

MINUTES JULY 29, 2025
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

Approved for the Agenda of:

08-12-25

APPROVED

Motion No. 25 - 428

25-419 The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Council Chairman Mo Baydoun.

Roll Call showed the following:

Present: Council Chairman Mo Baydoun, Councilman Robert Constan, Councilwoman Denise Malinowski Maxwell, Councilman Hassan Saab.

Absent: Council Chair Pro Tem Hassan Ahmad, Councilwoman Nancy Bryer (arrived at 6:17 p.m.), Councilman Tom Wencel (took his seat at the Council table at 8:24 p.m.)

Also Present: City Clerk Senia, Treasurer Hicks-Clayton, Assessor Comer, Building & Engineering Director Watland, Chief of Staff Hernandez, City Engineer Dib, DPW Director Danci, Fire Chief Brogan, Human Resource Director Fisher, Library Director McCaffery, Ordinance Enforcement & Animal Control Director Lafeve, Parks & Recreation Director Zbosnik, Police Chief Haidar.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rose Tripepi.

25-420 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the Amended Agenda for the Special Meeting of July 29, 2025, as submitted.

Ayes: Council Chairman Baydoun, Councilman Constan, Councilwoman Malinowski Maxwell, Councilman Saab.

Nays: None.

Absent: Council Chair Pro Tem Ahmad, Councilwoman Bryer, Councilman Wencel.

Motion adopted

Councilwoman Bryer arrived at 6:17 p.m.

Councilman Wencel took his seat at the Council table at 8:24 p.m.

25-421 Motion by Councilman Baydoun, seconded by Councilman Saab to open the discussion with three (3) representatives from the D7 Dad's Club to have the open floor with this body and the Clerk's explanation of the agenda preparation, approval and publishing process, as outlined in 9-A. Per Council Chairman Baydoun communication dated July 25, 2025.

Ayes: Council Chairman Baydoun, Councilwoman Bryer, Councilman Constan, Councilwoman Malinowski Maxwell, Councilman Saab, Councilman Wencel.

Nays: None.

Absent: Council Chair Pro Tem Ahmad.

Motion adopted

A recess was taken at 8:25 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 8:36 p.m.

Councilwoman Malinowski Maxwell excused herself during the recess and did not return to the meeting.

25-422 Motion by Councilman Wencel, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to reinstate the Dearborn Heights City Beautiful Commission. In addition, the following residents would like to become commissioners and are requesting the Mayor to present their names to City Council for approval:

- Simon Yevzelman
- Caitlin Yevzelman
- Jennifer Farrell
- Diane Pahl (advisory commissioner)

as outlined in 9-B. Per Councilman Wencel communication dated July 24, 2025.

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

Motion by Councilman Wencel, seconded by Councilman Baydoun to refer back to Councilman Wencel Item 9-B for the Reactivation of the City Beautiful Commission.

Ayes: Council Chairman Baydoun, Councilwoman Bryer, Councilman Constan, Councilman Saab, Councilman Wencel.

Nays: None.

Absent: Council Chair Pro Tem Ahmad, Councilwoman Malinowski Maxwell.

Motion adopted

- 25-423** Motion by Councilman Wencel, seconded by Councilman Saab to grant The City Beautiful Commission the authority to access, plan, develop, maintain and accept monetary and material donations for a community garden on the property noted in this motion. In the meantime, between the passing of the motion and the names being presented to the Mayor and given to City Council for approval, the City Council gives immediate authority to Simon and Caitlin as the acting start-up team to access, plan and start the developing process of the Community Garden, as outlined in 9-C. Per Councilman Wencel communication dated July 24, 2025.

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

Motion by Councilman Wencel, seconded by Councilman Saab to withdraw the motion.

Ayes: Council Chairman Baydoun, Councilwoman Bryer, Councilman Constan, Councilwoman Malinowski Maxwell, Councilman Saab.

Nays: None.

Absent: Council Chair Pro Tem Ahmad, Councilman Wencel.

Motion adopted

Councilman Wencel excused himself at 9:38 p.m.

- 25-424** Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to adjourn the Dearborn Heights City Council Regular Meeting.

Ayes: Council Chairman Baydoun, Councilwoman Bryer, Councilman Constan, Councilman Saab.

Nays: None.

Absent: Council Chair Pro Tem Ahmad, Councilwoman Malinowski Maxwell, Councilman Wencel.

Motion adopted

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

LYNNE M. SENIA
CITY CLERK

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COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

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COUNCIL SECRETARY