

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
OF THE  
CITY OF DEARBORN

May 6, 2025

The Council convened at 7:05 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 Dan Ramthun of Guardian Lutheran Church delivered the invocation.

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

By Sareini supported Unanimously.

5-215-25. RESOLVED: Acknowledging the 100-year anniversary of the Dearborn Exchange Club with a Council Citation; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Herrick supported Unanimously.

5-216-25. RESOLVED: Recognizing the two (2) Senior Volunteers of the Year, Larry Kliemann and Kathleen Rock, for their continued residential support and assistance, with a Council Citation; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Hammoud supported Unanimously.

5-217-25. WHEREAS: Beginning in 1991, National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6, also known as "National Recognition Day for Nurses", through May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, and

WHEREAS: National Nurses Week is a time of year to reflect on the important contributions that nurses make to provide safe, high-quality health care; Nurses serve on the front lines, risking their lives treating the injured and sick during wartime, natural disasters, and public health emergencies, including the COVID-19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS: Nurses provide care that is sensitive to the cultures and customs of individuals across the United States and are known to be patient advocates, acting to protect the lives of individuals under their care, and

WHEREAS: Nurses represent the largest single component of the health care profession, with an estimated population of more than 4,000,000 registered nurses in the United States, and are leading in the delivery of quality care in a transformed health care system that improves patient outcomes and safety, and

WHEREAS: Nurses are experienced researchers, and the work of nurses encompasses a wide scope of scientific inquiry, including clinical research, health systems and outcomes research, and nursing education research, and

WHEREAS: Nurses are the cornerstone of the public health infrastructure, promoting healthy lifestyles and educating communities on disease prevention and health promotion; They help inform and educate, and work closely with, legislators to improve the education, retention, recruitment, and practice of all nurses; and the health and safety of the patients for whom the nurses care, and

WHEREAS: Nurses touch the lives of the people of the United States through every stage of life, and has been voted the most honest and ethical profession in the United States; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Dearborn supports the goals and ideals of National Nurses Week, as founded by the American Nurses Association; recognizes the significant contributions of nurses to the health care system in the United States; and encourages the people of the United States to observe National Nurses Week with appropriate recognition, ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate the importance of nurses to the everyday lives of patients; be it further

RESOLVED: That the 34<sup>th</sup> City Council of Dearborn recognizes May 6 through May 12, 2025 as National Nurses Week; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Paris supported Unanimously.

5-218-25. WHEREAS: The Council has learned with sorrow of the passing of Scott J. Cooker, 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 34<sup>th</sup> 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; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Public Comment began at 7:25 P.M. and ended at 7:33 P.M.

By Enos supported by Abraham.

5-219-25. RESOLVED: That all items on the Consent Agenda for the meeting of May 6, 2025 be and are hereby approved.

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 Herrick supported by Paris.

5-220-25. WHEREAS: The Michigan Employees Retirement System (MERS) is requiring the City of Dearborn to adopt the attached resolution to establish military service contribution requirements for the MERS Defined Benefit Retirement Plan, and

WHEREAS: The City of Dearborn is a participating municipality or court in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan ("MERS"), and

WHEREAS: Under Section 8 of the MERS Plan Document, all missed Defined Benefit mandatory employee contributions due to intervening Military service leaves shall be reflected in the participating employer's overall liability in the next annual actuarial valuation unless an alternative method is elected (default); no employee contributions will be required from the participant; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That effective May 6, 2025, the 34<sup>th</sup> Council of the City of Dearborn (or for a participating court, the Chief Judge by Administrative Order) does hereby adopt this resolution for all present and future employee divisions requiring that all missed employee contributions due to intervening Military service be handled by:

The member will be permitted to choose to remit some or all missed mandatory employee contributions within a time period equal to three times the duration of the military service from the date of reemployment, but not to exceed five years, and years of service credit shall be granted in proportion to the employee contributions received. Subject to the applicable collective bargaining agreement and the rights contained therein and applicable law, MERS' Military Service contribution procedures are subject to the MERS Plan Document. Changes to the Plan Document may impact MERS' ability to administer this election in the future;

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Abraham supported by Herrick.

5-221-25. WHEREAS: The City is eligible for contract pricing through the MiDeal Cooperative Purchasing Program for the rental of Eight (8) Elgin Broombear Street Sweepers for the Department of Public Works and Facilities, and

WHEREAS: The Purchasing Division recommends the rental of eight (8) Street Sweepers via a cooperative contract from MacQueen Group, and

WHEREAS: The initial rental contract shall be for the term of six-months, from May 2025 through October 2025 in the monthly amount of \$104,000, for a total in the amount of \$624,000 for the six-month period; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MacQueen Group, via the MiDeal Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract No. 240000000166, be designated for the Cooperative rental of Eight (8) Elgin Broombear Street Sweepers, for the term of six-months, from May 2025 through October 2025, in the monthly amount of \$104,000 for a total in the amount of \$624,000 for the six-month period; be it further

RESOLVED: That this contract shall be financed from the Public Services Fund, Public Works, Maintenance Road and Streets, Rental Operating Equipment, External budget, with supplemental budget from the Fleet and Equipment Replacement, Retained Earnings Fund balance; be it further

RESOLVED: That the Finance Director be and is hereby authorized to return Fleet Replacement reserve in the amount of \$625,754 to the General Fund in the transition from purchasing to leasing street sweepers; be it further

RESOLVED: That the reserve balance will come from the Department of Public Works portions within the fleet fund: Highways in the amount of \$174,476, Parks in the amount of \$295,796, and Central Garage in the amount of \$155,482; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Abraham supported by Hammoud.

5-222-25. RESOLVED: That City Council hereby certifies the reappointment of Dr. Ali Ajami to the Language Access Commission with a term ending June 30, 2028; 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 Herrick supported by Enos.

5-223-25. RESOLVED: That City Council hereby certifies the reappointment of Kassem Doghman to the Language Access Commission with a term ending June 30, 2028; 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 Herrick.

5-224-25. RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous special (closed) meeting of April 14, 2025 and the same are hereby approved as recorded and published.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Paris supported by Enos.

5-225-25. RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous regular meeting of April 22, 2025 and the same are hereby approved as recorded and published.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Council President Pro Tem Herrick introduced Ordinance No. 25-1841, entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend the Water and Sewers Chapter (Chapter 19) of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Dearborn by amending Article I Entitled 'In General', for rates effective July 1, 2025.

The Clerk read the Ordinance by title.

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

By Hammoud supported by Paris.

5-226-25. RESOLVED: That proposed Ordinance No. 25-1841 be laid on the table.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Council President Pro Tem Herrick introduced Ordinance No. 25-1842, 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 VIIA, Entitled 'Food Trucks'."

The Clerk read the Ordinance by title.

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

By Enos supported by Hammoud.

5-227-25. RESOLVED: That proposed Ordinance No. 25-1842 be laid on the table.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.



Councilmember Hammoud introduced Ordinance No. 25-1843, entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend the Administration Chapter (Chapter 2) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Dearborn by amending Article VII, Entitled 'Administrative Fees'."

The Clerk read the Ordinance by title.

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

By Herrick supported by Enos.

5-228-25. RESOLVED: That proposed Ordinance No. 25-1843 be laid on the table.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Sareini supported by Herrick.

RESOLVED: Authorizing the second amendment to the lease agreement with Flex Holdings, LLC, by extending the term for one (1) additional five-year period, valid June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2030, in order to continue to utilize 650 sq. ft. of the West Dearborn Pocket Park directly adjacent to the business located at 22062 Michigan Ave., as an outdoor seating area for its patrons, subject to certain stipulations; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

Councilmembers Sareini and Herrick withdrew their offer and support of proposed resolution to authorize the second amendment to the lease agreement with Flex Holdings, LLC.

5-229-25. The resolution to authorize the second amendment to the lease agreement with Flex Holdings, LLC. died for lack of offer and support.

By Enos supported by Herrick.

5-230-25. WHEREAS: For the past six years, the West Dearborn Downtown Development Authority (WDDDA) has successfully organized the Dearborn Summer Market, an event that fosters community engagement by attracting residents and visitors to support local entrepreneurs and small businesses, and

WHEREAS: The 2025 Dearborn Summer Market will take place on Fridays from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on June 13th, July 11th, and August 8th, with August 22, 2025 reserved as a rain date, and

WHEREAS: The WDDDA respectfully requests the use and closure of West Village Drive between the East and West Parking Decks adjacent to Peace Park West, and the closure of the basement levels of both the East and West Parking Decks for vendor parking, from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. on June 13th, July 11th, August 8th, and August 22, 2025, and

WHEREAS: It is also requested that City Council authorize a Noise Ordinance waiver during the same Summer Market dates and times, and

WHEREAS: Additionally, The East Dearborn Downtown Development Authority (EDDDA) will host the Downtown Dearborn Movie Nights in Peace Park East on June 26th, July 24th, and August 21, 2025 with additional rain dates planned throughout the season as needed, and

WHEREAS: The EDDDA requests that City Council authorize a Noise Ordinance waiver during the same Downtown Dearborn Movie Night dates and times; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the use and closure of West Village Drive between the East and West Parking Decks adjacent to Peace Park West from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., and the closure of the basement levels of both the East and West Parking Decks for vendor parking, from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. on June 13th, July 11th, August 8th, and August 22, 2025; 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 Dearborn Summer Market and the Downtown Dearborn Movie Night event dates and times; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Abraham supported by Herrick.

5-231-25. WHEREAS: The Purchasing Department posted a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) for qualified vendors to be added to a City list to perform Front Step Front Porch Replacement, and

WHEREAS: Applications for the project were accepted in Fall of 2024, and we received unprecedented interest; gathering over 1,400 applications, and

WHEREAS: In the next several months, we are going to focus on the repair or replacement of dangerous front steps/porches that pose a safety issue to residents and make those repairs right away, and

WHEREAS: Under this program and in order to shorten the time to process acquisition for these services, the Purchasing Division will process solicitations using pre-qualified vendors who are placed on the list as sole contractors, and

WHEREAS: The listed vendors have submitted a request for qualification and passed evaluation by the Economic Development Department: Michigan General Contractors, Olson Cement, and Top Hat Masonry; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That City Council does hereby authorize a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) list of qualified Vendors as sole contractors to perform Front Step Front Porch Replacement for a term of five-years in an amount not expected to exceed \$160,000 per year; be it further

RESOLVED: That the City reserves the right to add other Vendors to the contractor SOQ list, should Vendors emerge that meet the minimum qualifications; be it further

RESOLVED: That this contract shall be financed from the Community Development Fund, Economic Development, Grant Administration, Housing Rehabilitation Grant funds in the amount of \$80,000 for East Dearborn and a one-time allocation in the amount of \$80,000 from the ARPA70 project account, General Capital Improvement Fund, Economic Development, Capital Project Support, Contractual Services budget for West Dearborn; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Herrick supported by Enos.

5-232-25. RESOLVED: That all bids received for Design and Construction Services of the Colson Palmer 12-Foot Storm Tunnel Rehab Project (Dearborn Job No. 2025-019) are hereby rejected except the bid of Applied Science, Inc. in the amount of \$686,143, 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 Sewer Fund, Sewerage, Capital Project Support budget; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Paris supported by Herrick.

5-233-25. RESOLVED: That all bids received for Street, Alley, and Sidewalk Pavement Replacement-2025 (CIP-Q74082 - Dearborn Job No. 2025-021) are hereby rejected except the bid of Eminent Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$3,115,985, 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 the contract shall be for a term of one-year with one (1) one-year renewal option pending satisfactory performance by the vendor; be it further

RESOLVED: That this contract shall be financed from the Major and Local Streets budget, Contractual Services, Sewer, Water, and General Capital Improvement Funds; be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Engineer be and is hereby authorized to execute all change orders or modifications to execute all change orders or modifications on behalf of the City; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Paris supported by Herrick.

5-234-25. RESOLVED: That the bid from P.K. Contracting, Inc. received for Transverse Pavement Marking-2025 is hereby accepted in the amount of \$292,957.80, 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 Major and Local Street Funds, Maintenance Streets and Roads budget; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Enos supported by Herrick.

5-235-25. WHEREAS: Great Lakes Fireworks, LLC has submitted an application seeking approval and a license for a private display fireworks event to be held at the Dearborn Country Club located at 800 N. Military St., Dearborn, MI 48124, on Saturday, June 21, 2025, beginning at approximately 10:00 P.M., and

WHEREAS: The City of Dearborn Fire Marshall has reviewed the documents submitted and is satisfied that Great Lakes Fireworks, LLC meets the specifications and requirements in compliance with the International Fire Code and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1123 and (NFPA) 1126, and

WHEREAS: Great Lakes Fireworks, LLC has submitted the necessary insurance certificates, which have been reviewed and approved by the City of Dearborn Department of Law, and

WHEREAS: It is the recommendation of the Corporation Counsel, Fire Chief, and Fire Marshall that the City Council approves Great Lakes Fireworks, LLC's application and request for a Special Event license to conduct a private display fireworks event at the Dearborn Country Club located at 800 N. Military St., Dearborn, Michigan 48124, on Saturday, June 21, 2025, beginning at approximately 10:00 P.M., and

WHEREAS: It is also requested that the City Council waive all noise ordinance requirements and restrictions found in the Dearborn Code of Ordinances and that the Fire Chief be authorized to set a rain date as needed; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby approves the application of Great Lakes Fireworks, LLC to obtain a Special Events license in order to conduct a private display fireworks event at the Dearborn Country Club located at 800 N. Military St., Dearborn, MI 48124 on Saturday, June 21, 2025, beginning at approximately 10:00 P.M.; 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 private display fireworks event; be it further

RESOLVED: That the Fire Chief be and is hereby authorized to schedule a rain date as needed; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Abraham supported by Herrick.

5-236-25. WHEREAS: Zambelli Fireworks, 120 Marshall Dr., Warrendale PA 15086 has submitted an application seeking approval to conduct fireworks displays at Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., for its Salute to America concerts on the evenings of July 2, 3, 4, and 5, 2025, beginning at approximately 10:00 P.M., and

WHEREAS: The City of Dearborn Fire Marshall has reviewed the documents submitted and is satisfied that Zambelli Fireworks meets the specifications and requirements in compliance with the International Fire Code and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1123 and (NFPA) 1126, and

WHEREAS: Zambelli Fireworks has submitted the necessary insurance certificates, which have been reviewed and approved by the City of Dearborn Department of Law; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Zambelli Fireworks, 120 Marshall Dr., Warrendale PA 15086 be and is hereby granted a Special Events License to conduct fireworks displays at Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., for its Salute to America concerts on the evenings of July 2, 3, 4, and 5, 2025, beginning at approximately 10:00 P.M.; 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 fireworks displays; be it further

RESOLVED: That the Fire Chief be and is hereby authorized to schedule a rain dates as needed; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.



By Herrick supported by Enos.

5-237-25. WHEREAS: The City of Dearborn has been awarded a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000, with no local match requirements, for the budget agreement date of August 31, 2024 through August 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS: This \$1,000,000 federal grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will help fund the launch of Rx Kids Program in Dearborn, and

WHEREAS: In Dearborn, where 40% of residents are under the age of 19, is uniquely positioned to benefit from Rx Kids Program and the City's diverse, multigenerational households, many of whom face economic pressures despite working-class incomes, stand to gain significantly from the stability and dignity this program offers, and

WHEREAS: The Rx Kids Program provides each enrolled family with a one-time prenatal payment in the amount of \$1,500 and \$500 per month for the first six-months of the baby's life, addressing basic needs like food, housing, and transportation at a critical time, and

WHEREAS: It is respectfully requested that the Finance Director be authorized to accept and recognize the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Grant award in the amount of \$1,000,000 in the Public Health, Intergovernmental Revenue, Federal, Other account and appropriate the same into the Public Health, Health and Welfare, Undistributed Appropriations account; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Finance Director be and is hereby authorized to accept and recognize the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Grant award in the amount of \$1,000,000 in the Public Health, Intergovernmental Revenue, Federal, Other account and appropriate the same into the Public Health, Health and Welfare, Undistributed Appropriations account; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Council President opened the floor to public comment.

Public Comment began at 9:39 P.M. and ended at 9:42 P.M.

There being no further business, upon a motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Council then adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

APPROVED:

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President of the Council

ATTESTED:

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City Clerk