

**MINUTES MARCH 10, 2026
REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL**

Approved for the Agenda of:
03-24-26

APPROVED
Motion No. 26-122

26-097 The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Council Chairman Hassan Ahmad.

Roll Call showed the following:

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Clerk Senia, Treasurer Hicks-Clayton, Chief of Staff Beydoun, CEDD Director Debajeh, Communication Director Qasim, Comptroller Baydoun, Corporation Counsel Miotke, Deputy Fire Chief Hall, DPW Director Danci, Emergency Management Coordinator Elzayat, Grants Director Hefty, HR Director Fisher, Library Director McCaffery, Ordinance & Animal Control Director Nasrallah, Parks & Recreation Director McArleton, Police Chief Guzowski, Water Department Director LaPointe.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Comptroller Baydoun.

26-098 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the Amended Agenda for the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2026, as submitted.

Motion unanimously adopted

26-099 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2026, as outlined in 4-A.

Motion unanimously adopted

26-100 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve Current Claims and ACH/Wire Transfers 6-1 thru 6-2 and 6-5 thru 6-53, as submitted.

Claims 03/10/2026		
Inv Ref#	Vendor	Inv Amt
1	8 Point Building Supply	\$ 2,078.88
2	Ajax Materials Corporation	\$ 7,176.05
3	Bassam Saleh	\$ 1,750.00
4	Bassam Saleh	\$ 1,750.00
5	Bidigare Contractors	\$ 20,043.66
6	Bowles Brothers Services	\$ 26,770.00
7	Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority	\$ 29,942.66
8	Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority	\$ 6,428.00
9	City of Livonia	\$ 9,000.00
10	Detroit Salt Company	\$ 3,379.71
11	Detroit Salt Company	\$ 3,429.37
12	Detroit Salt Company	\$ 6,556.45
13	Detroit Salt Company	\$ 6,626.59
14	Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority	\$ 143,495.22

15	Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority	\$ 72,205.40
16	Duke's Root Control	\$ 4,058.91
17	Duke's Root Control	\$ 4,223.18
18	Duke's Root Control	\$ 7,308.50
19	Duke's Root Control	\$ 7,353.88
20	Duke's Root Control	\$ 8,935.78
21	Duke's Root Control	\$ 9,859.38
22	Duke's Root Control	\$ 16,092.20
23	Duke's Root Control	\$ 18,326.40
24	Duke's Root Control	\$ 21,275.33
25	Duke's Root Control	\$ 38,375.00
26	EGLE	\$ 5,000.00
27	ETNA Supply	\$ 3,006.00
28	Great Lakes Water Authority	\$ 12,260.91
29	Great Lakes Water Authority	\$ 384,200.07
30	HealthJoy	\$ 1,837.27
31	Husky Envelope	\$ 3,372.00
32	HydroCorp	\$ 3,317.50
33	Imperial Dade	\$ 2,315.72
34	Inner City Contracting(ICC)	\$ 8,073.39
35	Inner City Contracting(ICC)	\$ 12,026.49
36	Meroueh & Hallman	\$ 3,745.00
37	Meroueh & Hallman	\$ 25,269.50
38	MI Dept of Health	\$ 4,016.69
39	On Grade Specialists	\$ 6,937.50
40	On Grade Specialists	\$ 13,267.50
41	Pediatric Emergency	\$ 3,926.68
42	RKA Petroleum	\$ 8,397.97
43	Shults Equipment LLC	\$ 8,371.00
44	Wade Trim	\$ 8,300.00

Motion unanimously adopted

26-101 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilwoman King to authorize the Library to go out for bids and payment for three Elkay Enhanced EZH20 Drinking fountains and the installation of same at both libraries. Payment would come from the Capital Outlay account (738-738-981) which has over \$330,000 remaining, as outlined in 7-A. Per Library Director McCafferey communication dated February 27, 2026.

Motion unanimously adopted

26-102 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to approve the Metro Act Permit Applications from Ezee Fiber. This is a standard application that also included a check for \$500 for the application fee, as regulated by the State of Michigan. Please authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to sign the bilateral permit application, as outlined in 8-A. Per Mayor Baydoun communication dated March 3, 2026.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 26-103** Motion by Councilwoman King, seconded by Councilman Saab to approve a purchase agreement between Riverside Apartments of Dearborn Heights, LLC and the City of Dearborn Heights for 17297 W. Outer Drive, #1, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127. Furthermore, pending final review of Corp Counsel review, approve the purchase agreement. In addition, authorize The Mayor and the City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City, as outlined in 8-B. Per Mayor Baydoun communication dated March 3, 2026.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 26-104** Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Constan to receive, note and file the 2026 Liquor License Review indicating that all businesses are in compliance, as outlined in 9-A. Per City Clerk Senia communication.

Motion unanimously adopted

- 26-105** Motion by Councilwoman Bryer, seconded by Councilman Saab to approve the resolution establishing an employee identification policy requiring name tags for city employees with direct resident interaction.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council adopts this Resolution Establishing an Employee Identification Policy Requiring Name Tags for City Employees with Direct Resident Interaction ("Resolution") and that this Resolution establishes the Employee Identification Policy Requiring Name Tags for City Employees with Direct Resident Interaction ("Policy") as an official policy of the City.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the following constitutes the Policy:

- Section 1. Name Tag Requirement: All City employees who have direct communication or interaction with residents in the course of their City employment shall wear a visible name tag displaying their first name and job title while on duty.
- Section 2. Implementation Timeline: The Mayor, the Department Heads, the City Treasurer, and the City Clerk shall ensure compliance with this Policy within their respective offices and by City employees reporting to them directly or through the chain of command within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the Resolution establishing this Policy.
- Section 3. Enforcement:
 - A. The Mayor, the Department Heads, the City Treasurer, and the City Clerk shall be responsible for enforcing compliance with this Policy within their respective offices and by City employees reporting to them directly or through the chain of command.
 - B. Subject to any applicable collective bargaining agreements, failure to comply with this Policy may result in progressive discipline in accordance with (1) the City's Charter, Code of Ordinances, work rules, regulations, policies, and/or procedures and/or (2) any applicable collective bargaining agreements.
 - C. The Mayor (or an administrative officer designated by him) shall oversee citywide implementation of this Policy and address any compliance concerns with it.
- Section 4. Exceptions: The Mayor may grant exceptions to this Policy for law enforcement employees, public safety employees, or other employees where safety, security, or operational concerns warrant alternative identification measures, as determined by the Mayor.
- Section 5. Effective Date: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

as outlined in 9-B. Per Council Chairman Ahmad communication.

Motion unanimously adopted

26-106 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Constan directs the Administration to develop and implement a dedicated complaint and feedback page on the City's official website, as outlined in 9-C. Per Councilman Saab communication.

Motion was amended to reflect the following:

Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Constan approve the Administration to develop and implement a dedicated complaint and feedback page on the City's official website. **Furthermore, to add a Veterans Resource page and Suicide Hotline Tip on that page**, as outlined in 9-C. Per Councilman Saab communication.

Motion unanimously adopted

26-107 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to direct the Treasurer's Office, in coordination with the City Comptroller and Administration, to close all unnecessary City bank and investment accounts within thirty (30) days, and consolidate the City's banking structure into the following approved accounts,

1. Comerica – XXXXXX7191 – "Pooled Checking"
2. Comerica – XXXX9059 – "Pooled Investments"
3. Comerica – XXXXXX7452 – Tax Account
4. Comerica – XXXXXX7403 – Water & Sewer Lockbox
5. Chase – XXXXX6906 – Debt Retirement
6. Chase – XXXXX9698 – Unspent Bond Proceeds (to be closed after proceeds are fully expended)
7. Morgan Stanley – Investment Accounts (may be considered for closure with funds transferred to Comerica pooled investments)
8. Flagstar Bank – Certificates of Deposit (upon maturity, funds may be transferred to Comerica pooled investments)

as outlined in 9-D. Per Councilman Saab communication.

Motion was amended to reflect the following:

Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to direct the Treasurer's Office, in coordination with the City Comptroller and Administration, to close all unnecessary City bank and investment accounts within thirty (30) days, and consolidate the City's banking structure into the following approved accounts,

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Furthermore, this Motion is subject to Federal and State Forfeiture Fund review and restrictions by Corporation Counsel and Assistant Corporation Counsel, as outlined in 9-D. Per Councilman Saab communication.

Motion unanimously adopted

26-108 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilwoman King to approve the purchase and payment of safety barricades from Zonero, LLC for \$12,277.00. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to sign the necessary warrants, and the Treasurer to issue payment from Account GL#592-537-791.00, of which the current balance is \$26,449.07, this will result in a final available balance of \$14,172.07, as outlined in 9-E. Per DPW Director Danci communication dated March 3, 2026.

Motion unanimously adopted

26-109 Motion by Councilwoman Bryer, seconded by Councilman Wencel to approve the resolution to establish a tax bill reprint/tax search fee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the City Council of the City of Dearborn Heights hereby formally establishes and authorizes the Treasurer's Office to administer the following tax bill reprint / tax search fees:

\$1.00 for Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) / Homestead properties

\$10.00 for Non-PRE / Non-Homestead properties

for the purpose of offsetting administrative costs associated with research, reproduction, and processing of tax bill reprints and lookups.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the City Council,

as outlined in 11-A. Per Treasurer Hicks-Clayton communication dated February 22, 2026.

Ayes: Councilman Wencel.

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

Absent: None.

Motion defeated

26-110 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilwoman King to approve the resolution calling on the United States government to demand an immediate ceasefire and end to the war in the middle east:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Dearborn Heights calls upon the United States Congress and the United States Senate to immediately pursue all diplomatic and legislative efforts necessary to secure an immediate and permanent ceasefire in the Middle East; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Dearborn Heights urges the United States government to work with international partners to end the violence, ensure the protection of civilians, and address the humanitarian crisis resulting from the policies and military actions of the Israeli government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Dearborn Heights calls on federal leaders to prioritize peace, diplomacy, and international law in order to prevent further escalation of the conflict and the suffering of millions of people around the world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council expresses the concern of its residents that the United States should not be drawn into another prolonged war that does not serve the interests of the American people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, and all members of Congress representing the State of Michigan.

as outlined in 11-B. Per Elected Officials communication.

Motion unanimously adopted

26-111 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the Business License Renewal for Automania, 22120 Van Born, as outlined in 13-A.

Motion was amended to reflect the following:

Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Constan to **refer back to Administration for the** Business License Renewal for Automania, 22120 Van Born, as outlined in 13-A.

Motion unanimously adopted

26-112 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the Business License Renewal for GO 2 MOTORCITY, LLC, 2955 S. Beech Daly, as outlined in 13-B.

Motion unanimously adopted

26-113 Motion by Councilwoman King, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to approve the placement of a handicap parking sign at 8195 Dale, as outlined in 13-C.

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

Motion by Councilwoman King, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer approve the placement of a **no parking** sign at 8195 Dale, as outlined in 13-C.

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

Motion by Councilwoman King, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer approve the placement of a no parking sign at 8195 Dale. **Furthermore, to remove all previously installed no parking signs, immediately, and to have a traffic study done**, as outlined in 13-C.

Motion unanimously adopted

26-114 Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Saab to approve the placement of a handicap parking sign at 4455 Tulane, as outlined in 13-D.

Motion unanimously adopted

26-115 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to adjourn the Dearborn Heights City Council Regular Meeting.

Motion unanimously adopted

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

LYNNE M. SENIA
CITY CLERK

HASSAN AHMAD
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

IAN RINKE
COUNCIL SECRETARY