

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF DEARBORN

February 25, 2025

The Council convened at 7:00 P.M., President of the Council Michael Sareini presiding. Present at roll call were Councilmembers Abraham, Alsawafy, Hammoud, Herrick, Paris, and President of the Council Sareini (6); Absent: Enos (1). A quorum being present, the Council was declared in session.

Councilman Enos entered the Chambers at 7:06 P.M.

Reverend Monica Olah of Help is Near Missionary Ministry Church delivered the invocation.

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

By Sareini supported Unanimously.

2-90-25. RESOLVED: Acknowledging Corporal Derek Sturdevan and Mr. Mohamad Al-Jlahawi on performing life-saving measures during a critical accident, with a Council Citation; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Public Comment began at 7:12 P.M. and ended at 7:13 P.M.

By Enos supported by Herrick.

2-91-25. RESOLVED: That all items on the Consent Agenda for the meeting of February 25, 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 Alsawafy supported by Paris.

2-92-25. WHEREAS: The Economic Development Department applied for funding through the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Shared Streets and Spaces Fund to build on the work of our Transportation Equity Study in Dearborn's South End, and

WHEREAS: This grant gives us the opportunity to evaluate the feasibility of expanding the Detroit-based, but regional in scale, MoGo bike share program into Dearborn, focusing on connections between Dearborn and Detroit's complementary neighborhoods and business districts (such as Warren Ave./Warrendale, and South End/Southwest Detroit), as well as with the Joe Louis Greenway, which has trailheads on Warren Ave. and in Patton Park, creating key nodes for Warren Ave. and Dix-Vernor in Dearborn, and

WHEREAS: The grant funding which must be expended by December 31, 2026, covers implementation costs and gives us the opportunity to evaluate the feasibility of this expansion before moving forward, and

WHEREAS: This request is to accept and recognize the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Shared Streets and Spaces grant funding in the amount of \$200,000 to support a feasibility analysis and implementation of a MoGo bike share system expansion in Dearborn, and

WHEREAS: It is further requested that the Finance Directed be authorized to appropriate the grant funding in the amount of \$200,000 within the Economic Development Department, account 101-6100-330.04-30 to be utilized toward eligible grant activities and that the Mayor be authorized to execute the grant agreement on behalf of the City; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Finance Director be and is hereby authorized to recognize the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Shared Streets and Spaces grant funding in the amount of \$200,000 within the Economic Development Department account 101-6100-330.04-30, to be utilized toward eligible grant activities; be it further

RESOLVED: That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute the grant agreement on behalf of the City; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Hammoud supported by Enos.

2-93-25. WHEREAS: The Engineering Division has presented the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Contract No. 24-5581, Job #217076CON for Hot Mix Asphalt Cold Milling and Resurfacing work along Michigan Avenue to Hubbard Drive; including concrete pavement and permanent pavement markings; together with necessary related work, located within the corporate limits of the City, and

WHEREAS: The project cost and the respective shares of the parties, after Federal Aid is estimated as follows:

	Total Estimated	Federal Aid @ 81.85%	City Share @ 18.15%
Construction	\$ 1,089,225.00	\$883,550.00	\$ 205,675.00

AND

WHEREAS: The Engineering Division requests that City Council approve this Contract subject to review by the Legal Department, and that the Mayor be authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the City; and

WHEREAS: This project is already bid out by MDOT and bids will be received by March 7, 2025. The construction for the project is to begin June of 2025 with anticipated construction completion by August 29, 2025, and

WHEREAS: MDOT will administer the project and pay the selected construction contractor and separately bill the City for the City's Share and the City is responsible to provide construction engineering and inspections; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Department of Transportation (M-DOT) Contract No. Contract No. 24-5581, Job #217076CON for Hot Mix Asphalt Cold Milling and Resurfacing work along Michigan Avenue to Hubbard Drive; including concrete pavement and permanent pavement markings; together with necessary related work, located within the corporate limits of the City is hereby approved; be it further

RESOLVED: That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the City; be it further

RESOLVED: That this contract shall be financed by the Major Street and Trunkline funds, Public Works, Engineering budget; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Hammoud supported by Paris.

2-94-25. WHEREAS: The City is eligible for contract pricing through the Sourcewell Cooperative Program Contract No. 011723-CNH for the purchase of two (2) Case Loaders for the Department of Public Works, and

WHEREAS: The Purchasing Division recommends the purchase of two (2) Case Loaders for the Department of Public Works via a cooperative contract from Southeastern Equipment Company, and

WHEREAS: The contract is in the amount of \$507,275.90; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this purchase order shall be financed from the Fleet and Equipment Replacement funds, Public Works, Parks, Recreation, Park Maintenance, Capital Equipment budget in the amount of \$253,637.95 and from the Fleet and Equipment Replacement funds, Public Works, Public Services, Public Works, Maintenance Roads and Streets, Capital Equipment budget in the amount of \$253,637.95; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Abraham supported by Alsawafy.

2-95-25. WHEREAS: The City currently has a contract OHM Advisors (C.R. 8-489-22 & C.R. 5-258-24) for Hydraulic and Hydrological Evaluation of the City Storm Sewers, and

WHEREAS: Purchasing has received a request from the Department of Public Works and Facilities to add \$55,200 to that Purchase order for a Water Reliability Study to address the requirements of the EGLE Safe Water Drinking Act (ACT 399); therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the additional expenditures to OHM Advisors be and are hereby authorized in the amount of \$55,200 for a Water Reliability Study; be it further

RESOLVED: That the additional expenditures shall be financed from the Water Fund, Water Supply, Contractual Services budget; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Alsawafy supported by Hammoud.

2-96-25. WHEREAS: Public Act 390 OF 1994, which amended Section 7u of Act No. 206 of the Public Acts of 1893, as amended by Act No. 313 of the Public Acts of 1993, being section 211.7u of the Michigan Compiled Laws, requires the local governing body of the assessing unit to determine and make available to the public the policy and guidelines for granting of poverty exemptions under this section, and

WHEREAS: Public Act 620 of 2002 amended section 211.7u of the Michigan Compiled Laws and requires that local governing bodies set income levels for their poverty exemption guidelines and that those income levels shall not be set lower by a city or township than the federal poverty guidelines updated annually by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and

WHEREAS: Public Act 253 of 2020 amended section 211.7u of the Michigan Compiled Laws and requires the local unit to make the policy, guidelines and application form available on their website. The local unit must revise their guidelines to remove any other calculation of the taxable value for approved poverties. Approved poverties may only be granted a reduction percentage of the taxable value approved by the State Tax Commission; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That to be eligible for a poverty exemption in the City of Dearborn, a person must be the owner and must occupy the property as a homestead for three (3) consecutive years prior to submission of application for which the exemption is requested; file a completed, and signed; file copies of federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including any property tax credit forms and/or Statement of Benefits Paid from Michigan Department of Social Services or Social Security Administration; meet local Poverty Income Standards; be it further

RESOLVED: That the Poverty income levels be set to: Family of 1 - \$15,060, Family of 2 - \$20,440, Family of 3 - \$25,820, Family of 4 - \$31,200, Family of 5 - \$36,580, Family of 6 - \$41,960, Family of 7 - \$47,340, Family of 8 - \$52,720 and for each additional person add \$5,380; be it further

RESOLVED: That the applicant's annual taxable and non-taxable interest/dividend income must be less than \$1,250; be it further

RESOLVED: That the applicant's total asset of the entire household, excluding homestead, cannot exceed \$30,000; be it further

RESOLVED: That the applicant may not have ownership interest in any real estate other than the homestead; be it further

RESOLVED: That the board of review requires identification of all persons residing in the homestead and proof of ownership of the homestead under consideration for poverty exemption; be it further

RESOLVED: That the board of review may request from the applicant any supporting documents which may be utilized in determining a poverty exemption request; be it further

RESOLVED: That the completed poverty exemption application must be filed after January 1st, but before the day prior to the last day of the December Board of Review; be it further

RESOLVED: That the board of review may deny any appeal, regardless of income, if the financial hardship appears to be self-created by the actions of the person or persons applying for poverty exemption; be it further

RESOLVED: That approved Poverty Exemptions will qualify for 50% reduction in the Taxable Value of their primary residence; be it further

RESOLVED: That to conform to the provisions of P.A. 390 of 1994 and P.A. 620 of 2002, and P.A. 253 of 2020, this resolution, is hereby given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Paris supported by Enos.

2-97-25. RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous regular meeting of February 11, 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).

Councilmember Hammoud introduced Ordinance No. 25-1838, entitled "An Ordinance to Amend the Licenses and Business Regulations Chapter (Chapter 12) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Dearborn by Amending Article VII, Division 3, Entitled 'Noncommercial Soliciting'."

The Clerk read the Ordinance by title.

The President of the Council announced that this was the first reading of the Ordinance.

By Alsawafy supported by Enos.

2-98-25. RESOLVED: That proposed Ordinance No. 25-1838 be laid on the table.

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

By Alsawafy supported by Hammoud.

2-99-25. WHEREAS: City Council wishes to be supportive of local brick and mortar restaurants during Ramadan, and

WHEREAS: Temporary outdoor dining areas are an integral part of the holiday, and

WHEREAS: Certain ordinance provisions preclude or inhibit the full use of outdoor dining areas during the holiday, and

WHEREAS: In 2022, City Council approved a similar resolution allowing the addition or expansion of outdoor dining areas for existing brick and mortar restaurants during Ramadan; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That City Council does hereby temporarily modify the following ordinance provisions to accommodate the addition or expansion of outdoor dining areas for existing brick and mortar restaurants during Ramadan, from February 28, 2025 - March 31, 2025; be it further

RESOLVED: That the Dearborn Zoning Ordinance Section 7.02W (Outdoor Dining) be modified from the original April 15th through November 15th, to permit new dates of operation of February 28th through November 15th; be it further

RESOLVED: That the Dearborn Zoning Ordinance Section 7.02W (Outdoor Dining) be modified to permit hours of operation from the original 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. in the BA, BB and BC zoning districts to 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 a.m.; be it further

RESOLVED: That the Dearborn Zoning Ordinance Section 7.02W (Outdoor Dining) be modified to permit hours of operation from the original 7:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. in the BD and WD zoning districts to 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 a.m.; be it further

RESOLVED: That the Dearborn Code of Ordinances Section 12-81 (Licensing for Coffeehouses, card rooms and athletic clubs) be modified to permit hours of operation from the original 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.- 3:00 a.m.; be it further

RESOLVED: That the Dearborn Code of Ordinances Section 12-1231 (Licensing for Smoking Lounges) be modified to permit hours of operation from the original 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 a.m.; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Paris supported by Enos.

2-100-25. WHEREAS: The Economic Development Department's second annual Bet on Dearborn Resource Expo (formerly the Entrepreneur EXPO) took place in 2024, featuring over 45 vendors, and

WHEREAS: The goal of the event was to provide resources and opportunities for aspiring and established business owners and entrepreneurs. It also fosters stronger partnerships and collaboration among organizations dedicated to Dearborn's economic growth and promotes community engagement and participation, including involvement from surrounding areas, positioning Dearborn as a destination that fosters entrepreneurship, and

WHEREAS: As part of the event, the Economic Development Department (EDD) solicited Sponsorships in order to increase programming activities for the EXPO, and

WHEREAS: This year, \$11,500 was raised from contributions from the following sponsors:

The American Arab Chamber of Commerce, Commonwealth Group, ACCESS, Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses, and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, and

WHEREAS: It is requested that the Finance Director be authorized to accept and appropriate EXPO Sponsor Revenue funds in the amount of \$11,500 to the Economic Development Department for programming of the Bet on Dearborn Resource EXPO; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Finance Director be and is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate the EXPO Sponsor Revenue funds in the amount of \$11,500 to the Economic Development Department for programming of the Bet on Dearborn Resource EXPO; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Paris supported by Enos.

2-101-25. RESOLVED: That all bids received for the purchase of ten (10) new Hard-sided Tent Structures at Camp Dearborn are hereby rejected except the bid of Aptumbuild Solutions in the amount of \$179,950, 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 by the Facilities Fund, Recreation, Camp Dearborn, Capital Project Support, Construction Services, Construction Contractor budget; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Alsawafy supported by Enos.

2-102-25. RESOLVED: That receipt of a donation from the City's towing contractor J&T Crova in the amount of \$4,750 is hereby acknowledged and accepted; be it further

RESOLVED: That this donation shall be provided directly to Upper-Level Graphics to cover the entire cost of graphics on a Police Department Recruiting Vehicle; be it further

RESOLVED: That City Council hereby extends its appreciation to the donor for the aforementioned gift; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Enos left the Chambers at 7:30 P.M.

By Abraham supported by Paris.

2-103-25. RESOLVED: That Running Fit, Inc. be and they are hereby granted permission to conduct their 17th Annual Martian Marathon - "Invasion of Races" on Saturday, April 12, 2025 from approximately 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., subject to all applicable ordinances and the rules and regulations of the Police Department; be it further

RESOLVED: That all five (5) Martian Marathon races will begin and end at Ford Field; be it further

RESOLVED: That City Council hereby authorizes assistance from the Dearborn Police Department to facilitate the movement of vehicular and participant foot traffic to conduct the event in a safe and lawful manner; be it further

RESOLVED: That City Council hereby authorizes the Chief of Police to make application and sign all required documents relating to the issuance of the necessary state and county permits as follows:

1. Usage and temporary closure of the curb lane and next lane of eastbound Ford Road between Golfview and the exit ramp to Evergreen Road. Also, placement of barricades/traffic cones in this area to denote same.
2. Usage and closure of the exit ramp from southbound Hines Drive to Ford Road and the exit ramp from eastbound Ford Road to Evergreen Road.
3. Usage and closure of the curb lane and next lane of northbound Outer Drive from approximately Nash Street to Military Street. Also, placement of barricades/traffic cones in this area to denote same.
4. Usage and placement of DPW barricades and arrow trucks to assist with the closure of the above areas. The City of Dearborn agrees to place, erect and remove the barricades and trucks.
5. Usage of Dearborn Police Officers for crowd control, traffic control and general security of the event.
6. The event shall not commence before 7:15 A.M. and will conclude by 2:00 P.M.

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: That this event is subject to reimbursement from Running Fit, Inc. for all incurred manpower costs of the City of Dearborn; be it further

RESOLVED: That the noise ordinance requirements and restrictions found in the Dearborn Code of Ordinances be and are hereby waived for the duration of the Martian Marathon - "Invasion of Races" event; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was adopted as follows: Yeas: Abraham, Alsawafy, Hammoud, Herrick, Paris, and Sareini (6), Nays: None (0); Absent: Enos (1).

Councilman Enos returned to the Chambers at 7:33 P.M.

By Alsawafy supported by Hammoud.

2-104-25. WHEREAS: The City of Dearborn has been awarded the 2025 Michigan State Police Community-Based Crisis Response Pilot Grant Program to allow the Dearborn Police Department to implement a co-responder program in partnership with ACCESS (Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services), through September 30, 2028, and

WHEREAS: This program leverages ACCESS' expertise to embed a licensed, master's-level practitioner within the Dearborn Police Department who will assist with non-criminal mental health-related calls, and a dedicated case manager will provide follow-up services, ensuring culturally sensitive, trauma-informed care, and

WHEREAS: The 2025 Michigan State Police Grant award is in the amount of \$483,000, with the local match to be paid by ACCESS in the amount of \$163,171, and

WHEREAS: It is respectfully requested that City Council accept the 2025 Michigan State Police Community-Based Crisis Response Pilot Grant and that the Mayor be authorized to execute the MSP Pilot Grant Program Agreement between the City and ACCESS (Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services), and

WHEREAS: Additionally, requesting that the Finance Director be authorized to recognize grant revenue in the amount of \$646,171 in the General Fund, Police, Administration, Intergovernmental Revenue, State, Other account and appropriate \$483,000 in the General Fund, Police, Admin, Public Safety, Contractual Services, Other account; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute the MSP Pilot Grant Program Agreement between the City and ACCESS (Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services), through September 30, 2028; be it further

RESOLVED: That the Finance Director be and is hereby authorized to recognize the 2025 Michigan State Police Community-Based Crisis Response Pilot Grant revenue in the amount of \$646,171 in the General Fund, Police, Administration, Intergovernmental Revenue, State, Other account and to appropriate \$483,000 in the General Fund, Police, Admin, Public Safety, Contractual Services, Other account; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Alsawafy supported by Enos.

2-105-25. RESOLVED: That City Council hereby concurs in the Mayor's appointment of Ahmad Alhasan to the Warren Business District Authority with a term ending June 30, 2026; be it further

RESOLVED: That failure of a multi-member body appointee to possess the required qualifications for appointment by this charter or law shall result in that members immediate vacancy from the multi-member body to which they were appointed; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Paris supported by Abraham.

2-106-25. RESOLVED: That City Council hereby concurs in the Mayor's appointment of Rana Saad to the East Dearborn Downtown Development Authority with a term ending June 30, 2027; be it further

RESOLVED: That failure of a multi-member body appointee to possess the required qualifications for appointment by this charter or law shall result in that members immediate vacancy from the multi-member body to which they were appointed; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Abraham supported by Hammoud.

2-107-25. RESOLVED: That City Council hereby concurs in the Mayor's appointment of Mariam Jalloul to the East Dearborn Downtown Development Authority with a term ending June 30, 2026; be it further

RESOLVED: That failure of a multi-member body appointee to possess the required qualifications for appointment by this charter or law shall result in that members immediate vacancy from the multi-member body to which they were appointed; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Alsawafy supported by Enos.

2-108-25. RESOLVED: That City Council hereby concurs in the Mayor's appointment of Mariam Jalloul to the West Dearborn Downtown Development Authority with a term ending June 30, 2026; be it further

RESOLVED: That failure of a multi-member body appointee to possess the required qualifications for appointment by this charter or law shall result in that members immediate vacancy from the multi-member body to which they were appointed; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Sareini and Hammoud supported Unanimously.

2-109-25. WHEREAS: The council has learned with sorrow of the passing of Haj Ibrahim Baydoun, and

WHEREAS: This departure at the dictation of Divine Providence constitutes an irreplaceable loss to the beloved family and numerous friends and neighbors; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the members of the 34th Council of the City of Dearborn here assembled, hereby sincerely extend and offer in this sad hour of bereavement, heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the family of the deceased.

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Paris supported Unanimously.

2-110-25. WHEREAS: The council has learned with sorrow of the passing of Michael S. Maurier, and

WHEREAS: This departure at the dictation of Divine Providence constitutes an irreplaceable loss to the beloved family and numerous friends and neighbors; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the members of the 34th Council of the City of Dearborn here assembled, hereby sincerely extend and offer in this sad hour of bereavement, heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the family of the deceased.

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 8:12 P.M.

APPROVED:

President of the Council

ATTESTED:

City Clerk