

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
OF THE  
CITY OF DEARBORN

May 6, 2025

The Council convened at 6:32 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.

DATE : April 24, 2025  
TO : City Clerk  
FROM : City Council  
SUBJECT : Special Meeting of the City Council

Please be advised that a Special Meeting of the City Council has been called by Council President Sareini and Council President Pro Tem Herrick to be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Dearborn Administrative Center, 16901 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, Michigan, for the following purpose:

1. To consider and take action concerning the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget and the 2025 City Tax Rate pursuant to the requirement contained in Section 2-517 of the City Code, and
2. To consider such other items of business that may properly come before the Council in relation to this matter.

S// Michael Sareini  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

S// Leslie Herrick  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM

By Herrick supported by Hammoud.

5-214-25. RESOLVED: That estimates of anticipated revenues and proposed appropriations are hereby adopted as contained in the accompanying summary documents as follows; be it further

RESOLVED: Estimates of revenues are approved in total and appropriations are hereby authorized at the department level (lump sum) within the General Fund,

except: the Camp Dearborn, Mystic Creek Golf Course, and Dearborn Hills Golf Course appropriations are authorized for each at the Recreation Division level and budget can only be reallocated from or to each of these Recreation Divisions with prior approval by the City Council,

except: the Police Department-Dispatch Division appropriations are authorized at the Division level and budget can only be reallocated from or to this Division with prior approval by the City Council, be it further

except: the City Clerk Election Division appropriations are authorized at the Division level and budget can only be reallocated from or to this Division with prior approval by the City Council, be it further

RESOLVED: That the Director of Finance may automatically appropriate fund balance for leave time payouts exceeding budget with notice to be filed with the City Council within five business days; be it further

RESOLVED: Estimates of revenues are approved in total and appropriations for remaining Governmental funds are approved in total for each fund (lump sum), including the Major Street and Trunkline Fund, Local Street Fund, Indigent Defense Fund, Drug Law Enforcement Fund, Library Fund, Community Development Fund, the Opioid Settlement Fund, and General Capital Improvement Fund; be it further

RESOLVED: Estimates of revenues and appropriations for the East Dearborn Downtown Development Authority, the West Dearborn Downtown Development Authority, the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Dix-Vernor Business District Improvement Authority, and the Warren Business District Improvement Authority are approved in total for each component unit; be it further

RESOLVED: That the Director of Finance may automatically establish revenue budgets and corresponding appropriations based on actual receipts for the Designated Purposes Fund, the Drug Law Enforcement Fund and the Opioid Settlement Fund; be it further

RESOLVED: That the Director of Finance may automatically establish revenue budgets and corresponding appropriations-based reimbursements received in relation to capital projects; be it further

RESOLVED: Enterprise, Internal Service and Fiduciary Funds including the Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Seniors Apartment Operating Fund, Information Systems Fund, Facilities Fund, Fleet and Equipment Replacement Fund, Employee Insurance Fund, Fleet and General Liability Insurance Fund, Workers' Compensation Fund, Retiree Death Benefit Fund, Post Employment Health Care Fund, and the three closed Defined Benefit Pension System Funds are authorized to operate as determined by activity levels (lump sum), within constraints of anticipated revenues and available surplus in accordance with law, and budget modifications approved by the Mayor and periodically reported to City Council; be it further

RESOLVED: That unexpended appropriations within all funds and component units will be automatically rolled forward only for support of one-time outlays necessary for support of special programs or projects as designated by the Director of Finance with approval of the Mayor and for multi-year appropriations such as projects and grants, as previously authorized. Ongoing routine purchases for delivery in the new fiscal year shall be financed from the fiscal 2025-2026 budget; be it further

RESOLVED: To establish project appropriations as recommended by the Capital Improvement Coordinating Committee and approved by the City Plan Commission, the Council hereby authorizes the Department of Finance to make any necessary transfers or reallocations to establish, augment or close project appropriations as listed on the Capital Improvement Plan; be it further

RESOLVED: To permit timely implementation of proposed projects including work to start with the current construction season, the proposed project appropriations contained with the Capital Improvement section of the budget are herewith given immediate effect; be it further

RESOLVED: Within the General Capital Improvement Fund, interest earnings and other revenue shall be first used to support capital project appropriations up to the amounts herein authorized after which they shall be credited to unallocated fund balance, for possible appropriation and project amendments at the Council's discretion; be it further

RESOLVED: Effective January 1, 2026, retirees over age 65 with household incomes at or below 250% the Federal Poverty Level ("FPL") will be eligible to seek reimbursement for medical bills up to \$500 for a single individual or \$1,000 per household of two or more.

- Pursuant to the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA"), whose calculations of the federal poverty level are shared across public assistance programs, including cash, medical, and food assistance, the following are income guidelines for 2025-2026:
  - 250% federal poverty level (household of 1): \$39,125 annually
  - 250% federal poverty level (household of 2): \$52,875 annually; be it further

RESOLVED: To be eligible for the hardship program applications must include the applicants most recent tax return for income verification or income statements from pension, social security, or other income sources and be submitted, with appropriate billing documentation, to the Payroll and Benefits Division of the City of Dearborn Finance Department; be it further

RESOLVED: The hardship program will be reviewed jointly by the Council and Administration annually during budget review; be it further

RESOLVED: Consistent with the legislative power and authority conferred on the Council by Charter to exercise all legislative duties, the Executive Department will not prevent the Legislative Department from filling a budgeted vacant position within the Council office; be it further

RESOLVED: That the amounts to be raised by taxation are those detailed in the accompanying estimates of revenue and that the tax rates for the July 1, 2025 levy in support of the 2025-2026 General Fund and Library Fund budgets shall be as follows:

for purposes of financing general operations, capital outlay, capital improvements, non-voted debt service and contingencies as detailed in department budgets and supporting documents summarized herewith, pursuant to City Charter and applicable state law: **\$15.0000** mills;

for garbage and rubbish collection and disposal authorized by P.A. 298 of 1917 as amended: **\$2.1100** mills;

for purposes of financing the Library Fund as approved by voters in November, 2021 and authorized by City Council summarized herewith: **\$1.5400** mills;

The total of 2025 Summer City Tax millage is to be **\$18.6500** mills; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the amounts to be raised by taxation, as also detailed in the accompanying estimates of revenue and that the tax rate for the December 1, 2025 levy in support of the federally mandated 2025-2026 Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) debt service budget shall be as follows:

for purposes of financing General Obligation Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) debt as approved by voters in November, 2004 summarized herewith: **\$ 3.8200** mills.

for purposes of financing General Obligation Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) debt as approved by voters in August, 2018 summarized herewith:  
**\$ 0.4300** mills.

The total of the 2025 Winter CSO Tax millage is to be **\$4.2500** mills.

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

There being no further business, upon a motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Council then adjourned at 6:59 P.M.

APPROVED:

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President of the Council

ATTESTED:

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City Clerk