

MINUTES FEBRUARY 11, 2025
REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

Approved for the Agenda of:
02-25-25
APPROVED
Motion No. 25 - 096

25-069 The meeting was called to order at 6:19 p.m. by Council Chairman Mo Baydoun.

Roll Call showed the following:

Present: Council Chairman Mo Baydoun, Council Chair Pro Tem Hassan Ahmad, Councilwoman Nancy Bryer, Councilwoman Denise Malinowski Maxwell, Councilman Hassan Saab, Councilman Tom Wencel.

Absent: Councilman Robert Constan.

Also Present: City Clerk Senia, Treasurer Hicks-Clayton, Building & Engineering Director Watland, Chief of Staff Hernandez, City Engineer Dib, Comptroller Shepard, DPW Director Danci, Fire Chief Brogan, IT Director Cooper, Library Director McCaffery, Ordinance Enforcement & Animal Control Director Dishroon, Parks & Recreation Director Zboznik, Acting Police Chief Haidar.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vince Drapkowski.

25-070 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Saab to approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2025 as submitted, with the addition of Claim 6-45 for "Keep Creating LLC" in the amount of \$2,800.00.

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

Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Saab to approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2025 as submitted, with the addition of Claim 6-45 for "Keep Creating LLC" in the amount of \$2,800.00, and Item 9-G – Resident Concern.

Motion adopted

25-071 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to approve the Minutes for the Special Meeting of January 28, 2024, as outlined in 4-A.

Motion adopted

25-072 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 28, 2024, as outlined in 4-B.

Motion adopted

25-073 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to approve Current Claims and ACH/Wire Transfers 6-1 through 6-45, as submitted.

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

Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to approve Current Claims and ACH/Wire Transfers 6-1 through 6-45, as submitted, with the removal of 6-18 and 6-22.

1	Allied Building	\$3,691.41
2	Allied Building	\$4,390.72
3	Allied Building	\$54,100.00
4	Bowles Brothers	\$3,080.00

5	BS&A Software	\$9,672.00
6	Central Wayne County Sanitation	\$6,595.00
7	Central Wayne County Sanitation	\$35,029.06
8	Dominion Voting	\$4,000.00
9	Enterprise FM Trust	\$33,555.47
10	Ferguson Waterworks	\$267,400.00
11	Ferguson Waterworks	\$6,400.00
12	Ferguson Waterworks	\$128,352.00
13	Gandol	\$3,440.00
14	Grainger	\$1,872.30
15	Great Lakes Water	\$348,489.71
16	Hustler Turf	\$28,666.00
17	HydroCorp	\$3,721.50
18	IB Electric	\$7,000.00
19	Johnson Controls	\$3,473.00
20	Johnson Controls	\$6,526.00
21	K & E Composting	\$11,340.00
22	Merouch & Hallman	\$30,357.50
23	Michigan Humane	\$4,798.25
24	Ogletree Deakins	\$1,911.00
25	Ogletree Deakins	\$2,392.50
26	Perkins Law Group	\$5,185.00
27	Plante & Moran	\$12,285.00
28	Plante & Moran	\$22,963.50
29	Plante & Moran	\$25,940.25
30	Plante & Moran	\$29,531.25
31	Pressure Vessel	\$22,747.00
32	Quad Tran	\$3,884.70
33	Quad Tran	\$7,684.00
34	Saad Law	\$9,555.00
35	Saad Law	\$10,200.00
36	Semcog	\$10,061.00
37	State of Michigan	\$5,000.00
38	Urban Tree Trimming	\$8,900.00
39	Urban Tree Trimming	\$7,769.00
40	Urban Tree Trimming	\$14,175.00
41	Urban Tree Trimming	\$2,225.00
42	Wayne County	\$4,200.00

43	Wayne County	\$131,180.54
44	Wayne County	\$476,294.79
45	Keep Creating LLC	\$2,800.00

Motion adopted

- 25-074** Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Saab to table Item 7-A – Bid Award – Animal Sheltering Agreement Proposals. Per Ordinance Enforcement & Animal Control Director Dishroon communication dated February 4, 2025.

Motion adopted

- 25-075** Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to approve the payment for the Environmental Clean up to Service Master for a total cost not to exceed \$20,000 from Building Maintenance Contractual Services GL # 101-265-818.000. In addition, authorize the Comptroller to issue a Budget amendment to increase the Building Maintenance Contractual Services GL # 101-265-818.000 from \$20,000 to \$40,000 to cover the costs and authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to sign the necessary warrants, and the Treasurer to issue payments, as outlined in 8-A. Per City Engineer Dib communication dated February 4, 2025.

Motion adopted

- 25-076** Motion by Councilwoman Malinowski Maxwell, seconded by Councilman Saab to authorize the City's participation in the northern portion of the Rouge River Feasibility Study for a cost of \$1.25 Million Dollars, which will be added to the proposed 2025-2026 Corporate Fund Budget for the City Council's consideration, as outlined in 8-B. Per City Engineer Dib communication dated February 4, 2025.

Motion defeated

- 25-077** Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Saab to concur with the Mayoral reappointment of Ali Charara, Dennis Sobota and Chastity Townsend, to the Board of Review, terms to expire January 2027, as outlined in 8-C. Per Mayor Bazzi communication dated February 5, 2025.

Motion adopted

- 25-078** Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to approve the following remote revenue collection sites:

- Caroline Kennedy Library
- John F. Kennedy Library
- Canfield Recreation Center
- Richard A. Young Recreation Center
- Eton Senior Recreation Center
- Berwyn Senior Recreation Center
- Dearborn Heights Police Department
- 20th District Court
- Department of Public Works

as outlined in 9-A. Per Treasurer Hicks-Clayton communication dated February 4, 2025.

Motion adopted

Councilwoman Malinowski Maxwell stepped out at 7:55 p.m.

25-079 Motion by Councilwoman Bryer, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to approve the request of Treasurer Hicks-Clayton to obtain a legal opinion regarding the collection of Delinquent Personal Property Taxes and levying an Administrative Fee of 1%. In addition, approve the request for a legal opinion on levying a 25% fee on the cost of collection for delinquent personal property fees by the third-party collection agency. Furthermore, approve the request to receive the legal opinion on this matter by February 28, 2025, and that the legal opinion be entered into the record and public record, as outlined in 9-B. Per Treasurer Hicks-Clayton communication dated February 4, 2025.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Bryer, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to refer back to Treasurer Hicks-Clayton Item 9-B – Request for Legal Opinion Regarding the Collection of Delinquent Personal Property Taxes and Fees.

Ayes: Council Chairman Baydoun, Council Chair Pro Tem Ahmad, Councilwoman Bryer, Councilman Saab, Councilman Wencel.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Constan, Councilwoman Malinowski Maxwell.

Motion adopted

25-080 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Saab to approve the purchase and payment of one (1) Ford F-250 from Gorno Ford for a cost of \$49,755.00 to be paid from the Capital Outlay Account 101-335-981.000 upon receipt of the vehicle, as outlined in 9-C. Per Fire Chief Brogan communication dated February 4, 2025.

Ayes: Council Chairman Baydoun, Council Chair Pro Tem Ahmad, Councilwoman Bryer, Councilman Saab, Councilman Wencel.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Constan, Councilwoman Malinowski Maxwell.

Motion adopted

25-081 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to approve the following budget amendment to ensure the necessary funding to complete the acquisition of the replacement Ford F-250 from Gorno Ford:

- Increase Capital Outlay Account 101-335-981.000 by \$34,755.00
- Allocate the remaining \$15,000.00 from the insurance settlement towards this purchase

as outlined in 9-D. Per Fire Chief Brogan communication dated February 4, 2025.

Ayes: Council Chairman Baydoun, Council Chair Pro Tem Ahmad, Councilwoman Bryer, Councilman Saab, Councilman Wencel.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Constan, Councilwoman Malinowski Maxwell.

Motion adopted

25-082 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to approve the purchase and payment of needed equipment and services to add the requested additional Facility Access door at DPW from BAE Networks, as BAE Networks is the registered Integrator for the cities PDK system, for a cost not to exceed \$3,630.17. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to sign the necessary warrants, and the Treasurer to issue payment of \$1,815.08 from Account #101-440-932.000 and \$1,815.09 from Account # 592-540-932.000, as outlined in 9-E. Per IT Director Cooper and DPW Director Danci communication dated January 30, 2025.

Ayes: Council Chairman Baydoun, Council Chair Pro Tem Ahmad, Councilwoman Bryer, Councilman Saab, Councilman Wencel.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Constan, Councilwoman Malinowski Maxwell.

Motion adopted

Councilwoman Malinowski Maxwell returned at 8:04 p.m.

- 25-083** Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement between the City and Flock Safety which was previously authorized by City Council Motions #24-333 and #24-462, as outlined in 9-F. Per Acting Chief of Police Haidar communication dated January 29, 2025.

Motion adopted

- 25-084** Motion by Councilman Baydoun, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to open the floor for City Council discussion regarding an estimated water bill since 2019.

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

Motion by Councilman Baydoun, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to waive \$1,062.00 from the water bill for the resident on Williams Street, Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48125.

Ayes: Council Chairman Baydoun, Councilman Wencel.

Nays: Council Chair Pro Tem Ahmad, Councilwoman Bryer, Councilwoman Malinowski Maxwell, Councilman Saab.

Absent: Councilman Constan.

Motion defeated

- 25-085** Motion by Councilman Wencel, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to move that Proposed Ordinance H-25-01, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS, ESTABLISHING THE VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR ITS COMPOSITION, TERMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT; DEFINING ITS PURPOSE, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; AND REGULATING ITS MEETINGS. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS, THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN, IS HEREBY AMENDED BY ADDING DIVISION 9 UNDER CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VI, AS WELL AS BY ADDING A SECTION, TO BE NUMBERED 2-595, be considered read for the second time, as outlined in 11-A. Per Council Chairman Baydoun communication dated January 23, 2025.

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

Motion by Councilman Wencel, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to refer back to Special Legal Counsel Item 11-A – Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance H-25-01 – Veteran Affairs Commission, that the requested adjustments can be made as follows:

- Specifying that in the case of there being 5 members on the commission, 2 would be appointed by Council
- Specifying that in the case of there being 9 members on the commission, 4 would be appointed by Council
- Specifying that the elected-official liaison (ex-officio) would have voting rights

Motion adopted

- 25-086** Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilwoman Malinowski Maxwell to adjourn the Dearborn Heights City Council Regular Meeting.

Motion adopted

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

LYNNE M. SENIA
CITY CLERK

MO BAYDOUN
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

GEORGANNE SEMENIUK
COUNCIL SECRETARY