 8:32 p.m., by Council Chairman Joseph V. Kosinski.

Council Chairman Kosinski asked City Clerk Robbins what the procedure was to continue.

City Clerk Robbins "The recess is over and any additional comments can be brought forward at this time."

Council Chairman Kosinski stated "The recess is concluded and the opportunity for additional comments is now. Is there anyone in the audience who wishes to address this issue?"

Acting TIFA Administrator Oliverio "We have received no formal or written comments. We did receive a couple of telephone calls and callers stated they would be here tonight."

Councilwoman Van Houten "Did you get the information out to the people after the December public hearing?"

Acting TIFA Administrator "Yes, we mailed about 150 letters out."

Paula Krause, 24145 McDonald "I've looked at this budget. I feel \$100,000 for the schools is not much money when you are considering spending millions on a new court/police facility. I look at test scores which impacts my resale value. Education helps as much as policing. This budget shows \$25,000 allocated for the schools. Mr. Oliverio said previously that schools got \$125,000, I don't understand. I want this put into budget."

Oliverio "The proposal we have put together is far from being completed. TIFA during it's first ten years has averaged over \$200,000 to the schools each year. I can assure you it will be at least \$100,000 this year. The court and police station should be a cost shared."

Ms. Krause "I'm looking at the cost of the court house and police station and I only see \$240,000 per year."

Oliverio "The minimum from the City is \$240,000 could be more. We had to put figures in to show revenue. Assessor Welch and myself just worked on the taxes that will be generated from the sale of the incinerator. The incinerator is assessed at \$30,000,000. Let's presume the taxes are a million dollars; if the incinerator was not in the TIFA district \$550,000 would come back to the City. The City can pull the incinerator out of the TIFA. So we give \$550,000 plus \$240,000 from City that amount would be the cost of the bonds if City pulled out of TIFA."

John Amennuno, 5720 Whitefield "I've read about the \$18 million for a new court house and police station and relocate to Michigan Avenue. How much more in taxes will we be paying? We don't need a new police station. What's going to happen to this property? Will it become a ghost town?"

Mayor "We do need it. The facilities are not adequate. There will be no raise in taxes. The money is indirectly coming from the sale of the incinerator and the court budget. Several years ago citizens in the community were involved with a strategic plan and it was partly from that strategic plan that this evolved. Chief Webber can explain."

Police Chief Webber "This was started over four years ago. The strategic plan commission met for one year and looked at where we wanted public safety issues to go. It was determined by that committee that we needed a new facility. Current building was built in the 60's and is 10,000 square feet. The feasibility study was done and a recommendation of 47,000 square feet was needed. We need to provide safety and security transporting prisoners. Court is out of room; city hall is cramped. We looked at retrofitting the current facility and that was not feasible. There is another issue of the police department being in a residential area. The new location is centrally located on Michigan and Beech Daly. This solution frees up space for Assessor, Clerk, Mayor and Human Resources who are currently in the basement."

Mr. Amennuno "Are you going to use this building as a mini station? Is the 18 million including buying the land? I see a lot of wasteful spending."

Chief Webber "We need five acres to meet all criteria. We can't find any other property. There isn't any vacant property available in Dearborn Heights. The City fathers did not want to increase your taxes."

Mr. Amennuno "I heard that about the water bills. They were changed from three months to two months bills. I suggest everything be done with prevailing wage. Some of my neighbors and myself would like some of that work."

Councilwoman Horvath "We have a very good program called "Citizen's Academy" an eight week class where you learn all about the Police Department. You might want to sign up."

Tim Turner, 24154 McDonald "My understanding is TIFA is coming to an end this year. Who has the authority to extend TIFA? Is the 30 year extension a done deal?"

Oliverio "We have a fifteen year span; renewed in 1995. We have recommended to Council that we renew for 35 year to cover the bonding for the new police/court facility. We made offers to all the school district and Westwood was the only one who went with it. Citizens did not vote on TIFA. TIFA was created thru public hearing and State laws."

Mr. Turner "Is there a motion to extend TIFA 35 years?"

Oliverio "At some other point we will finalize the plans, adopt the budget and submit to Council

for approval.”

Mr. Turner “Are TIFA Board meetings open to the public?”

Oliverio “Yes, they are the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.. Based on comments made at the December public hearing Council Agenda’s are on the Internet as well as commission agendas.”

Ms. Krause “the budget says \$29 million, not \$18 million, why the difference?”

Oliverio “Don’t lock us into those figures. Just because it says \$29 million doesn’t mean all that will be used. Don’t know numbers yet.”

Ms. Krause “The difference is a lot of money.”

Oliverio “The actual costs we are not sure of yet. If it costs less the money will be spread out to other projects.”

Ms. Krause “You have to reveal the costs.”

Mayor “Will do so when we know what they are.”

Peter Zajac “Where is the property?”

Chief Webber “Southeast corner of Michigan and Beech Daly. Value Village property next to Home Depot. TIFA is purchasing both properties.”

Council Chairman Kosinski asked if there were any questions or comments, hearing none, he asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

98-008 Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Horvath, that the Public Hearing be closed.

The Public Hearing for the Tax Increment Finance Authority Amendments to the Development and Tax Increment Finance Plan closed at 9:01 p.m..

99-009 Motion by Councilman Zulinski, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn, that Current Claims 6-1 through 6-13, be approved as submitted.

1. BIS COMPUTER SOLUTIONS, INC. - Software Maintenance 1999 - Inv. MS0199 dated 12/01/98 from A/C 101-300-818-000 (Contractual Services) \$9,600.00. Police Dept.
2. CENTRAL WAYNE COUNTY SANITATION AUTHORITY - Monthly Operation/Maint. and Debt Service December 1998 - from A/C 101-200-810-000 (Sanitation) \$168,900.00. Gen. Govt.
3. E & N CEMENT COMPANY - Pavement Repairs - Inv. dated 12/21/98 from A/C 101-440-880-000 (Road Repairs) \$5,027.19. DPW-Hwy.
4. LAURA BERRY-HARRIS - Legal Services November 1998 - Inv. dated 12/22/98 from A/C 101-210-826-000 (Counsel Services) \$9,651.24. Corp. Counsel
5. GARY MIOTKE - Legal Services November 1998 - Inv. dated 12/01/98 from A/C 101-210-826-000 (Counsel Services) \$1,924.00. Corp. Counsel
6. MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY - 2nd and 3rd Annual Premium Payment - Inv. 60535-2 and 60535-3 dated 08/28/98 from A/C 101-200-911-000 (Insurance) \$375,480.00. Gen. Govt.
7. NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES - Annual Dues 1999 - Inv. 20001939 dated 11/02/98 from A/C 101-200-958-000 (Dues, Membership) \$3,945.00. Gen. Govt.
8. SEMCOG - Annual Dues 1998 - Inv. dated 12/31/98 from A/C 101-200-958-000 (Dues, Membership) \$7,110.00. Gen. Govt.

9. WADE-TRIM/ASSOCIATES - Construction Admin. Services Municipal Park Walkway - Inv. 60165 dated 12/08/98 from A/C 103-960-938-097 (Municipal Park) \$568.00. Comm. Dev.
10. WADE-TRIM/ASSOCIATES - Long Term CSO Monitoring - City of Inkster - Inv. 60137 dated 12/08/98 from A/C 592-XXX-154-000 (Sewers) \$4,043.91. Water.
11. WADE-TRIM/ASSOCIATES - Plans & Specs Canfield Parking Lot - Inv. 60160 dated 12/08/98 from A/C 103-960-930-098 (Canfield Parking Lot) \$2,383.00. Comm. Dev.
12. WEBNET, INC. - Internet Service December 1998 - Inv. 025563 dated 12/10/98 from A/C 101-200-819-999 (Webnet) \$6,750.00. Gen. Govt.
13. WESTLAND TREE SERVICE - 1998 Storm Damage - Inv. dated 01/04/99 from A/C 101-440-731-000 (Storm Clean-Up) \$10,470.12. DPW-Hwy.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 99-010** Motion by Councilwoman Van Houten, seconded by Councilwoman Horvath, that the City Comptroller be authorized to advertise for bids, per specifications or equivalent, for Video Conferencing Arraignment Equipment, per the request of Police Chief Webber, communication dated January 6, 1999.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 99-011** Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilwoman Horvath, that the low bid from Pinnacle Construction Inc., 24512 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, MI 48124, for the replacement to two (2) pitched roofs at Canfield Ice Arena, in the amount of \$13,469.50, and payment thereof, be approved, per Public Service Administrator Blackburn, communication dated January 5, 1999.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 99-012** Motion by Councilman Zulinski, seconded by Councilwoman Van Houten, that the bid from General Electric Contracting, Inc., 44889 Trinity Drive, Clinton Township, MI 48038, for the replacement of one (1) light pole with fixture at Central Park Baseball Field, in the amount of \$18,747.00, and payment thereof, be approved, per Recreation Director Grybel, communication dated January 5, 1999.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 99-013** Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilman Zulinski, that the "Resolution Recognizing the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." be adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, January 15 is the birthday of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose birth is celebrated on the third Monday of the month; and

WHEREAS, we should take the time to remember the many contributions to American freedom, justice and equality which were made possible by Dr. King; and

WHEREAS, this great humanitarian, Nobel Peace Prize winner and Civil Rights leader, invited all Americans to share in his dream of freedom and equality, where a person would be judged on the content of his character and where children of all races, religions and backgrounds could live and grow in peace and harmony; and

WHEREAS, in recent history, few individuals have epitomized the American ideal of working for brotherhood and the rights of all people than the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose memory has been revered by people of all races and backgrounds in America's diverse society; and

WHEREAS, in order to raise social consciousness and educate the people of our City, particularly our children, as to the message of brotherhood, liberty, freedom and equality which guided the footsteps of Dr. King's life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

The City of Dearborn Heights joins with our fellow Americans of every race and background, in acknowledging the great deeds, message and mission of the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on this the occasion of his birth. Furthermore, that we re-dedicate ourselves to realizing his dream of tolerance, peace and a celebration of the diversity of our country and our City.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 99-014** Motion by Councilwoman Horvath, seconded by Councilwoman Van Houten, that City Clerk Robbins be authorized to publish the "Notice of City Council, Board and Commission Meeting Dates" as required under Public Act No. 201, Public Acts of 1968.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 99-015** Motion by Councilwoman Van Houten, seconded by Councilman Zulinski, that the request from the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) to collect their tax levy with the City's summer tax collection, be denied, per Treasurer Riley, communication dated January 5, 1999.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 99-016** Motion by Councilwoman Horvath, seconded by Councilwoman Van Houten, that two (2) Public Hearings be scheduled on Tuesday, February 23, 1999, for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to the request to rezone two (2) parcels of property located on Silvery Lane and Ann Arbor Trail from R-1B, (Single Family Residential) to RMA, (Multiple Family Residential) and from R-1B, (Single Family Residential) to M-1, (Light Industrial).

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 99-017** Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Van Houten, that the City Council adopt the "Resolution Authorizing Wayne County Rouge Valley Wastewater Control System Refunding Bonds, 1999 Series C", per Treasurer Riley, communication dated January 6, 1999. This resolution will allow Wayne County to refund some outstanding CSO Bonds at a lower rate of interest. Further, that the Clerk sign on behalf of the City.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 99-018** Motion by Councilman Zulinski, seconded by Councilman Baron, that the City Council establish Public Hearing dates for the CDBG Program as follows:

February 9, 1999 - Action Plan Hearing
February 23, 1999 - Floodplain Hearing
March 23, 1999 - Issuance of Findings
August 24, 1999 - Year End Performance

per, Community Development Director Oliverio, communication dated January 6, 1999.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 99-019** Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn, that the communication from Assessor Welch, dated December 30, 1998 Re: Alley Vacation Policy be referred to a Committee of the Whole Study Session.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 99-020** Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn, that the City Council concurs with and approves the continuance of the "Safety Award Program" and authorize the payment of cash prizes of \$500.00 for first place; \$300.00 for second place and \$200.00 for third place, per Public Service Administrator Blackburn, communication dated December 29, 1998.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 99-021** Motion by Councilman Zulinski, seconded by Councilwoman Van Houten, that the City Council concurs with and approves Change Order No. 4 for the Katherine Street Bridge Project, in the decreased amount of \$3,389.76 per, Community Development Director Oliverio, communication dated December 28, 1998. Further, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign on behalf of the city.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 99-022** Motion by Councilwoman Horvath, seconded by Councilman Baron, that the Lot Split request from Lillie Cagle, 5627 Jackson, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125, for property located at 27231 Currier, Lots 43 and 44, Van Born Little Farms subdivision be approved, creating the following legal descriptions:

1. The south 95 feet of Lots 43 and 44
2. Lots 43 and 44, except the south 95 feet

per, Assessor Welch, communication dated January 4, 1999.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 99-023** Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilman Baron, that the City Council concurs with and approves the contract extension with Barrett Paving Materials, Inc., 13501 Huron River Drive, Romulus, MI 48197 for paving materials for the 1999 season, per Public Service Administrator Blackburn, communication dated January 12, 1999. The bid price for CP-5 Pave 192 cold patch is \$35.70 per ton and \$65.00 per ton for CP-7 UPM cold patch.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 99-024** Motion by Councilwoman Van Houten, seconded by Councilman Zulinski, that the City Council concurs with and approves the auction of drug forfeited vehicles as follows:

1984 Pontiac Bonneville - VIN 2G2AN69A4E2222460 and 1986 Oldsmobile 98 - VIN 1G3CW69B8G4377908 per, Police Chief Webber, communication dated January 6, 1999.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 99-025** Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilman Zulinski, that the Mayor enter into a lease agreement with Ford Motor Company for a 1999 Mercury Grand Marquis, per Mayor Canfield, communication dated January 11, 1999. Further, that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement. This vehicle is leased under the Governor/Mayor Program.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 99-026** Motion by Councilwoman Van Houten, seconded by Councilman Baron, that the request from G & B Entertainment, Inc., for a new Dance-Entertainment Permit to be held in conjunction with 1998 Class C licensed business, located at 25950 Ford, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127, Wayne County, be approved and the Liquor Control Commission be so notified. #980005250.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 99-027** Motion by Councilman Zulinski, seconded by Councilwoman Van Houten, that the business license renewal for Mexican Fiesta, 24310 Ford Road, be approved.

Motion unanimously adopted.

- 99-028** Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilman Zulinski, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion unanimously adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

JOYCE A. ROBBINS
CITY CLERK

JOSEPH V. KOSINSKI, CHAIRMAN
CITY COUNCIL

MARIA E. LAWRENCE
COUNCIL/CLERK SECRETARY