

REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 14, 2000

00-464 The meeting was called to order at 8:13 p.m. by Council Chairwoman Margaret M. Horvath.

Roll Call showed the following:

Present: Councilwoman Elizabeth J. Agius, Councilman Kenneth R. Baron, Council Chairwoman Margaret M. Horvath, Councilwoman Jumana Judeh, Councilman Daniel S. Paletko, Councilwoman Margaret M. Van Houten.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Executive Assistant Heise, Corporation Counsel Miotke, City Clerk Robbins, Deputy Clerk Pawlukiewicz, Treasurer Riley, Financial Analyst Macari, Assessor Pargo, Building & Engineering Director Opalewski, Human Resources Director Sullivan, Police Chief Gust, Fire Chief Barnett, Recreation Director Grybel, Public Service Administrator Blackburn, Community Development Director Oliverio.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Human Resource Director Sullivan.

Human Resource Director Sullivan and Police Lt. Gavin presented the City Council with the "Gold Award from the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports." The award is presented to workplaces that have sustained comprehensive programs in physical fitness, health and sports. Award recipients must score at least 30 points from the self-assessment survey categories; have had programs in place for at least two years; provide an incentive to employees to participate in wellness activities; and have had at least 20 percent employee participation in at least two wellness activities during the past year.

00-465 Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilman Baron, that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2000, be approved as submitted.

Motion adopted.

00-466 Motion by Councilwoman Van Houten, seconded by Councilwoman Judeh, that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 24, 2000, be approved as submitted.

Motion adopted.

The Public Hearing for the Dearborn Heights Housing Commission Agency Plan Public Hearing opened at 8:20 p.m., by Council Chairwoman Margaret M. Horvath.

Council Chairwoman Horvath asked City Clerk Robbins to read the official notice of a Public Hearing. (Notice of Public Hearing follows).

The Dearborn Heights Housing Commission has developed its Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It is available for review after October 1, 2000 at the Community Development Department located at 26155 Richardson, Dearborn Heights, Michigan, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

In addition, a public hearing will be held on November 14, 2000 in the Dearborn Heights City Council Chambers located at 6045 Fenton, Dearborn Heights, Michigan at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. Published 09/28/00. No communications Madam Chair.

Council Chairwoman Horvath asked Community Development Director Oliverio for his opening

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remarks.

Community Development Director Oliverio "The Federal Government has requested that all communities that have Section 8 Programs do an Agency Plan. This evening I have Sharon Thomas with us from the Plymouth Housing Commission and Kathy Swarthout, Housing Coordinator and Eleanor Gnatek from the City's Community Development Department. The city has over 350 vouchers, 100 of those are family notification vouchers, more than half of our vouchers are being used. This isn't my Public Hearing tonight, I wanted to introduce Kathy Swarthout who will explain to the City Council and the public exactly what is in the Agency Plan."

Ms. Kathy Swarthout "Thank you Carmine. Good evening ladies and gentleman. I was here about 12 months ago for basically the same thing. I would like to report that in the 12 months we are right on track with all the terms and conditions that are contained within the Agency Plan. The Department of HUD has asked us to update it on an annual basis and that is why we are here tonight. The Plan itself has been available in the Community Development office for the last 45 days. My reason for being here is in case the public has any questions or comments that they would like to make in reference to the plan before we submit it to the Department of HUD. Essentially everything remains the same. Our mission statement is to continue to serve the very low income citizens of this area. Help them provide for themselves and their families decent, safe and sanitary environment at an affordable price. We are right on track, we are not making any major changes so essentially we are just changing the dates and continuing with our same mission and like I say I am here to take any questions or comments anyone might have."

Council Chairwoman Horvath asked if there were any questions or comments, from the City Council.

Councilwoman Van Houten "Madam Chair, Carmine mentioned that about half the vouchers are used for family unification. Could you explain what that is?"

Ms. Swarthout "Certainly, the breakdown on our program right now is we have 159 vouchers that are utilized for families that are on a regular waiting list. Right now we have 157 of those under use, three of them have been issued to families that are out there looking. The 100 family unification is a little more difficult program to administer. Actually, we have 85 of them being utilized now but the families that are allowed to utilize that particular batch of federal funding have to be referred directly to us through the Family Dependence Agency and it is families who are at risk of being separated through the Foster Care System or have already lost their children to the Foster Care System and they have gone through special counseling and programs and any Court Ordered mandates and now its been determined by all these appropriate parties that it's time to reunite the family but that housing remains the critical key to bringing them back together. In the remaining vouchers are utilized for a program called Main Stream. That program is to allow heads of household or their spouses who have been receiving Social Security Disability benefits to have the same opportunity to mainstream into a living environment that they normally could not afford without the assistance of the subsidy. It is going very well, we are very pleased."

Council Chairwoman Horvath "Any one else, anybody from the audience."

Jerry Kowal "Every time I hear the word HUD I get scared because it had a terrible reputation in Detroit and my biggest concern is in the City of Dearborn Heights when you say low income. Low income can mean a lot of things and who gets first shot at these homes or the rentals. Do the people in Dearborn Heights get the first shot at it or do we take people from outside, as you call low-income, and that concerns me. My experience with HUD through the years that I've heard about has not always been the greatest. I'd like to hear your answer."

Ms. Swarthout "Certainly, and I appreciate your comment. It is public knowledge that the

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Department of HUD has been beset with all kinds of problems. Fortunately for all of use who operate and administer this type of program we do our job, we administer in accordance with the congressional mandates rules and regulations and we have not been immediately effected by some of the inner problems that the Department of HUD has had. As far as who gets to utilize these programs initially when the programs first were brought into this area the citizens of Dearborn Heights did in fact have a preference, they were chosen over everybody else provided they met the income criteria. Over the years with HUD's initiative to allow people the opportunity to live in whatever area they chose to they have since eliminated the residency preference. But that is not to say that people in Dearborn Heights aren't utilizing them, they are. They are not using 100% of them but they were given first shot."

Council Chairwoman Horvath asked if there were any questions or comments, hearing none, she asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

00-467 Motion by Councilwoman Van Houten, seconded by Councilman Baron, that the public hearing be closed.

Motion adopted.

The Public Hearing for the Dearborn Heights Housing Commission Agency Plan Public Hearing closed at 8:27 p.m..

00-468 Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Agius, that Current Claims 6-1 through 6-24, be approved as submitted.

1. C & H LANDSCAPING - Parkland Park Phase II Improvements - Certificate #3 dated 10/13/00 from A/C 103-960-924-098 (Parkland Park) \$17,286.24 and A/C 103-960-924-099 (Parkland Park) \$9,714.16. Community Devel.
2. C DAVIS ROOFING COMPANY - Repairs Canfield Ice Arena - Inv. 6007 dated 08/21/00 from A/C 101-265-932-000 (Repair/Maint) \$3,875.00. Building/Maint.
3. CENTRAL WAYNE COUNTY SANITATION AUTHORITY - Monthly Administration, Debt and Waste Charges - Inv. dated 10/25/00 from A/C 101-200-810-000 (Sanitation) \$186,977.07. General Govt.
4. CITY OF DEARBORN - Water/Sewer Charges May-Sept. 2000 - Inv. 67295 dated 10/13/00 from A/C 592-537-928-000 (Water) \$1,638.28 and A/C 592-537-929-000 (Sewage Disposal) \$5,367.51. Water Dept.
5. CUMMINGS, MCCLOREY, DAVIS & ACHO - Labor Attorney Fees September 2000 - Inv. dated 10/13/00 from A/C 101-200-817-000 (Professional/Consult) \$2,585.50. General Govt.
6. DETROIT DOOR & HARDWARE - Two (2) Rolling Aluminum Counter Shutters - Inv. 107305 dated 10/25/00 from A/C 101-371-981-000 (Capital Outlay) \$13,352.00 ENC. Building/Eng.
7. E & N CEMENT - Pavement Repairs - Two (2) Inv.'s dated 11/04/00 from A/C 101-440-880-000 (Road Repairs) \$45,784.09 and A/C 592-537-818-000 \$62,232.74. DPW-Water.
8. IKON OFFICE SOLUTIONS - Copier Maintenance Agreement - Inv. 59617 dated 10/02/00 from A/C 101-335-818-000 (Contract) \$1,681.42. Fire Dept.
9. JQ INC. - Grass & Weed Cutting Services - Various Inv's - from A/C 101-200-963-000 (Weeds) \$7,750.00. General Govt.
10. LACARIA CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION - 2000 Sidewalk Replacement Program - Inv. dated 11/03/00 and 10/31/00 from A/C 101-200-963-000 (Sidewalks) \$173,803.94. General Govt. (See Budget Amendment)
11. MODERN BUSINESS MACHINES - Maintenance on PC Computers - Inv. 875906 dated 10/20/00 from A/C 101-258-932-000 (Repair/Maint) \$8,420.58. Data Processing.

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12. PAINTER & RUTHENBERG - Roll-Off Services October 2000 - Inv. 43002 dated 11/02/00 from A/C 101-200-810-000 (Sanitation) \$2,736.00. General Govt.
13. PLANTE & MORAN - Audit for Street Funds - Inv. 700571 dated 10/25/00 from A/C 101-440-818-000 (Contract) \$5,500.00. DPW-Highway.
14. PLANTE & MORAN - Account Services September 2000 - June 2000 Audit Fees - from A/C 101-200-817-000 (Prof/Consult) \$37,005.00 and A/C 592-536-817-000 (Prof/Consult) \$23,315.00. General Govt.
15. QUAD-TRAN OF MICHIGAN - Data Processing November 2000 - Inv. 3459 dated 10/31/00 from A/C 101-130-818-00 (Contract) \$3,200.00; A/C 101-200-728-000 (Supplies) \$1,510.41 and A/C 101-130-728-000 (Supplies) \$941.40. District Court.
16. STANLEYS ADVERTISING - Dearborn Heights Today Newsletter Delivery - Inv. 48767 dated 10/23/00 from A/C 103-960-918-098 (Admin) \$2,771.50. Community Devel.
17. STATEWIDE SECURITY TRANSPORT - Prisoner Food/Lodging Sept. 2000 - Inv. dated 10/26/00 from A/C 101-200-868-000 (Prisoners) \$7,578.25. General Govt.
18. TODAYLINK LLC - Online Services October 2000 - Inv. 1013 dated 11/02/00 from A/C 101-200-819-999 (Internet) \$6,365.05. General Govt.
19. WADE-TRIM/ASSOCIATES - Plans/Specs Berwyn Parking Lot - Inv. 67522 dated 10/11/00 from A/C 103-960-921-200 (Berwyn Parking Lot) \$1,013.43. Community Devel.
20. WATSON WYATT WORLDWIDE - Consulting Services for Pension Fund - Inv. dated 10/25/00 from A/C 101-200-817-000 (Prof/Consult) \$5,770.00. General Govt.
21. WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ROADS - Traffic Signal Maintenance Sept. 2000 - Inv. 95568 dated 10/21/00 from A/C 101-440-925-000 (Signal Maint) \$2,818.87. DPW-Highway.
22. WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT - Excess Flow July-Sept 2000 - Inv. 90084 dated 09/29/00 and Inv. 90136 dated 10/18/00 from A/C 592-537-929-000 (Sewage Disposal) \$301,615.28. Water Dept.
23. WAYNE OAKLAND CONTRACTING - Parkland Park Phase I - Final Invoice - Certificate dated 09/11/00 from A/C 103-960-924-098 (Parkland Park) \$1,600.00. Community Devel.
24. WESTLAND TREE SERVICE - Tree Trimming/Removals - Inv. dated 10/30/00 from A/C 101-440-820-000 (Tree Trimming) \$15,504.21. DPW-Highway.

Motion adopted.

- 00-469** Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilwoman Judeh, that the low bid from Mid-West Telephone, 3724 Gulfwood, Milford, MI 48382, for new telephone equipment including installation, in the amount of \$4,940.00, and payment thereof, be approved, per Police Chief Gust, communication dated October 24, 2000. Further, that the Treasurer be authorized to return bid deposits to the unsuccessful bidders. Funding for this project has been allocated from the 911 account.

Motion adopted.

- 00-470** Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilwoman Van Houten, that proposed Ordinance H-00-10, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS, BE AMENDED BY ADDING SECTION 32-425 OF SAID CODE, REGARDING VEHICULAR NOISE ABATEMENT IN THE CITY OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS, be considered read for the first time.

Motion adopted.

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- 00-471** Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilwoman Van Houten, that the City Council concurs with and approves the reappointments to the Board of Review of Jim Archibald, term to expire July 2003 and Angelo Batsakis, Bruce Edwards and Cliff Martin, terms to expire January 2003 per, Mayor Canfield, communication dated November 7, 2000.

Motion adopted.

- 00-472** Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Van Houten, that the City Council concurs with and approves the Interagency Agreement for Recycling Program between the City of Dearborn Heights and the 20th District Court, term to expire January 1, 2003 per, Executive Assistant Heise, communication dated November 1, 2000. Further, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City.

Motion adopted.

- 00-473** Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Agius, that the City Council concurs with and approves the "Amendment to Equipment Lease Agreement with Ricoh Business Systems for Recreation Department Photocopiers" located at Canfield Community Center and Berwyn Senior Center, per Executive Assistant Heise, communication dated November 1, 2000.

Motion adopted.

- 00-474** Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Agius, that the City Council concurs with and approves the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project Grant Finance and Service Agreement Amendment between the County of Wayne and the City of Dearborn Heights, per Executive Assistant Heise, communication dated October 30, 2000. The project cost is \$120,102.99, local cost share \$60,052.00 from the Phase I CSO bond account. Further, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the Amendment on behalf of the City.

Motion adopted.

- 00-475** Motion by Councilwoman Agius, seconded by Councilwoman Van Houten, that the City Council concurs with and approves the SMART Municipal and Community Credit Contract for Fiscal Year 2001, in the amounts of \$59,086 in Municipal Credit and \$46,647 Community Credit monies per, Community Development Director Oliverio, communication dated October 24, 2000. Further, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the Agreement and submit the Contract to SMART.

Motion adopted.

- 00-476** Motion by Councilwoman Van Houten, seconded by Councilwoman Judeh, that the Budget Amendment to cover the cost of the 2000 Sidewalk Replacement Program be approved as follows:

INCREASE REVENUES	SIDEWALKS
A/C 101-000-628-000	\$ 250,000.00
INCREASE EXPENDITURES	SIDEWALKS
A/C 101-200-963-000	\$ 250,000.00

per, Comptroller Barrow, communication dated November 7, 2000.

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Motion adopted.

- 00-477** Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Agius, that the City Council concurs with and approves an Agreement for Municipal Street Lighting with Detroit Edison for the installation of seventeen (17) colonial style 100 watt high pressure sodium lamps into Kinloch Park, in the amount of \$6,616.00 and payment thereof, per Recreation Director Grybel, communication dated October 30, 2000. Funds for this project are available in the CDBG program. Further, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City.

Motion adopted.

- 00-478** Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilwoman Judeh, that the request from Police Chief Gust, communication dated October 19, 2000 to purchase nine (9) Ford Crown Victoria police vehicles and four (4) Ford Taurus SE-2V police vehicles from Signature Ford, Perry, Michigan, for a total cost of \$251,111.70, and payment thereof, be approved. These vehicles were bid under the Macomb County bid contract and the Oakland County bid contract.

Motion adopted.

- 00-479** Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilwoman Judeh, that the request from Thomas and Anita Dinneweth, 21252 Powers, to purchase City owned parcel, Lot 2070, Dearborn Homes Sub. No. 8 (Sidwell #33-0051-04-2070-000) located on the northwest corner of Powers and Clippers, for \$1.00 be approved, subject to payment of sidewalk repairs, purchasers to assume all costs of sale and consummated prior to December 20, 2000 per, Assessor Pargo, communication dated November 6, 2000.

Motion adopted.

- 00-480** Motion by Councilman Paletko, seconded by Councilman Baron, that the request from Keith McDonald, 24031 Lehigh, to purchase City owned parcel, a 12' wide strip of land along Lots 1121-1126 Dearborn Telegraph Sub. No. 3 (Sidwell #33-041-02-1121-001), for \$500.00 be approved, subject to purchaser assuming all costs of sale and consummated by December 20, 2000, per Assessor Pargo, communication dated November 6, 2000.

Motion adopted.

- 00-481** Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Paletko, that a Public Hearing be scheduled at 8:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 6045 Fenton, Dearborn Heights, MI on January 9, 2001, to hear comments or objections to the abandonment of the north/south alley west of Telegraph, running between Lehigh and Hopkins.

Motion adopted.

- 00-482** Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Van Houten, that the communication from Code Enforcement Officer Simakas, dated November 3, 2000 re: Continuation of Contractor for Grass Program, be referred to a Committee of the Whole Study Session.

Motion adopted.

- 00-483** Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Judeh, that the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Expenditures Public Hearing minutes be approved as submitted.

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Motion adopted.

00-484 Motion by Councilman Baron, seconded by Councilwoman Van Houten, that the business license renewals for Rouge Park Bar, 16515 Outer Drive; Fetzer's on the Beech, 5127 S Beech Daly; Lucky 13, 21350 Van Born; Tailgater's Sports Bar & Grill, 25380 Van Born, Randy's Robindale Bar, 25122 Warren and Stefan's, 23900 Warren, be approved.

Motion adopted.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Chairwoman Horvath adjourned the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

**JOYCE A. ROBBINS
CITY CLERK**

**MARGARET M. HORVATH, CHAIRWOMAN
CITY COUNCIL**

**MARIA E. LAWRENCE
COUNCIL/CLERK SECRETARY**