

MINUTES JANUARY 13, 2026
REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

26-001 The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Clerk Lynne M. Senia.

Prior to the meeting Mayor Baydoun requested time to honor former City employee, resident advocate, and faithful attendee of City Council meeting. Vince Drapkowski, who recently passed away. In honor of Vince the Council Chambers went silent for 120 seconds. Mayor Baydoun asked that this meeting be held in his honor.

In addition, Mayor Baydoun requested a moment of silence to remember Yousif Hassan Naim, a cherished member of our community, who recently passed away.

Roll Call showed the following:

Present: Councilman Hassan Ahmad, Councilwoman Nancy Bryer, Councilman Robert Constan, Councilwoman Margaret King, Councilwoman Denise Malinowski Maxwell, Councilman Hassan Saab, Councilman Tom Wencel.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Clerk Senia, Mayor Baydoun, Treasurer Hicks-Clayton, Assessor Comer, Building & Engineering Director Watland, Chief of Staff Saad, CEDD Director Dabajeh, Communications Director Qasim, Comptroller Baydoun, Corporation Counsel Miotke, DPW Director Danci, DoIT Director Cooper, Emergency Management Coordinator Elzayat, Fire Chief Brogan, Grants Director Hefty, Human Resource Director Fisher, Library Director McCaffery, Ordinance Enforcement & Animal Control Director Nasrallah, Parks & Recreation Director Zbosnik, Police Chief Guzowski.

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 will then be asked to hold out their hands to vote for each nominee, and the first nominee to receive a majority vote will become the Council Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Wencel.

26-002 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Constan to open the nominations for the position of Council Chair for the first time.

Motion unanimously adopted

- Councilman Saab nominated Councilman Ahmad. Councilman Ahmad 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.

26-003 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to close the nominations for the position of Council Chair for the first time.

Motion unanimously adopted

City Clerk Senia proceeded with the vote for Council Chair.

Votes for Councilman Ahmad:

Councilman Ahmad, Councilwoman Bryer, Councilman Constan, Councilwoman King, Councilwoman Malinowski-Maxwelland, Councilman Saab and Councilman Wencel.

With this vote making a majority, the votes were closed, and Councilman Ahmad was elected to the position of Council Chair.

24-004 Motion by Councilwoman Bryer, seconded by Councilman Constan to open the nominations for the position of Council Chair Pro Tem for the first time.

Motion unanimously adopted

- Councilwoman Bryer nominated Councilman Saab. Councilman Saab accepted the nomination.

Council Chair Ahmad asked three times if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to close the nominations.

26-005 Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to close the nominations for the position of Council Chair Pro Tem for the first time.

Motion unanimously adopted

Council Chair Ahmad proceeded with the vote for Council Chair Pro Tem.

Votes for Councilman Saab:

Councilman Ahmad, Councilwoman Bryer, Councilman Constan, Councilwoman King, Councilwoman Malinowski-Maxwell, Councilman Saab and Councilman Wencel.

With this vote making a majority, the votes were closed, and Councilman Saab was elected to the position of Council Chair.

26-006 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the Amended Agenda for the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2026, with the removal of 9-A Treasurer Hicks-Clayton Approval of Central Western Wayne 911 funds – bank account and 9-C Assessor Comer – Wayne County Register of Deeds – Commercial Account, as submitted.

Motion unanimously adopted

26-007 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of December 09, 2025, as submitted.

Motion unanimously adopted

26-008 Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Saab to approve the Minutes for the Special Meeting of December 12, 2025, as submitted.

Motion unanimously adopted

26-009 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve Current Claims and ACH/Wire Transfers 6-1 through 6-85 as submitted.

1	Allied Building Service	\$2,297.77
2	Allied Building Service	\$10,480.00
3	Amazon	\$10,480.00
4	Artistic Lanscaping & Lawn Service	\$5,095.00
5	Artistic Lanscaping & Lawn Service	\$6,496.00
6	Artistic Lanscaping & Lawn Service	\$1,772.62
7	BAE Network	\$12,706.38
8	Central Wayne Co. San. Auth.	\$6,428.00
9	Central Wayne Co. San. Auth.	\$56,559.06
10	Detroit Salt Company	\$3,146.33
11	Detroit Salt Company	\$3,310.81
12	Detroit Salt Company	\$6,228.73

13	Detroit Salt Company	\$6,337.96
14	Detroit Salt Company	\$6,697.97
15	Detroit Salt Company	\$9,590.44
16	Diversified Excavating U & Site Utilities LLC	\$11,808.83
17	Downriver Utility Wastewater Auth.	\$72,205.40
18	Duke_s Root Control	\$4,970.11
19	Duke_s Root Control	\$7,257.78
20	Duke_s Root Control	\$7,271.88
21	Duke_s Root Control	\$13,430.00
22	Duke_s Root Control	\$29,789.98
23	EMS-MC	\$9,823.40
24	First Choice Medical Group	\$2,225.50
25	Plante Moran	\$9,555.00
26	Frohm & Widmer	\$2,625.00
27	Great Lakes Water Authority	\$12,260.91
28	Great Lakes Water Authority	\$365,424.67
29	Guardian Alarm Company	\$3,073.80
30	HealthJoy	\$1,823.61
31	Hoopla	\$2,230.07
32	Hoopla	\$2,339.28
33	Imperial Dade	\$1,797.66
34	Imperial Dade	\$2,246.14
35	Jude Rariden	\$7,400.00
36	K & E Composting	\$13,230.00
37	LGC Global	\$255,789.82
38	Luigi Ferdinandi	\$4,957.20
39	Luigi Ferdinandi	\$8,135.00
40	Luigi Ferdinandi	\$4,814.50
41	Luigi Ferdinandi	\$6,013.00
42	Mark Anthony Contracting	\$349,983.94
43	MI Assoc of Fire Chiefs	\$1,598.00
44	MISS DIG	\$9,410.06
45	New Image Building Services	\$3,023.13
46	New Image Building Services	\$3,103.78
47	Nyhart	\$2,550.00
48	Oakland County	\$5,085.00
49	OccMed Connect	\$1,526.00
50	OccMed Connect	\$1,537.00
51	OccMed Connect	\$1,949.00
52	OccMed Connect	\$2,088.00
53	On Grade Specialists	\$5,825.00
54	On Grade Specialists	\$7,500.00
55	Pomp_s Tires (1)	\$4,348.52
56	Printing Systems, Inc	\$1,639.72
57	Quad-Tran	\$7,684.00
58	Quad-Tran	\$4,293.48
59	R&R Fire Truck Repair	\$5,395.79
60	R&R Fire Truck Repair	\$1,968.80
61	R&R Fire Truck Repair	\$8,043.30
62	RKA Petroleum	\$2,077.34

63	RKA Petroleum	\$11,166.01
64	State of Michigan	\$4,016.69
65	Systemp	\$1,665.00
66	The Library Network	\$2,407.66
67	The Library Network	\$5,592.00
68	The Library Network	\$6,776.41
69	The Library Network	\$10,801.60
70	The Library Network	\$11,002.10
71	The Library Network	\$29,772.21
72	Urban Tree Trimming	\$3,225.00
73	Urban Tree Trimming	\$3,225.00
74	Urban Tree Trimming	\$36,975.00
75	Plante Moran	\$25,398.75
76	Wade Trim	\$12,360.00
77	Wayne County ESD	\$4,300.00
78	Wayne County ESD	\$601,156.00
79	Wayne County ESD	\$4,300.00
80	Whitlock-Invoice# 864328	\$5,081.83
81	Quad Tran	\$7,684.00
82	Quad Tran	\$3,889.56
83	O'Reilly Rancilio	\$79,602.52
84	Gary T. Miotke	\$40,000.00
85	Hammoud & Dakhlallah	\$20,255.33

Motion unanimously adopted

- 26-010** Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to authorize the Comptroller's office to advertise for bids for various Peg Funded projects, as outlined in 7-A. Per DoIT Director Cooper communication dated January 6, 2026.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 26-011** Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Constan to reappoint Sada Hojaj to Board of Review, term to expire in January 2028, as outlined in 8-A. Per Mayor Baydoun communication dated January 7, 2026.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 26-012** Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the 2026 Hardship Exemption Application and requirements, as outlined in 9-B. Per Assessor Comer communication dated January 7, 2026.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 26-013** Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to receive, note, and file the Notice of Determination that increases the salaries of the City's elected officials as recommended by the Dearborn Heights Local Officers Compensation Commission, per Corporation Counsel Miotke communication dated January 7, 2026, as outlined in 9-D. Per Corporation Counsel Miotke communication dated January 7, 2026.

Ayes: Council Chairman Ahmad, Council Chair Pro Tem Saab, Councilwoman Bryer, Councilman Constan, Councilwoman King, Councilwoman Malinowski-Maxwell.

Nayes: Councilman Wencel.

Absent: None.

Motion adopted

- 26-014** Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Constan to amend the budget by the amounts in the attachment, as outlined in 9-E. Per Comptroller Baydoun communication dated January 7, 2026.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 26-015** Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Constan to award the work for lift removal and sinkhole repair to Allied Inc. for the amount not exceed cost of \$29,181.25 (original estimate plus 15% contingency due to unknowns of this type of work). Payment to be made from the water & sewer general fund GL # 592-536-18.000 with a current balance of \$95,444.80, as outlined in 9-F. Per DPW Director Danci communication dated January 6, 2026.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 26-016** Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the request to approve payment of all invoices for material hauling and salt deliveries, as they're often over \$1,500. Not to exceed \$10,000, as outlined in 9-G. Per DPW Director Danci communication dated January 7, 2026.

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

Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Constan that these Director approved invoices come back to claims up to \$10,000. Per DPW Director Danci communication dated January 7, 2026.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 26-017** Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilwoman King to approve the request to sign and pay invoices for concrete repair due to Water, Highway, and Building Maintenance operations that total more than \$1,500 as they often exceed this limit. Not to exceed \$10,000, as outlined in 9-H. Per DPW Director Danci communication dated January 7, 2026.

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

Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilwoman King that these Director approved invoices come back to claims up to \$10,000. Per DPW Director Danci communication dated January 7, 2026.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 26-018** Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer that the City of Dearborn Heights approve the request to approve payment of all invoices for water & sewer materials required to continue operations, as they're often over \$1,500. Not to exceed \$10,000. These Director pre-approved invoices will come back to claims, as outlined in 9-I. Per DPW Director Danci communication dated January 7, 2026.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 26-019** Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilwoman King to approve the payment of \$218,500 to Wade Trim to complete the proposed work for the Cherry Hill Road Resurfacing Project. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to sign the necessary warrants, and the Treasurer to issue payment from the Account GL# 202 202 880.300, of which the balance is \$4,622,271.77, as outlined in 9-J. Per DPW Director Danci communication dated January 7, 2026.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 26-020** Motion by Councilwoman Bryer, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the 2025 - L41 CSO – Sewer Separation Project Contract Modification, as outlined in 9-K. Per DPW Director Danci communication dated January 7, 2026.

Motion unanimously adopted

26-021 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to renew the business license for Bone Yard at 7010 N. Telegraph, as outlined in 13-A.

Motion unanimously adopted

26-022 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Constan to renew the business license for Dawghouse Bar and Grill at 21350 Van Born as outlined in 13-B.

Motion unanimously adopted

26-023 Motion by Councilwoman Malinowski-Maxwell, seconded by Councilman Constan to renew the business license for Saad Auto Parts Inc. at 25620 Van Born, as outlined in 13-C.

Motion unanimously adopted

26-024 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Constan to renew the business license for Wes Financial Auto Group at 5952 N. Telegraph, as outlined in 13-D.

Motion unanimously adopted

26-025 Motion by Councilwoman Malinowski-Maxwell, seconded by Councilman Constan to renew the business license for Randy's Robindale Bar at 25122 Warren, as outlined in 13-E.

Motion unanimously adopted

26-026 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Constan to adjourn the Dearborn Heights City Council Regular Meeting.

Ayes: Council Chairman Ahmad, Council Chair Pro Tem Saab, Councilwoman Bryer, Councilman Constan, Councilwoman King, Councilwoman Malinowski-Maxwell.

Nayes: Councilman Wencel.

Absent: None.

Motion adopted

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

LYNNE M. SENIA
CITY CLERK

HASSAN AHMAD
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

SALLY RAMOS
COUNCIL SECRETARY