

MINUTES JANUARY 14, 2025
REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

Approved for
the Agenda of:

01-28-25

APPROVED

Motion No.

25 - 037

25-001 The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Council Chairman Mo Baydoun.

Roll Call showed the following:

Present: Council Chairman Mo Baydoun, Council Chair Pro Tem Hassan Ahmad, Councilman Robert Constan, Councilman Hassan Saab, Councilman Tom Wencel.
 Absent: Councilwoman Nancy Bryer, Councilwoman Denise Malinowski Maxwell.
 Also Present: City Clerk Senia, Treasurer Hicks-Clayton, Building & Engineering Director Watland, Chief of Staff Hernandez, City Engineer Dib, Comptroller Shepard, DPW Director Danci, Human Resource Director Eggly, IT Director Cooper, Library Director McCaffery, Ordinance Enforcement & Animal Control Director Dishroon, Interim Parks & Recreation Director Smith, Interim Police Chief Farhat.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Interim Police Chief Farhat.

25-002 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of January 14, 2025 as submitted.

Motion adopted

25-003 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2024, as outlined in 4-A.

Motion adopted

25-004 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Saab to approve the Minutes for the Special Meeting of December 17, 2024, as outlined in 4-B.

Motion adopted

25-005 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Saab to approve Current Claims and ACH/Wire Transfers 6-1 through 6-16 and 6-18 through 6-35, as submitted.

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

Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Saab to approve Current Claims and ACH/Wire Transfers 6-1 through 6-16 and 6-18 through 6-35, as submitted, with the removal of 6-26, 6-27, 6-28 and 6-29.

1	Allied Building	\$2,214.74
2	Allied Building	\$4,975.00
3	Apex Software	\$1,800.00
4	Central Wayne County Sanitation	\$49,456.53
5	Central Wayne County Sanitation	\$6,595.00
6	Central Wayne County Sanitation	\$45,812.13
7	Central Wayne County Sanitation	\$6,595.00
8	City of Dearborn	\$35,742.29
9	Duke's Root Control	\$17,785.35

10	Ferguson Waterworks	\$2,003.12
11	Ferguson Waterworks	\$825,206.40
12	Floyd Entertainment	\$1,630.00
13	Great Lakes Water Authority	\$11,721.70
14	Great Lakes Water Authority	\$340,980.07
15	Guardian Alarm	\$2,846.16
16	Hydrocorp	\$3,721.50
18	Johnson Controls	\$1,936.00
19	Johnson Controls	\$7,125.46
20	Johnson Controls	\$1,709.50
21	Luigi Fernandi & Son Cement	\$76,820.17
22	Michigan Humane Society	\$21,487.25
23	Michigan Humane Society	\$5,234.25
24	Miss Dig	\$19,567.76
25	O'Reilly Rancilio	\$6,840.09
26	Plante & Moran	\$12,285.00
27	Plante & Moran	\$22,963.50
28	Plante & Moran	\$25,940.25
29	Plante & Moran	\$29,531.25
30	Priority Waste	\$230,872.32
31	R & R Fire Truck Repair	\$2,200.10
32	Saad Law	\$6,060.00
33	Sunny design	\$2,095.00
34	Urban Tree Trimming	\$8,900.00
35	Urban Tree Trimming	\$8,900.00

Motion adopted

25-006 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Constan to concur with the Mayoral appointment of Johnny Vidinovski and Fadi Akawi to the Planning Commission, terms to expire January 2026. These are to fill the vacancies left by Ali Makki and Kenji Fujita. In addition, concur with the Mayoral reappointment of Ali Turfe to the Planning Commission, term to expire January 2028, as outlined in 8-A. Per Mayor Bazzi communication dated January 7, 2025.

Motion adopted

25-007 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Constan to grant permission to Thrive By Any Means Necessary to hold a Martin Luther King Jr. Day March on Monday, January 20, 2025 at 11:00 a.m., as outlined in 8-B. Per Mayor Bazzi communication dated January 7, 2025.

Motion adopted

- 25-008** Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Saab to reappoint the Honorable City Treasurer Lisa Hicks-Clayton as delegate to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments for the year 2025. The Honorable Hicks-Clayton served in the past on their Legislative Platform Task Force, Green Infrastructures, Redevelopment Business Corridors Task Force, and on the Executive Committee as well. Now therefore be it resolved that the City Council hereby authorizes Treasurer Lisa Hick-Clayton to fill up the appointment and representing the City as such during 2025, as outlined in 9-A. Per Councilwoman Malinowski Maxwell communication dated December 4, 2024.

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

Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Wencel to appoint Councilman Hassan Saab as delegate to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments for the year 2025, and appoint Councilman Robert Constan as the alternate.

Motion adopted

- 25-009** Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to approve the City of Dearborn Heights 2025 Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines, as outlined in 9-B. Per Assessor Comer communication dated January 7, 2025.

Motion adopted

- 25-010** Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to approve Change Order #1 to the Asphalt Pavement Street Repair Program Contract between the City and True North Asphalt for a total of \$185,700.00 and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the change order 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 from Local Streets, as outlined in 9-C. Per City Engineer Dib communication dated January 6, 2025.

After further discussion, the motion was amended to include the correction to the back-up material included for this item, to rectify the subject line of the communication for City Council Motion 24-398.

Motion adopted

- 25-011** Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Constan to authorize the continuation of the software agreement between the City and SHI to provide thirty-six (36) Adobe Acrobat Pro licenses and four (4) Adobe Creative Cloud licenses for Government at a cost of not to exceed \$7,620.12. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to sign the necessary documents, and the Treasurer to issue payment from Account 101-258-728 for \$3,814.92 and Account 101-809-981.001 for \$3,805.20, as outlined in 9-E. Per IT Director Cooper communication dated December 27, 2024.

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

Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Constan to authorize the continuation of the annual software agreement between the City and SHI to provide thirty-six (36) Adobe Acrobat Pro licenses and four (4) Adobe Creative Cloud licenses for Government at a cost of not to exceed \$7,620.12. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to sign the necessary documents, and the Treasurer to issue payment from Account 101-258-728 for \$3,814.92 and Account 101-809-981.001 for \$3,805.20, as outlined in 9-E. Per IT Director Cooper communication dated December 27, 2024.

Motion adopted

- 25-012** Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to approve the agreement between the City and SHI to continue to provide three years of guaranteed pricing to license various editions and products of Microsoft O365/M365 with a yearly cost of \$72,534.20. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to sign the necessary documents, and the Treasurer to issue payment from Account 101-258-728 for \$67,137.38, Account 130-960-918.024 for \$1,581.48, Account 592-536-728 for \$2,204.23 and Account 101-809-981.001 for \$1,611.11, as outlined in 9-F. Per IT Director Cooper communication dated December 27, 2024.

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

Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to table Item 9-F - Microsoft M365 Renewal until the January 28, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting.

Motion adopted

- 25-013** Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the purchase and payment of AT&T Fleet Management for Government Pro Service from AT&T FirstNet for a cost of \$19.25 plus tax and fees per vehicle per month, \$6.50 plus tax and fees per trailer per month, and a one time cost of \$130.00 for DPW specific vehicle equipment, with a total budgetary yearly estimate for the fleet of vehicles being \$18,830.50. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to sign the necessary documents, and the Treasurer to issue payments from Accounts 101-440-818.000, 592-536-818.000 and 101-265-818.000, as outlined in 9-G. Per IT Director Cooper and DPW Director Danci communication dated December 27, 2024.

Motion adopted

- 25-014** Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Saab to approve the First Amendment to the Animal Sheltering Agreement between the City and the Michigan Humane Society. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the attached documents on behalf of the City, which will expire on March 31, 2025, as outlined in 9-H. Per Ordinance Enforcement & Animal Control Director Dishroon communication dated January 7, 2025.

Motion adopted

- 25-015** Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to refer to a Study Session Item 9-I - Animal Sheltering Agreement Proposals. Per Ordinance Enforcement & Animal Control Director Dishroon communication dated January 7, 2025.

Motion adopted

- 25-016** Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the re-zoning of 6452 N. Telegraph (back parcel) from C3 to RM, as outlined in 9-J. Per Planning Commission Chairman Fadlallah communication dated December 19, 2024.

Motion adopted

- 25-017** Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the re-zoning of 26550 Cherry Hill from R1 to RM, as outlined in 9-K. Per Planning Commission Chairman Fadlallah communication dated December 19, 2024.

Motion adopted

- 25-018** Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS). This MOU outlines the tasks agreed upon by the City and ACCESS, in regard to identifying and providing services to individuals who have recently survived a non-fatal drug overdose and face a high risk of future mortality. There are no financial payments which will be made between the two parties. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the MOU on behalf of the City, which will expire 24 months from the date that all parties sign the MOU, as outlined in 9-L. Per Interim Police Chief Farhat communication dated December 10, 2024.

RESCINDED
02-25-25
VIA MOTION NO.
25-112

Motion adopted

- 25-019** Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Wencel to approve the Resolution Supporting the Requirement of the Presentation of Backup for Payment of Warrants, resolving that the City Council affirm the authority of City Treasurer Lisa Hicks-Clayton to demand from the City Comptroller all payments requests back-ups to be on file and subject to inspection by the City Treasurer office staff accordingly, as outlined in 11-B. Per Treasurer Hicks-Clayton communication dated January 8, 2025.

Motion adopted

25-020 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Wencel to refer past CEDD Director **XXXXXXX** Payroll Payment matters to the Council-appointed attorney **XXXXXXX** to enforce the City Resolution to his salary increase from \$76K to \$95K with backpay effective 7/1/2023, in addition to other payments balances of his accumulated non-used vacation, sick and personal time according to City Charter, ordinances and policies, also to the State and Federal applicable labor and IRS deductions rules and regulations. NOW THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby authorizes attorney **XXXXXXX** to legally intervene and file a lawsuit against Mayor **XXXXXXX** to force him to pay **XXXXXXX** his payments accordingly, as outlined in 11-C. Per Councilman Wencel communication dated January 8, 2025.

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

Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Wencel to amend the motion to remove all names from the motion and direct Administration to give a breakdown of what they owe with retro-pay by the January 28, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting and the amount which will be paid by the following pay period. Failure to do so, Councilman Wencel will put a resolution to examine further legal action.

Motion adopted

25-021 Motion by Councilman Wencel, seconded by Councilman Saab to approve the Resolution to Re-Establish the Commission on Disability Concerns of Dearborn Heights with the following residents as potential commissioners after they are approved by City Council:

- Lisa Hicks-Clayton
- Blake Perry
- Rachel LaPointe

as outlined in 11-D. Per Councilman Wencel communication dated January 8, 2025.

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

Motion by Councilman Wencel, seconded by Councilman Saab to approve the Resolution to Re-Establish the Commission on Disability Concerns of Dearborn Heights with the following residents as potential commissioners who will apply through Administration before being approved by City Council:

- Lisa Hicks-Clayton
- Blake Perry
- Rachel LaPointe

as outlined in 11-D. Per Councilman Wencel communication dated January 8, 2025.

Motion adopted

25-022 Motion by Councilman Wencel, seconded by Councilman Saab to approve the Resolution to Establish a Veteran Affairs Commission as follows:

We here in Dearborn Heights Michigan and every city throughout the United States and in some cases various countries around the world, enjoy a freedom like no other. Freedom of speech, freedom of religion and freedom to choose our leadership, are just a few of the many freedoms we enjoy. If you were born here and your family roots go back hundreds of years in the United States of America or if you have recently migrated to the United States, you enjoy freedoms like no other country in the world. These freedoms were not given to us, on the contrary they were fought for. It took many battles to achieve and maintain these freedoms. Battles fought for hundreds of years, home and abroad, sacrificing life and limb. These battles were fought by a selfless dedicated special group of men and women, OUR UNITED STATES MILITARY VETERANS.

WHEREAS, the City of Dearborn Heights owes every freedom we enjoy to OUR UNITED STATES MILITARY VETERANS.

WHEREAS, OUR UNITED STATES MILITARY VETERANS should be treated with the highest levels of respect and gratitude, more than any other resident in our city.

WHEREAS, OUR DEARBORN HEIGHTS, UNITED STATES MILITARY VETERANS should be honored with special privileges such as discounts on City services, reserved parking at establishments throughout the city and special discounts offered by businesses and more.

WHEREAS, OUR DEARBORN HEIGHTS, UNITED STATES MILITARY VETERANS, living and deceased should be honored with a DESERVING, RESPECTABLE MEMORABLE PARK.

WHEREAS, There are many of OUR UNITED STATES MILITARY VETERANS, here in Dearborn Heights who suffer from Financial, Mental, Disability and Homeless issues.

WHEREAS, There are just a few wonderful private organizations to help OUR UNITED STATES MILITARY VETERANS here in Dearborn Heights such as "Love A Michigan Vet Project". They are very dedicated and provide a useful and needed service for area Veterans.

WHEREAS, To our knowledge there is no organization that specializes and exclusively assists OUR UNITED STATES MILITARY VETERANS living in Dearborn Heights

WHEREAS, OUR UNITED STATES MILITARY VETERANS living in Dearborn Heights who suffer from Financial, Mental, Disability and Homeless issues and other issues, in most cases must go outside the city of Dearborn Heights for assistance.

WHEREAS, OUR DEARBORN HEIGHTS, UNITED STATES MILITARY VETERANS have been overlooked long enough.

THEREFORE, Let It Be requested that Dearborn Heights City Council approve this resolution to create a Dearborn Heights Veteran Affairs Commission

ALSO LET IT BE KNOWN, That this commission will take effect immediately upon City Council approval. This commission will initially consist of potential members listed below after they are submitted to the Administration to be approved by City Council. Commission members will not be limited to this number as the commission will be seeking other interested applicants immediately.

Furthermore, City council request this Commission organize events hosted by the City of Dearborn Heights to honor OUR DEARBORN HEIGHTS, UNITED STATES MILITARY VETERANS

- David Knezek
- Richard Coogan
- James Randy Taylor
- Philip Smith
- Nadine Jones

Be it resolved that City Council authorizes attorney Gary Miotke to complete an ordinance draft establishing the Veteran Affairs commission submitted to the City Council and a form of a resolution by Tuesday January 21st 2025 to be included on the City Council agenda for the January 28th 2025 City Council meeting, Per Councilman Wencel communication dated January 8, 2025.

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

Motion by Councilman Wencel, seconded by Councilman Saab to approve the Resolution to Establish a Veteran Affairs Commission as follows: Be it resolved that City Council authorizes attorney Gary Miotke to complete an ordinance draft establishing the Veteran Affairs Commission, not to be limited to this name, submitted to the City Council in the form of a resolution by Tuesday, January 21, 2025 to be included on the City Council agenda for the January 28, 2025 City Council Meeting, as outlined in 11-E. Per Councilman Wencel communication dated January 8, 2025.

Ayes: Council Chairman Baydoun, Councilman Saab, Councilman Wencel.

Nays: Council Chair Pro Tem Ahmad, Councilman Constan.

Absent: Councilwoman Bryer, Councilwoman Malinowski Maxwell.

Motion adopted

- 25-023** Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to approve the Business License Renewal for Walker's Speakeasy at 8701 N Beech Daly, as outlined in 13-A.

Motion adopted

- 25-024** Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to approve the Business License Renewal for Dawghouse Bar and Grill at 21350 Van Born, as outlined in 13-B.

Motion adopted

- 25-025** Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the Business License Renewal for Mexican Fiesta at 24310 Ford, as outlined in 13-C.

Motion adopted

- 25-026** Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to approve the Business License Renewal for Polish Legion of American Veterans at 25222 Warren, as outlined in 13-D.

Motion adopted

- 25-027** Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the Business License Renewal for Saad Auto Parts Inc. at 25620 Van Born, as outlined in 13-E.

Motion adopted

- 25-028** Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to adjourn the Dearborn Heights City Council Regular Meeting.

Motion adopted

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

LYNNE M. SENIA
CITY CLERK

MO BAYDOUN
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

GEORGANNE SEMENIUK
COUNCIL SECRETARY