

Approved
Motion No. 20-434

Approved for Agenda of:
12-08-20

MINUTES DECEMBER 7, 2020
ELECTRONICALLY HELD SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL
VIRTUAL MEETING

20-424 The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Council Chairwoman Denise Malinowski Maxwell.

Roll Call showed the following:

Present: Council Chairwoman Denise Malinowski Maxwell (Pinckney, MI), Councilman Dave Wassim Abdallah (Dearborn Heights, MI), Councilman Bill Bazzi (Dearborn Heights, MI), Councilman Robert Constan (Dearborn Heights, MI), Councilman Ray Muscat (Dearborn Heights, MI), Councilman Tom Wencel (Dearborn Heights, MI).

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Clerk Senia, Mayor Paletko, Treasurer Hicks-Clayton, Chief of Staff Laslo, Community and Economic Development Director Hashem, Comptroller Bonza, DPW Director Selmi, Fire Chief Brogan, Human Resource Director Sobota-Perry, Ordinance Enforcement and Animal Control Director McIntyre.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Tom Wencel.

20-425 Motion by Councilman Bazzi, seconded by Councilman Muscat that the December 7, 2020 Electronically Held Special Meeting Agenda be approved as submitted.

Motion unanimously adopted

Council Chairwoman Malinowski Maxwell read the following resolution:

Motion for Dearborn Heights City Council to Hold Closed Session on December 7, 2020

Whereas Mayor Daniel Paletko filed a lawsuit against the Dearborn Heights City Council on September 24, 2020. The Lawsuit is 20-012532-CZ; and

Whereas This litigation is related to the prior litigation handled by the firm of Schenk & Bruetsch PLC (formerly Ottenwess, Taweel & Schenk, PLC); and

Whereas Attorney Matthew Schenk sent a privileged and confidential communication to Council Members on Wednesday, December 2, 2020. Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED That the Dearborn Heights City Council hereby approves entering a closed session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from disclosure under existing statute, namely the attorney-client communication from Mr. Schenk dated December 2, 2020 related to Mayor Paletko's lawsuit against the City Council.

20-426 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Bazzi based on the previous resolution to go into Closed Session at 5:09 p.m. for Pending Litigation presented by Council Chairwoman Malinowski Maxwell.

Motion unanimously adopted

The Honorable Body returned to an Open Session at 5:45 p.m.

20-427 Motion by Councilman Bazzi, seconded by Councilman Muscat to approve the Resolution of the Dearborn Heights City Council Related to Litigation Filed by Mayor Daniel Paletko, as outlined in Item 11-A. Per Council Chairwoman Malinowski Maxwell communication dated December 7, 2020.

Ayes: Council Chairwoman Malinowski Maxwell, Councilman Bazzi, Councilman Muscat, Councilman Wencel.

Nays: Councilman Abdallah, Councilman Constan.

Absent: None.

Motion adopted

20-428 Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Abdallah to adjourn the meeting.

Motion unanimously adopted

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

LYNNE M. SENIA
CITY CLERK

DENISE MALINOWSKI MAXWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRWOMAN

DANA FLAMONT
COUNCIL SECRETARY