

**MINUTES SEPTEMBER 5, 2024**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL**

Approved for  
the Agenda of:

09-24-24

APPROVED

Motion No.  
24 - 433

**24-411** The meeting was called to order at 6:04 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: Chief of Staff Hernandez, City Engineer Dib, Comptroller Shepard, Human Resource Director Eggly, Parks & Recreation Director Sower, Police Chief Swope.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Resident Ray Muscat.

**24-412** Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to approve the Amended Agenda for the Special Meeting of September 5, 2024 as submitted.

Motion unanimously adopted

**24-413** Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to approve the Resolution Regarding Amendments to the Budget to Address the \$750,000 Reduction Discussed at the Budget Hearing:

1. Wade Trim: Amend and reduce the budget allocation by \$150,000.00.
2. Plante Moran: Amend and Reduce the budget allocation by \$120,000.00.
3. Mayor's Office: Eliminate the part-time position.
4. Legal Fees: Amend and Reduce the budget by Corporation Counsel Outside Counsel to \$75,000.
5. Director of Operations, Police Department: Amend this vacant position from the budget, with the funds coming back to the General Fund. The Mayor may bring back the position if needed in the future with a qualified person with Council's approval. The Mayor is not to introduce any new position without City Council's approval.

These adjustments are necessary due to the Administration's lack of action in addressing the budgetary concerns previously raised and voted on by the Dearborn Heights City Council, as outlined in 11-A. Per Councilman Saab communication dated August 28, 2024.

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

Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to remove Points #1 through #4 from the Resolution Regarding Amendments to the Budget to Address the \$750,000 Reduction Discussed at the Budget Hearing, and to amend Point #5 as follows:

5. Director of Operations, Police Department: Amend the budget and remove the vacant position of Director of Operations, with the funds coming back to the Police Department Fund. The Mayor may bring back this position if needed in the future with a qualified person with Council's approval. The Mayor may not introduce any new director position without City Council's approval, nor spend the money without City Council's approval.

Ayes: Council Chairman Baydoun, Council Chair Pro Tem Ahmad, Councilman Constan, Councilwoman Malinowski Maxwell, Councilman Saab, Councilman Wencel.

Nays: Councilwoman Bryer.

Absent: None.

Motion adopted

**24-414** Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Saab to approve, with the support of City Clerk Lynne M. Senia and Treasurer Lisa Hicks-Clayton, the Resolution Opposing the Transportation and Storage of Radioactive Materials in Van Buren Township, Wayne County.

WHEREAS, the health and safety of the citizens of Wayne County is of utmost importance; and

WHEREAS, the transportation and storage of radioactive materials poses significant risks to public health, safety, and the environment;

WHEREAS, it has come to our attention that radioactive waste is slated to be transported to a hazardous waste facility in Van Buren Township, Wayne County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Dearborn Heights opposes the transportation and storage of radioactive materials in Van Buren Township, Wayne County, and urges the Wayne County Board of Commissioners the State of Michigan, and federal authorities to take all necessary measures to prevent the transportation and storage of radioactive materials in the region;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of Dearborn Heights requests regular updates and information on any proposals or actions related to the transportation and storage of radioactive materials in Van Buren Township, Wayne County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of Dearborn Heights stands in solidarity with the citizens of Van Buren Township and surrounding communities in opposing the storage of radioactive materials in the region, as outlined in 11-B. Per Council Chair Pro Tem Ahmad communication dated September 4, 2024.

WHEREAS, Wayne County lies in an area with the largest fresh water supply in the world and we're risking contaminating the world's largest supply of fresh water,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Dearborn Heights do no business with any contractor or subcontractor that is involved with hauling, storing, or transporting this radioactive material.

Motion unanimously adopted

**24-415** Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilwoman Bryer to adjourn the Dearborn Heights City Council Special Meeting.

Motion unanimously adopted

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**LYNNE M. SENIA**  
**CITY CLERK**

**MO BAYDOUN**  
**COUNCIL CHAIRMAN**

**GEORGANNE SEMENIUK**  
**COUNCIL SECRETARY**