

MINUTES JANUARY 11, 2022
REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

22-001 The meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m. by temporary Council Chairwoman Lynne M. Senia, City Clerk.

Roll Call showed the following:

Present: Councilman Dave Wassim Abdallah, Councilman Hassan M. Ahmad, Councilman Mo Baydoun, Councilwoman Nancy Bryer, Councilman Robert Constan, Councilman Ray Muscat, Councilman Tom Wencel.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Clerk Senia, Mayor Bazzi, Treasurer Hicks-Clayton, Building and Engineering Director Watland, Chief of Staff Hernandez, City Engineer Dib, Community and Economic Development Director Jamal, Comptroller Jawad, Corporation Counsel Miotke, DPW Director Conrad, Emergency Management Coordinator Gavin, Human Resource Director Hazlett, Library Director McCaffery, Parks and Recreation Director Laurencelle.

City Clerk Senia stated that every two years there is a reorganization of the Dearborn Heights City Council in which the members nominate and elect a Council Chair and a Council Chair Pro Tem. City Clerk Senia explained the reorganization procedure. The floor will be open for nominations, nominations will be accepted and nominations will be closed. Council members are asked to hold out their hands to vote or to be recognized by the Council Chair.

At this time, Clerk Senia asked for a motion to open nominations for Council Chair.

22-002 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Constan to open the nominations for Council Chair for the first time.

Motion unanimously adopted

The nominations for Council Chairperson were opened.

Councilman Muscat nominated Councilman Abdallah. Councilman Abdallah accepted the nomination. Councilman Wencel nominated Councilman Muscat. Councilman refused nomination and deferred to Councilman Abdallah.

City Clerk Senia asked three times if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to close the nominations.

22-003 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to close the nominations for Council Chair.

Motion unanimously adopted

City Clerk Senia proceeded with the roll call vote for Council Chair.

Councilman Abdallah, Councilman Ahmad, Councilman Baydoun, Councilwoman Bryer, Councilman Constan, Councilman Muscat, and Councilman Wencel voted for Councilman Abdallah.

City Clerk Senia announced a unanimous vote to elect Councilman Abdallah as Council Chair.

At this time, Clerk Senia asked for a motion to open nominations for Council Chair Pro Tem.

22-004 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to open the nominations for Council Chair Pro Tem.

Motion unanimously adopted

The nominations for Council Chair Pro Tem were opened.

Councilman Baydoun nominated Councilman Muscat. Councilman Muscat accepted the nomination.

City Clerk Senia asked three times if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to close the nominations.

22-005 Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to close the nominations for Council Chair Pro Tem.

Motion unanimously adopted

City Clerk Senia proceeded with the roll call vote for Council Chair Pro Tem.

Councilman Abdallah, Councilman Ahmad, Councilman Baydoun, Councilwoman Bryer, Councilman Constan, Councilman Muscat, and Councilman Wencel voted for Councilman Muscat.

City Clerk Senia announced a unanimous vote to elect Councilman Muscat as Council Chair Pro Tem.

City Clerk Senia turned the meeting over to Council Chairman Abdallah.

Council Chairman Abdallah asked Councilman Ahmad and Councilwoman Bryer to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

22-006 Motion by Councilman Baydoun, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of January 11, 2022 as submitted.

Motion unanimously adopted

22-007 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to move to a Closed Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss pending litigation presented by Mayor Bazzi, Chief of Staff Hernandez, Corporation Counsel Miotke, and Shane Nolan of Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho for Mourad v. City of Dearborn Heights, et al.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion unanimously adopted

22-008 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Muscat to return to an Open Session at 7:47 p.m.

Motion unanimously adopted

22-009 Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Muscat to approve the recommendation of Assistant Corporation Counsel and the attorney from MMRMA as discussed in the Closed Session.

Motion unanimously adopted

22-010 Motion by Councilman Baydoun, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the Minutes for the Electronically Held Regular Meeting of December 28, 2021, as outlined in 4-A.

Motion unanimously adopted

22-011 Motion by Councilman Baydoun, seconded by Councilman Muscat to approve Current Claims 6-1 through 6-21 as submitted with the removal of Claims 6-18 and 6-19.

1	Ajax Materials Corp.	Road Supply	\$5,764.80	Highway
2	All Seasons Underground	Leadline Srv	\$100,000.00	Water
3	Detroit Salt Company	Road Supply	\$4,408.55	Highway
4	Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority	Sewer Disposal	\$39,411.00	Water
5	Great Lakes Water Authority	Water Purchase	\$9,696.06	Water

6	Hardrock Concrete	Street Const	\$66,723.75	Major Streets
7	J&B Medical	MedicalSup	\$3,506.50	Fire
8	Johnson Controls	Cont. Serv	\$1,386.03	Police
	Johnson Controls	Rep/Maint	\$746.32	Court
9	New Benefits, Ltd	Hosp Ins	\$2,193.00	Human Resource
10	Pipetek Infrastructure Services, LLC	Cont. Serv	\$12,012.72	Water
11	R&R Fire Truck Repair Inc.	Rep/Maint	\$5,661.10	Fire
12	Reyna, Joseph	Tuition/Bk	\$2,999.55	Police
13	RKA Petroleum, Inc.	Motor Fuel	\$2,380.19	Fire
14	Saad, Hussein A., M D PC	Workers Comp	\$2,028.49	Human Resource
15	Smith, Scott	Training	\$1,548.00	Fire
16	Teleflex LLC	MedicalSup	\$2,160.50	Fire
17	Tire Hub	Rep/Maint	\$1,636.20	Police
18	Wade Trim & Associates	Street Const	\$3,990.00	Major Streets
	Wade Trim & Associates	Street Repair	\$2,190.00	Major Streets
	Wade Trim & Associates	Street Repair	\$2,350.00	Major Streets
19	Wade Trim & Associates	Street Const	\$16,968.43	Local Streets
20	Wade Trim & Associates	CSO-L43	\$5,010.00	Water
	Wade Trim & Associates	CSO-L42	\$2,180.00	Water
	Wade Trim & Associates	Joy/Virgil W. Main	\$2,785.20	Water
21	Wayne County Dept. of Environment	Sewer Disposal	\$493,266.12	Water

Motion unanimously adopted

- 22-012** Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to authorize the Comptroller's Office to advertise for bids to sort, scan and upload residential and commercial files to the BS&A Software Database System to assist in moving the department online, as outlined in 7-A. Per Building and Engineering Director Watland communication dated January 3, 2022.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 22-013** Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to receive, note and file the Mayoral Appointments of Department Heads, in accordance with Section 5.15 of the City Charter, as outlined in 8-A. Per Mayor Bazzi communication dated January 4, 2022.

Chief of Staff	Mariana Hernandez
Human Resource Director	Margaret Hazlett
Comptroller	Badri Jawad
Public Works Director	Robert Conrad
Fire Chief	Dave Brogan
Police Chief	Mark Meyers
Ordinance/Animal Control Director	Bill Dishroon
Building & Engineering Director	Eric Watland
CEDD Director	Hassane Jamal
Emergency Management Director	Lee Gavin
Library Director	Michael McCaffery
Parks & Recreation Director	Kim Laurencelle

Motion unanimously adopted

- 22-014** Motion by Councilman Baydoun, seconded by Councilman Muscat to approve the appointment of Mr. Gary Miotke as Corporation Counsel, term to expire January 2024, in accordance with Section 5.13(a) and Section 5.15 of the City Charter, as outlined in 8-B. Per Mayor Bazzi communication dated January 4, 2022.

Motion unanimously adopted

22-015 Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Muscat to concur with the Mayoral reappointment of Ms. Andrea Zammit to the Planning Commission, term to expire January 2025. In addition, concur with the Mayoral appointment of Ms. Jill Myslinski, term to expire January 2023. This appointment is to replace Mr. Tom Waligorski, as outlined in 8-C. Per Mayor Bazzi communication dated January 4, 2022.

Motion unanimously adopted

22-016 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to concur with the Mayoral reappointments of the following individuals to the Zoning Board of Appeals: Mr. Mohammed (Mike) Beydoun, term to expire May 2025, Mr. Belal (Bill) Darwich, term to expire May 2024, Mr. Joseph Persiconi, term to expire May 2023, and Mr. Michael Rudzinski, term to expire May 2023, as outlined in 8-D. Per Mayor Bazzi communication dated January 4, 2022.

Motion unanimously adopted

22-017 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to refer back to administration the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Financial Statement Audit Report and schedule a Study Session with Plante Moran. In addition, schedule a Special Meeting following the Study Session to approve or disapprove the Financial Audit Report, as outlined in 8-E. Per Mayor Bazzi communication dated January 4, 2022.

Motion unanimously adopted

22-018 Motion by Councilman Baydoun, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the City of Dearborn Heights for the improvements to Telegraph Road (US-24) from Van Born to Dartmouth Street. In addition, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City, subject to review and approval by Corporation Counsel, as outlined in 9-A. Per DPW Director Conrad communication dated December 27, 2021.

Motion unanimously adopted

22-019 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the City of Dearborn Heights for the improvements to westbound Ford Road Bridge (M-153) over Hines Drive Road. In addition, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City, subject to review and approval by Corporation Counsel, as outlined in 9-B. Per DPW Director Conrad communication dated December 29, 2021.

Motion unanimously adopted

22-020 Motion by Councilman Baydoun, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to approve the amendment to the Carnival Midway Agreement with North American Midway Entertainment and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City, as outlined in 9-C. Per Parks and Recreation Director Laurencelle communication dated January 3, 2022.

Motion unanimously adopted

22-021 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to approve the change order for the tile replacement project at Canfield Community Center in the amount of \$1,100.00. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Comptroller to sign the warrant and the Treasurer to issue payment out of the 2021-2022 Recreation Budget, as outlined in 9-D. Per Parks and Recreation Director Laurencelle communication dated January 3, 2022.

Motion unanimously adopted

22-022 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to approve the Resolution of Endorsement for the 2022-2026 Parks and Recreation Master Plan and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Resolution on behalf of the City. In addition, adopt the City of Dearborn Heights Five (5) Year Master Plan for years 2022-2026 and forward it to the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources, as outlined in 11-A. Per Parks and Recreation Director Laurencelle communication dated January 3, 2022.

Motion unanimously adopted

22-023 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Constan to renew the Business License for Bone Yard at 7010 N. Telegraph, as outlined in 13-A.

Motion unanimously adopted

22-024 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to move to a Closed Session at 10:21 p.m. to discuss negotiations presented by Mayor Bazzi, Chief of Staff Hernandez, Corporation Counsel Miotke, and Human Resource Director Hazlett.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion unanimously adopted

22-025 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to return to an Open Session at 11:48 p.m.

Motion unanimously adopted

22-026 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to adjourn the Dearborn Heights City Council Regular Meeting.

Motion unanimously adopted

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 p.m.

LYNNE M. SENIA
CITY CLERK

DAVE WASSIM ABDALLAH
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

DANA FLAMONT
COUNCIL SECRETARY