

MINUTES MAY 6, 2025
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

Approved for the Agenda of:

05-13-25

APPROVED

Motion No. 25 - 256

25-243 The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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, Councilman Robert Constan, Councilwoman Denise Malinowski Maxwell, Councilman Hassan Saab, Councilman Tom Wencel.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Clerk Senia, Treasurer Hicks-Clayton, Chief of Staff Hernandez, City Engineer Dib, Library Director McCaffery, Ordinance Enforcement & Animal Control Director Lafeve, Parks & Recreation Director Zbosnik, Police Chief Haidar.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Tom Wencel.

25-244 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the Agenda for the Special Meeting of May 6, 2025 as submitted.

Motion unanimously adopted

25-245 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Saab to award the bid for purchase of ten (10) vehicles to Gorno Ford for a total cost of \$711,908.60, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the contract on behalf of the City. In addition, authorize the Comptroller to do a budget amendment to increase Forfeiture GL Account 265-330-831.265 by \$711,908.60. Furthermore, authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to sign the necessary paperwork and warrants, and the Treasurer to issue payment from Account 265-330-831.265, as outlined in 9-A. Per Police Chief Haidar communication dated April 17, 2025.

Motion unanimously adopted

25-246 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Saab to open the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. for the purpose of hearing comments and/or objections, if any, to the proposed Corporate Fund Budget for the City of Dearborn Heights for the Fiscal Year of 2025-2026, as outlined in 5-A.

Motion unanimously adopted

Councilman Wencel exited the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

25-247 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Saab to close the Public Hearing at 8:47 p.m.

Motion adopted

25-248 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to open the Public Hearing at 8:47 p.m. for the purpose of hearing comments and/or objections, if any, to the proposed Alley Vacation off of Ford Road between Berwyn Street and Norborne Avenue, as outlined in 5-B.

Motion adopted

25-249 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Saab to close the Public Hearing at 8:49 p.m.

Motion adopted

25-250 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to adopt the following resolution to revert the name of the Summer Festival back to the Spirit Festival:

WHEREAS, the City of Dearborn Heights has historically celebrated an annual festival known as the "Spirit Festival," which has been a cherished event in our community; and

WHEREAS, the festival was temporarily renamed to "Summer Festival" through a decision that has prompted community feedback and discussions regarding the significance of the original name; and

WHEREAS, following careful consideration and input from residents, it is clear that the community prefers the name "Spirit Festival" to reflect the values and spirit of our city; and

WHEREAS, any future changes to the festival's name must require the approval of a majority of the City Council to ensure that the community's voice is heard;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Dearborn Heights that:

1. The name of the festival shall be officially changed back to "Spirit Festival."
2. All promotional materials, signage, and communications will be updated to reflect this change.
3. Any future proposals to change the name of the festival must receive a majority approval from the City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

as outlined in 11-A. Per Council Chairman Baydoun communication dated April 15, 2025.

Motion adopted

25-251 Motion by Councilwoman Malinowski Maxwell, seconded by Councilman Saab to adjourn the Dearborn Heights City Council Special Meeting.

Motion adopted

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

LYNNE M. SENIA
CITY CLERK

MO BAYDOUN
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

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COUNCIL SECRETARY