

MINUTES MAY 12, 2015
REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

15-138 The meeting was called to order at 8:16 p.m. by Council Chairman Baron.

Roll Call showed the following:

Present: Council Chairman Kenneth R. Baron, Councilman Ned Apigian, Councilman Robert Constan, Councilwoman Lisa Hicks-Clayton, Councilwoman Margaret M. Horvath, Councilman Joseph V. Kosinski.

Absent: Councilman Thomas Berry

Also Present: City Clerk Prusiewicz, Mayor Paletko, Treasurer Riley, Building and Engineering Director Sobh, Comptroller Macari, Corporation Counsel Miotke, Emergency Management Director Ankrapp, Executive Assistant Laslo, Fire Chief Brogan, Human Resource Director Sobota-Perry, Library Director McCaffery, Ordinance Enforcement Director McIntyre, Police Chief Gavin, Public Service Administrator Zimmer, Recreation Director Grybel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by former Parks and Recreation Commissioner William Eby.

Mayor Paletko, Council Chairman Baron and Recreation Director Grybel presented former Parks and Recreation Commissioner William Eby with a plaque in honor of his service on the commission for 27 years, from 1987 through 2014, and serving as Chairman from 1989 through 1994.

15-139 Motion by Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton, seconded by Councilman Kosinski, that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2015, be approved as submitted.

Motion adopted.

15-140 Motion by Councilman Kosinski, seconded by Councilman Apigian, that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 28, 2015, be approved as submitted.

Motion adopted.

The Public Hearing for the 2015-2016 Corporate Fund Budget was called to order at 8:23 p.m. by Council Chairman Baron. The City Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 6045 Fenton, Dearborn Heights, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to the proposed budget for the City of Dearborn Heights for fiscal year 2015-2016.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. A copy of the budget will be available for inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 6045 Fenton, Dearborn Heights, Michigan.

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After the reading, Council Chairman Baron asked if anyone in the audience had any comments.

Troy Brown of Hanover Street voiced his concern that the interfund loan was not referenced in the budget. Council Chairman Baron explained that the interfund loan is not part of the budget. Treasurer Riley said the budget consists of revenues and expenditures and the interfund loan is neither an expenditure nor a budgeted item.

Suzanne Todd of Academy Street commented that we borrow money from the water fund, pay it back with interest and the citizens are paying this extra interest with their taxes. Treasurer Riley said that the law requires us to pay the fund that we are borrowing with interest. Treasurer Riley further explained that borrowing has decreased from about \$9.5 million and at this point is projected to be below \$2 million.

Ms. Todd also raised concerns that the budget is not actually balanced if the City needed to borrow funds. Mayor Paletko stated that receivables, such as the State of Michigan shared revenue, are paid in installments creating cash flow issues resulting in borrowing. Mayor Paletko said the fund, using accrual accounting, is totally balanced and actually running a surplus. Ms. Todd questioned if there is a surplus why are we borrowing money from the water fund and stated the water rates are the highest in surrounding cities. Mayor Paletko disagreed with her statement. Councilman Kosinski discussed the significant savings benefit of interfund loans compared to outside loans.

Hearing no other questions or comments, a motion to close the Public Hearing was offered,

15-141 Motion by Councilman Kosinski, seconded by Councilman Constan, that the 2015-2016 Corporate Fund Budget Public Hearing be closed.

Motion adopted.

The Corporate Fund Budget Public Hearing closed at 8:28 p.m.

15-142 Motion by Councilman Kosinski, seconded by Councilman Constan, that Current Claims 6-1 through 6-20, be approved as submitted.

1.	Bowles Brothers Services, Inc.	Inv-Piping/Trans	\$ 22,487.50	Water
2.	Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho	Prof/Fees	\$ 5,576.38	GenGovt
3.	D & D Water & Sewer	Water System	\$ 330,783.90	Water
4.	Dombos Sign	Street Sign	\$ 2,880.40	Highway
5.	Douglass Safety Systems LLC	Fire Grant	\$ 93,597.50	Fire
6.	E & N Cement	Road Repair	\$ 11,241.53	DPW
7.	Hard Rock Concrete, Inc.	Street Const	\$ 229,338.00	DPW
8.	Michigan Humane Society	Animal Pro	\$ 3,873.34	Ordin
9.	The Library Network	Libnetwork	\$ 16,997.86	Library
	The Library Network	Capital Outlay	\$ 9,364.03	Library
	The Library Network	Telephones	\$ 5,305.33	Library
10.	Michigan Meter Technology Group, Inc.	Inv-Piping/Trans	\$ 7,179.05	Water
11.	Miotke, Gary	Council Serv	\$ 12,270.00	CorpCoun
12.	Nagel Construction Inc.	Cont Services	\$ 16,684.36	Water
13.	Oakland County	Cont Services	\$ 16,135.75	Police
14.	Oakwood Healthcare, Inc.	Workers Comp	\$ 2,294.50	GenGovt
15.	Plante & Moran	Prof/Consult	\$ 6,325.00	GenGovt
16.	Secrest, Wardle	Council Serv	\$ 7,570.48	CorpCoun
17.	Statewide Security Transport	Pris Exps	\$ 4,127.00	Court
18.	Wayne County	Traffic Light Maint	\$ 2,144.29	DPW/Hwy
19.	Wayne County	Sewage Disposal	\$ 9,600.00	Water
20.	Wayne County Department of Environment	Dwnriv Local srf Prin	\$ 9,162.00	Water
	Wayne County Department of Environment	Dwnriv Local srf Int	\$ 3,915.48	Water
	Wayne County Department of Environment	W.C. Basin CSO Int	\$ 50,790.00	Water

Motion adopted.

15-143 Motion by Councilwoman Horvath, seconded by Councilman Apigian, to refer to a study session the proposal to prepare a Letter Ruling for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) by Plante & Moran, PLLC to retain Chief Brogan as Fire Chief. Per Mayor Paletko, communication dated May 5, 2015.

Motion adopted

15-144 Motion by Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton, seconded by Councilman Constan, to refer to a study session the request for temporary permits for the sale of fireworks from a tent at 23302 W. Warren Avenue and 23340 Ford Road in the City of Dearborn Heights. Per Council Chairman Baron, communication dated May 6, 2015.

Motion adopted.

15-145 Motion by Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton, seconded by Councilman Apigian, to approve the purchase and payment upon receipt of tablets, peripherals, and accessories not to exceed \$28,059.49 from CDW Government. Per Ordinance Enforcement Director McIntyre, communication dated May 4, 2015.

Motion adopted.

15-146 Motion by Councilman Apigian, seconded by Councilman Constan, to approve the purchase of 140 metal chairs for the R. A. Young Recreation Center in the amount of \$2,472.91 from Beinick, Inc. This purchase has been budgeted in the R. A. Young Recreation Center 2014-2015 Capital Outlay Account. Per Recreation Director Grybel, communication dated May 4, 2015.

Motion adopted.

15-147 Motion by Councilman Apigian, seconded by Councilman Kosinski, to dispose of one multi-station weight training unit. Per Recreation Director Grybel, communication dated April 27, 2015.

Motion adopted.

15-148 Motion by Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton, seconded by Councilman Constan, to approve payment to Eastern Michigan University in the amount of \$3,000.00 for Staff and Command Classes. Per Police Chief Gavin, communication dated April 27, 2015.

Motion adopted.

15-149 Motion by Councilman Apigian, seconded by Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton, to approve the following fund transfer to cover required rescue vehicle maintenance:

From: Utilities	101-335-745.000	\$20,000.00
To: Repair and Maintenance	101-335-932.000	\$20,000.00

Per Fire Chief Brogan, communication dated April 20, 2015.

Motion adopted.

15-150 Motion by Councilman Kosinski, seconded by Councilwoman Horvath, to refer item 9-G of today's agenda to the Administration, specifically, Director Amen of the Community and Economic Development Department. Director Amen is to furnish one copy of contract for services (a nine-page document format), a cover page, a properly executed, dated signature page with all of the required information from each of the four contractors identified in Council Motion 14-404 approved at the December 9, 2014 City Council Meeting. This information to be submitted through the regular City Council Meeting Agenda scheduled for May 26, 2015. Per Councilman Kosinski, communication dated May 5, 2015.

Motion adopted.

15-151 Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton, to approve the business license renewal for Antonio's Cucina Italiana, 26356 Ford Road.

Motion adopted.

15-152 Motion by Councilwoman Horvath, seconded by Councilman Kosinski, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

WALTER J. PRUSIEWICZ
CITY CLERK

KENNETH R. BARON
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

DENISE WALKER
COUNCIL SECRETARY