

MINUTES OCTOBER 22, 2024
REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

Approved for
the Agenda of:

11-12-24

APPROVED

Motion No.
24 - 488

24-468 The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Council Chairman Mo Baydoun.

Roll Call showed the following:

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

Absent: Councilwoman Nancy Bryer.

Also Present: City Clerk Senia, Treasurer Hicks-Clayton, Building & Engineering Director Watland, Chief of Staff Hernandez, City Engineer Dib, Comptroller Shepard, DPW Director Danci, Fire Chief Brogan, Human Resource Director Eggly, Library Director McCaffery, Ordinance Enforcement & Animal Control Director Dishroon, Parks & Recreation Director Sower, Police Chief Swope.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Clerk Lynne M. Senia.

24-469 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of October 22, 2024 as submitted.

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

Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of October 22, 2024 as submitted, with the addition of Item 9-G from Councilman Saab – Suspension of Contracts Between the City and Led Lion.

Motion adopted

24-470 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 8, 2024, as outlined in 4-A.

Motion adopted

24-471 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Saab to approve Current Claims and ACH/Wire Transfers 6-1 through 6-17 and 6-19 through 6-41 as submitted.

1	AL-AMAN BOOKSTORE LLC	\$3,353.38
2	ALLIED BUILDING SERVICES OF DETROIT	\$2,432.23
3	BOWLES BROTHERS SERVICES	\$1,960.00
4	CARR'S MOTORCOACH LLC	\$1,550.00
5	CARR'S MOTORCOACH LLC	\$1,550.00
6	CENTRAL WAYNE COUNTY SANITATION	\$3,059.85
7	CENTRAL WAYNE COUNTY SANITATION	\$6,595.00
8	CENTRAL WAYNE COUNTY SANITATION	\$50,938.19
9	CITY OF DEARBORN	\$36,279.63
10	CMP DISTRIBUTORS, INC.	\$1,982.00
11	CMP DISTRIBUTORS, INC.	\$4,024.00
12	DOMINION VOTING SYSTEMS, INC.	\$2,266.47

13	EMPCO, INC.	\$8,034.92
14	GANDOL, INC.	\$1,910.00
15	GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY	\$311,541.76
16	GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY	\$372,302.94
17	GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY	\$375,196.13
19	JEF R MAINTENANCE	\$1,900.00
20	JEF R MAINTENANCE	\$2,200.00
21	MARK CHEVROLET	\$4,884.56
22	MICHIGAN CAT	\$1,590.99
23	OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$1,600.00
24	OAKLAND COUNTY	\$1,862.25
25	PAT MILLIKEN FORD	\$3,653.46
26	PHOENIX SAFETY OUTFITTERS	\$2,685.00
27	PLANTE & MORAN PLLC	\$13,419.00
28	PLANTE & MORAN PLLC	\$17,388.00
29	QUAD-TRAN OF MICHIGAN, INC.	\$4,242.81
30	QUAD-TRAN OF MICHIGAN, INC.	\$7,684.00
31	R & R FIRE TRUCK REPAIR, INC.	\$4,108.29
32	R & R FIRE TRUCK REPAIR, INC.	\$14,105.98
33	RED WING SHOES	\$7,148.94
34	RKA PETROLEUM COMPANIES, INC	\$1,944.25
35	TELEFLEX LLC	\$3,000.00
36	THE ACCUMED GROUP	\$9,852.89
37	THE LIBRARY NETWORK	\$2,407.66
38	THE LIBRARY NETWORK	\$2,651.19
39	THE LIBRARY NETWORK	\$10,373.65
40	THE LIBRARY NETWORK	\$10,795.70
41	ULLIANCE, INC.	\$1,590.00

Motion adopted

24-472 Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Wencel to award the bid for the 2024-2026 Street Pavement Program to A & G Construction & Remodeling LLC in the amount of two million, six hundred and twenty-two thousand, one hundred and eighty dollars (\$2,622,180.00), which is the lowest bid plus 10%, and authorize the release of the bid bonds for the other bidders. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the contract, as outlined in 7-A. Per City Engineer Dib communication dated October 15, 2024.

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

Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Wencel to refer back to Administration the 2024-2026 Street Pavement Program Contract, that it may be re-bid.

Motion adopted

24-473 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Constan to award the bid for the replacement of the Police Department Boiler in the amount of \$54,100.00 to Allied Building as the lowest qualified bidder, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the required paperwork to execute the contract. In addition, approve the budget amendment reducing the Police Department Repair & Maintenance Equipment GL Account 101-300-932.000 in the amount of \$54,100.00, and increasing Building Maintenance Capital Outlay GL Account 101-265-981.000 in the amount of \$54,100.00. Further, authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to sign the necessary warrants, and the Treasurer to issue payment from Building Maintenance Capital Outlay GL Account 101-265-981.000, as outlined in 7-B. Per DPW Director Danci communication dated October 15, 2024.

Motion adopted

24-474 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilwoman Malinowski Maxwell to award the Van Houten Park Parking Lot Replacement Project to DiPonio Contracting LLC as the lowest qualified bidder in the amount of \$451,974.00. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement. Additionally, authorize the CEDD Director to approve related contractual payments applications and necessary or unforeseen change orders and cost of city staff/contract administration/supervision in an amount not to exceed \$21,324.91, and authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to issue and sign the necessary warrants for a total amount not to exceed \$473,298.91. Further, authorize the Comptroller to amend the following General Ledger accounts to fund this project as follows:

- From account 103-960-917.023 balance \$10,026.54 for \$10,026.54 to account 103-960-938.24
- From account 103-960-918.023 balance \$10,681.73 for \$10,681.73 to account 103-960-938.24
- From account 103-960-963.023 balance \$5,208.64 for \$5,208.64 to account 103-960-938.24
- From account 103-960-907.219 balance \$64,382.00 for \$64,382.00 to account 103-960-938.24
- Total of \$90,298.91 as stated above to account 103-969-938.24 with balance of \$350,000.00 from CDBG FY 2024 and \$33,000.00 from the city General Fund totaling \$473,298.91.

Furthermore, authorize the treasurer to pay them from the unrestricted general fund pool bank account to be reimbursed from the US treasury later accordingly, as outlined in 7-C. Per Parks & Recreation Director Sower & CEDD Director Jamal communication dated October 16, 2024.

Motion adopted

24-475 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Constan to adopt, effective immediately, the revised policy regarding public comment at regular and special meetings, to change Section 5 of the Dearborn Heights City Council Agenda to "Public Hearings and Public Comment" with two (2) minutes allowed for each speaker unless otherwise allowed by the Council Chair, and to remove the subsections, as outlined in 9-A. Per Council Chairman Baydoun communication dated October 16, 2024.

Motion adopted

24-476 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Ahmad to concur with the recommendation of the Treasurer and approve the selection of Trust Altus for Delinquent Personal Property Tax Collections, as outlined in 9-B. Per Treasurer Hicks-Clayton communication dated October 16, 2024.

Motion adopted

24-477 Motion by Councilwoman Malinowski Maxwell, seconded by Councilman Saab to approve the purchase and payment of credit card reader equipment for the Treasurer's Office using American Express (AMEX) points at a value of \$136.00, as outlined in 9-C. Per Treasurer Hicks-Clayton communication dated October 16, 2024.

Motion adopted

24-478 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Constan to approve the Proposal for FundingScout Services between the City and Wade Trim. In addition, authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to sign the necessary warrants, and the Treasurer to issue a one-time payment of \$29,000.00 from GL Acct. #101-200-818.000 and \$67,000.00 from GL Acct. #592-536-818.000, as outlined in 9-D. Per Chief of Staff Hernandez & City Engineer Dib communication dated October 15, 2024.

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

- For each grant not to exceed \$5,000.00
- For the City to make three (3) payments instead of two (2)
- For the contract to come back every year for (3) years for renewal
- For quarterly updates to be sent over on what grants are approved and what grants submitted

Motion adopted

24-479 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilman Saab to approve the purchase and payment of two (2) lawn mowers from Hustler Turf at the Sourcewell contracted price via State bid, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the necessary paperwork to execute the contract. In addition, approve the budget amendment reducing the Building Maintenance Repair & Maintenance Equipment GL Account #101-265-932.000 in the amount of \$28,666.00, and increasing the Building Maintenance Capital Outlay GL Account #101-265-981.000 in the amount of \$28,666.00. Further, authorize the Mayor and Comptroller or Clerk to sign the necessary warrants, and the Treasurer to issue payments from GL Account #101-265-981.000, as outlined in 9-E. Per DPW Director Danci communication dated October 15, 2024.

Motion adopted

24-480 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Constan to authorize the acceptance of the U.S. Department of Justice 2024 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$18,038.00. In addition, authorize the Mayor to accept and sign the solicitation and certification form, as outlined in 9-F. Per Police Chief Swope communication dated October 7, 2024.

Motion adopted

24-481 Motion by Councilman Saab, seconded by Councilman Wencel to suspend all City contracts throughout the City with the company Led Lion & Co., Led Lion, The Led Lion, Led Lion Corporation, Led Lion Inc.

Motion adopted

24-482 Motion by Councilman Ahmad, seconded by Councilwoman Malinowski Maxwell to adopt the following Resolution Regarding Water Consumption Investigation by Independant Party:

WHEREAS, the residents of Dearborn Heights have expressed significant concerns regarding the rising water bills, which have become increasingly burdensome for many households; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to ensuring transparency, accountability, and fair pricing in the management of public utilities; and

WHEREAS, an independent investigation is necessary to assess the operations, billing practices, and overall management of the Water Department, free from any potential conflicts of interest; and

WHEREAS, the findings of such an investigation will provide the City Council with critical insights and recommendations to address the concerns of residents and improve the water service provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Dearborn Heights hereby authorizes the issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an independent party to conduct a comprehensive investigation of the Water Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the investigation will include, but not be limited to, the following areas:

1. Review of current water billing practices and rates.
2. Analysis of operational efficiency within the Water Department.
3. Examination of any potential discrepancies in water usage and billing.
4. Assessment of customer service and responsiveness to resident inquiries and concerns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the selected independent party will report directly to the City Council, ensuring that the investigation is conducted without influence from city officials or the Water Department; or city administration, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council will allocate the necessary funds to support this investigation, prioritizing the financial well-being of our residents.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the City Council Chairman and City Council Chairman Pro Tem shall publish this resolution and proceed with the RFP process promptly, with the goal of selecting an independent investigator. Per Council Chairman Baydoun communication dated October 16, 2024.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no late penalty fees will be charged through December 31, 2024.

Motion adopted

24-483 Motion by Councilwoman Malinowski Maxwell, seconded by Councilman Saab to approve the Business License Renewal for Randy's Robindale Bar at 25122 Warren, as outlined in 13-A.

Motion adopted

24-483 Motion by Councilman Constan seconded by Councilman Ahmad to approve the temporary food truck/tent/cart license renewal application for Shawarmaje, as outlined in 13-B.

Motion adopted

24-484 Motion by Councilwoman Malinowski Maxwell, seconded by Councilman Constan to adjourn the Dearborn Heights City Council Regular Meeting.

Motion adopted

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

LYNNE M. SENIA
CITY CLERK

MO BAYDOUN
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

GEORGANNE SEMENIUK
COUNCIL SECRETARY