

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF DEARBORN

June 25, 2025

The Council convened at 6:31 P.M., President of the Council Michael Sareini presiding. Present at roll call were Councilmembers Abraham, Alsawafy, Enos, Paris, and President of the Council Sareini (5); Absent: Hammoud and Herrick (2). A quorum being present, the Council was declared in session.

DATE : June 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 Councilmember Paris to be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., in Conference Room 1-D, at the Dearborn Administrative Center, 16901 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, Michigan, for the following purpose:

1. To discuss, consider, and take action on the City's Property and Casualty Insurance; and
2. To discuss, consider, and take action on the proposed resolution urging the federal government to not transport radioactive and hazardous waste, and
3. To consider such other items of business that may properly come before the Council in relation to this matter.

S// Mike Sareini
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

S// Kenneth Paris
COUNCILMEMBER

Council President Pro Tem Herrick entered the Conference Room at 6:38 P.M.

By Abraham supported by Enos.

6-345-25. WHEREAS: Council Resolution 6-327-24 renewed the contract for Property and Casualty Insurance with Nickel & Saph, Inc. through June 30, 2028, and

WHEREAS: Due to continued yearly increases in the insurance premiums for the policies obtained under the contract with Nickel & Saph, Inc., the lack of alternate policy options provided by Nickel & Saph, Inc., and deficiencies recently discovered in the current policy, Council Resolution 3-127-25 recently awarded a three-year contract to Brown & Brown to provide Property and Casualty Insurance brokerage services, and

WHEREAS: The Resolution also provided that the Legal Department would return for an additional Council approval once a cost quote for the Property and Casualty Insurance was obtained by Brown & Brown, and

WHEREAS: Accordingly, the Law Department now recommends that the City secure Property and Casualty Insurance through broker Brown & Brown, at a cost of \$2,823,658, and

WHEREAS: Upon securing this insurance coverage through Brown & Brown, the Law Department will cancel the contract with Nickel & Saph, Inc.; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Law Department be and is hereby authorized to secure the liability coverage proposed by Broker, Brown and Brown, in the amount of \$2,276,521, as follows:

Liability Layer 1 with Berkley for approximately
\$460,000
\$2 Million SIR excluding Law Enforcement
Liability with \$5 Million in Coverage

Liability Layer 1 with PRU/Lexington for \$1,087,593
\$2 Million SIR for Law Enforcement Liability Only
with \$5 Million in Coverage

Excess Liability with Palomar for \$572,728
\$5 Million in Coverage over Layer 1

Excess Liability with Genesis for \$156,200
\$2 Million in Coverage over Layer 2

Total Liability Premium: \$2,276,521

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: That the total premium for the renewal period covering July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 will be \$2,823,658, representing \$2,276,521 for the liability coverage and \$547,137 for Property/Inland Marine, Crime, Cyber, and Boiler and Machinery; be it further

RESOLVED: That the self-insured retentions with the new coverage will be \$2 Million for both General Liability and Law Enforcement Liability, with \$12 Million in coverage over the retentions (\$14 million total). This will afford more Law Enforcement Liability coverage with a lower SIR than would be afforded by renewing with the City's current carriers; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

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

By Alsawafy supported by Enos.

6-346-25. WHEREAS: Over the past 55 years, more than 2,500 shipments of radioactive waste have been transported across the US covering over 1.7 million miles of U.S. roads and railways. Each year approximately 2,000 metric tons of spent nuclear fuel are added to the existing inventory, which currently exceeds 90,000 metric tons stored at various sites across the country, and

WHEREAS: In 2019, 3.5 million tons of hazardous waste were shipped and 3.7 million tons were received in the US, accounting for 12% of total freight tonnage, and

WHEREAS: Romulus has an injection well site for out-of-state hazardous waste and trainloads to the site from Ohio in 2023 derailed in Ohio endangering the surrounding communities, and

WHEREAS: Wayne Disposal Inc. Hazardous Waste Landfill in Wayne County Michigan is preparing to take 6,000 cubic yards of soil and concrete and 4,000 gallons of ground water contaminated with elevated radiation from Niagara Falls Storage Site in Lewiston, New York, which from 1944 until 1952 served as a primary storage location for wastes and byproducts associated with uranium ore refining, and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is working on a multiyear project to remove the elevated radiation wastes from the Niagara site with 25 semitrailer loads a week of the radioactive waste shipped on local highways and roads, and

WHEREAS: Michigan is one of five states where FUSRAP (Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program) radioactive waste is transported; other states include Utah, Idaho and Texas, and

WHEREAS: Radiation impacts the human body by damaging cellular structure, particularly DNA. Higher or prolonged exposure can lead to serious health issues, including cancer, organ damage, and in extreme cases, death, and

WHEREAS: Residents are not always notified of the upcoming transport of hazardous or radioactive waste through and near our communities and public safety issues of this magnitude affect the states, entire region and surrounding communities in Michigan, putting our residents, motorists and infrastructure in harm's way, and

WHEREAS: Sites in Michigan are in very populated areas near lakes, rivers and streams that all lead to the Great Lakes, which contain 21% of the world's freshwater, and

WHEREAS: Government officials and residents require more say in what occurs at landfills and injection sites, because it directly impacts the health and welfare of our communities, and

WHEREAS: Sites containing hazardous or radioactive waste shall not be located or transported to densely populated areas, but instead mitigated in state of origin, and

WHEREAS: Questions about why the sites are selected, why local officials and the public are not notified, what safety measures are being taken for the transport and disposal of materials, whether the waste will be tested before landfilling, what protocols and technologies are being used to safely manage and contain the waste, and what ongoing monitoring of materials all remain unanswered; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan delegates to The US Conference of Mayors oppose radioactive and hazardous waste crossing state lines, including changing interstate agreements; be it further

RESOLVED: That the Federal Government seek alternative solutions to disposing of their radioactive and hazardous waste in place that do not jeopardize our citizens and infrastructure.

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

There being no further business, upon a motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Council then adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

APPROVED:

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

ATTESTED:

CITY CLERK