

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
OF THE  
CITY OF DEARBORN

February 11, 2025

The Council convened at 7:04 P.M., President of the Council Michael Sareini presiding. Present at roll call were Councilmembers Abraham, Alsawafy, Enos, Hammoud, Herrick, Paris, and President of the Council Sareini (7); Absent: None (0). A quorum being present, the Council was declared in session.

Pastor Suzanne Todd of Dearborn First United Methodist Church delivered the invocation.

All persons that were able stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

By Sareini supported Unanimously.

2-78-25. RESOLVED: Recognizing Coach Fouad Zaban for his 18-years as head Coach of the Fordson High School football team with a Council Citation; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Enos supported by Abraham.

2-79-25. RESOLVED: That all items on the Consent Agenda for the meeting of February 11, 2025 be and are hereby approved; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was adopted as follows: Yeas: Abraham, Alsawafy, Enos, Hammoud, Herrick, Paris, and Sareini (7), Nays: None (0); Absent: None (0).

By Abraham supported by Paris.

2-80-25. RESOLVED: That all bids received for Comfort Station Renovations at Camp Dearborn are hereby rejected except the bid of Key Construction Company in the amount of \$1,050,385, that the aforementioned bid is hereby accepted, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a formal contract upon the approval of the Department of Law; provided however, that all of the specifications and instructions in the bid have been fully complied with; be it further

RESOLVED: That a 5% contingency in the amount of \$52,516 is hereby approved to provide for any unforeseen conditions encountered during the execution of the project; be it further

RESOLVED: That the Finance Director be and is hereby authorized to recognize and appropriate revenue in the amount of \$187,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund, Project I20923, to the Facilities Fund, Project I21125 and to recognize this revenue for expenditures in the Facilities Fund; be it further

RESOLVED: That this contract shall be financed from the Facilities Fund, Camp Dearborn General, Capital Project Support, A & E Services budget, with supplemental budget from Project I20923 - Camp Dearborn MEDC Grant in the amount of \$187,000 and from Project I20925 - Camp Dearborn Master Plan Projects in the amount of \$205,641; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Enos supported by Hammoud.

2-81-25. RESOLVED: That all bids received for Trash Collection, Disposal and Recycling at Camp Dearborn are hereby rejected except the bid of GFL Environmental, for a term of three-years, in the total amount of \$81,974, that the aforementioned bid is hereby accepted, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a formal contract upon the approval of the Department of Law; provided however, that all of the specifications and instructions in the bid have been fully complied with; be it further

RESOLVED: That this contract shall be financed from the General Fund, Recreation, Camp Dearborn, Refuse Collection budget; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Hammoud supported by Paris.

2-82-25. RESOLVED: That pursuant to Section 2-568 (b)(6)e of the Code of the City of Dearborn, City Council hereby awards a contract to Environmental Systems Research, Inc. for the purchase of Annual Maintenance for Geographic Information System Software, in the amount of \$186,000 for the term of three-years, resulting in a new expiration of March 30, 2028; be it further

RESOLVED: That this purchase order shall be financed from the Information Systems Fund, Technology and Innovation, Contractual Services, Other Services budget; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Abraham supported by Enos.

2-83-25. WHEREAS: Ordinance No. 05-1062, Section 2-568 (b) 6 (b), authorizes sole source procurement in certain circumstances, and

WHEREAS: The Purchasing Agent has received a request for a sole source procurement from the Department of Public Works and Facilities; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Ajax Paving Industries be designated as a sole source for the purchase of High-Performance Cold Patch in the amount of \$76,160, and that the Purchasing Agent be authorized to enter into a purchase order for the aforementioned items; be it further

RESOLVED: That this purchase order shall be financed from the General Fund, Public Works, Maintenance Road and Streets, Road & Paving, Cold Patch Paving Mix budget; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Abraham supported by Enos.

2-84-25. WHEREAS: As required by Section 7.10 of the City's Charter, shall designate a qualified newspaper of general circulation to print legal notices under the Laws of the State of Michigan as the Official Newspaper of the City, and

WHEREAS: It is respectfully requested that City Council authorize the designation of The Arab American News as the Official Publication of Official City Notices, contingent upon satisfactory vendor performance; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this Council does hereby designate The Arab American News as the Official Publication of Official City Notices, contingent upon satisfactory vendor performance; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Hammoud supported by Paris.

2-85-25. WHEREAS: Purchasers of vacant City-owned lots are required to comply with the City's adopted Land Sales Guidelines, including the requirement that construction of a single-family dwelling commence within 18 months from the date of closing, and

WHEREAS: Construction is deemed to "commence" when the plans have been approved by the Economic Development Department, building permits have been issued, and excavation of the basement/foundation is started, and

WHEREAS: The Guidelines currently limit construction commencement extension requests to one (1) 6-month extension per land transaction for good cause, as determined and approved by Council, and

WHEREAS: In recent years, Purchasers have increasingly requested additional construction commencement extensions that are not permitted under the Guidelines. Upon being advised accordingly by the Legal Department, purchasers have recently sought to be added to the City Council agenda to request additional extensions on their own behalf, and

WHEREAS: In an effort to minimize the number of extension requests that are presented to Council for approval, it is recommended that the Land Sales Guidelines be amended by extending the requirement to commence construction from the current 18-months to 24-months. No other extensions would be allowed: therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Land Sales Guidelines be amended by extending the requirement to commence construction from the current 18-months to 24-months. No other extensions will be allowed; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Enos supported by Paris.

2-86-25. RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous special closed meeting of January 21, 2025 and the same are hereby approved as recorded and published.

The resolution was adopted as follows: Yeas:  
Abraham, Alsawafy, Enos, Hammoud, Herrick, Paris, and Sareini (7),  
Nays: None (0); Absent: None (0).

By Paris supported by Hammoud.

2-87-25. RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous regular meeting of January 18, 2025 and the same are hereby approved as recorded and published.

The resolution was adopted as follows: Yeas:  
Abraham, Alsawafy, Enos, Hammoud, Herrick, Paris, and Sareini (7),  
Nays: None (0); Absent: None (0).

By Hammoud supported by Enos.

2-88-25. WHEREAS: Business owners of the "Canteen at Midtown" are requesting authorization to hold a "Ramadan Village" special event in their parking lot located at 720 Town Center Dr, and

WHEREAS: The event will be held on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays during the Ramadan season with extended hours for specific dates and times, which would go beyond the previous approval for food truck operating hours, as follows:

- Ramadan Village: 10pm - 3pm operating hours on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from March 7-30 with the following dates: March 7-9, 14-16, 21-23, and 28-30.
- Canteen at Midtown: Extended hours to remain open until 1am on Mondays through Thursdays with the following dates: March 3-6, 10-13, 17-20, and 24-27, and

WHEREAS: This request also includes installing a temporary fence, two heated outdoor holiday tents, and all other required facilities to maintain and eliminate any impact to the surrounding areas from March 7, 2025 through March 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS: Additionally, requesting that the noise ordinance be waved for the dates and times of the "Ramadan Village" special event; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the business owners of the "Canteen at Midtown" be and are hereby granted permission to conduct the "Ramadan Village" special event in their parking lot located at 720 Town Center Drive on the following dates: March 7-9, 14-16, 21-23, and March 28-30, 2025 from 10:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M., subject to applicable ordinances and the rules and regulations of the Police Department; be it further

RESOLVED: That the business owners of the "Canteen at Midtown" be and are hereby granted permission to remain open extended operating hours until 1:00 A.M. from Monday through Thursday on the following dates: March 3-6, 10-13, 17-20, and March 24-27, 2025, subject to applicable ordinances and the rules and regulations of the Police Department; be it further

RESOLVED: That City Council hereby authorizes the installation of a temporary fence, two heated outdoor holiday tents, and all other required facilities to maintain and eliminate any impact to the surrounding areas from March 7, 2025 through March 30, 2025; be it further



RESOLVED: That a Noise Ordinance Waiver of general nighttime noise regulations contained within Chapter 13, Article II (Noise) for the specific dates and times of the special event is hereby approved; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Hammoud supported by Abraham.

2-89-25. WHEREAS: The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will be performing an HMA resurfacing project (MDOT Job No. 219754) within the city limits of Dearborn in 2025, and

WHEREAS: This includes asphalt cold milling and resurfacing and pedestrian ramp rehabilitation on US-12 (Michigan Avenue) between Firestone Street and I-94, and

WHEREAS: Because the plan is for double lane closures with one lane of traffic shifted into the center turn lane, traffic flow through the work zone will be extremely slow with increased congestion and limited driving space and less lanes being closed during the day will result in a lessened economic burden on local businesses as well as lower traffic volumes, and

WHEREAS: MDOT would like to carry out portions of the HMA resurfacing project during the nighttime hours in order to reduce daytime lane closures, and

WHEREAS: MDOT has also requested a Noise Ordinance Waiver on US-12 (Michigan Avenue) from Firestone Street to I-94 for nighttime construction operations; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) be and they are hereby authorized to carry out portions of the HMA resurfacing project on US-12 (Michigan Avenue) between Firestone Street and I-94, during the nighttime hours in order to reduce daytime lane closures; be it further

RESOLVED: That a Noise Ordinance Waiver of general nighttime noise regulations contained within Chapter 13, Article II (Noise) is hereby approved for the duration of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) HMA resurfacing project on US-12 (Michigan Avenue) from Firestone Street to I-94; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Council President opened the floor to public comment.

There being no further business, upon a motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Council then adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

APPROVED:

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President of the Council

ATTESTED:

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City Clerk