

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF DEARBORN

September 23, 2025

The Council convened at 7:02 P.M., President of the Council Michael Sareini presiding. Present at roll call were Councilmembers Abraham, Alsawafy, Enos, Hammoud, Herrick, Paris, and Sareini (7); Absent: None (0). A quorum being present, the Council was declared in session.

Pastor Colleen Nieman of St. Paul Lutheran Church delivered the invocation.

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

By Herrick supported Unanimously.

9-504-25. RESOLVED: Acknowledging Pastor Colleen Nieman for her exceptional work as Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church, and wishing her congratulations on her upcoming retirement with a Council Citation; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

By Hammoud supported Unanimously.

9-505-25. RESOLVED: That the 34th Dearborn City Council proudly recognizes Ali Mroueh of the Economic Development Inspection Team for his outstanding service and professionalism with a Council Citation; be it further

RESOLVED: That Ali is commended for his courteous and respectful manner in working with the residents of Dearborn, exemplifying the highest standards of public service; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

By Sareini supported Unanimously.

9-506-25. WHEREAS: The Council has learned with sorrow of the passing of Sarah Ahmad Mochawrab, 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; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Public Comment began at 7:19 P.M.

By Enos supported by Herrick.

9-507-25. RESOLVED: That the time for Public Comment be and is hereby extended; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Public comment ended at 8:13 P.M.

By Enos supported by Herrick.

9-508-25. RESOLVED: That all items on the Consent Agenda for the meeting of September 23, 2025 be and are hereby approved; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Alsawafy supported by Abraham.

9-509-25. WHEREAS: The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will be performing a reconstruction project along I-94 within the city limits of Dearborn beginning in 2026, and

WHEREAS: This includes roadway reconstruction of I-94 and associated interchange ramps from approximately Wayne Rd. to Schaefer Rd., and

WHEREAS: Due to the significant traffic volumes along I-94 in this area, MDOT is proposing to conduct several work operations for this project during nighttime hours as this would reduce the impact to traffic, reduce the overall construction schedule, reduce worker exposure to peak traffic, and reduce overall work zone delays, and

WHEREAS: Therefore, MDOT respectfully requests a reprieve from the Dearborn ordinance regarding noise during nighttime hours; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Noise Ordinance, regarding work during nighttime hours, be and is hereby waived for the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) reconstruction Project along I-94 (MDOT Job No. 201225), beginning in 2026; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Enos supported by Abraham.

9-510-25. RESOLVED: That all bids received for Concrete Repair at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center are hereby rejected except the bid of Luigi Ferdinandi & Son Cement Co., Inc. in the amount of \$214,602, 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 Facilities Fund, Public Works, Capital Project Support budget; be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Engineer be and is hereby authorized to execute all change orders or modifications to this contract and that this contract shall not be binding until fully executed; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Alsawafy supported by Hammoud.

9-511-25. RESOLVED: That all bids received for Holiday Lighting Installation and Maintenance at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center and Peace Parks East & West are hereby rejected except the bid of Light up Columbus in the amount of \$60,000, 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 valid for the Winter 2025 season, with two (2) two-year renewal options available; be it further

RESOLVED: That this contract shall be financed from the General Fund, Community Relations, Rentals General Fund, Recreation, Community Promotion, Rentals budget; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Hammoud supported by Enos.

9-512-25. RESOLVED: That Change Order No. 2 with Al's Asphalt Paving Company (C.R. 4-185-24) which provides for Asphalt Resurfacing to City Parking Lot No. 146 located at 4933 Jonathon, City Parking Lot No. 147 located at 13200 Michigan Ave., and the City Powerhouse Parking Lot in the amount of \$200,000 be and is hereby approved; be it further

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

RESOLVED: That this Change Order shall be financed from the General Capital Improvement, Capital Project Support budget; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Alsawafy supported by Hammoud.

9-513-25. WHEREAS: The City currently has a contract with All Electrical Services, LLC for Lighting at Peace Park West, and

WHEREAS: Purchasing has received a request from the Parks and Recreation Department to add \$63,150 to that contract to complete the Installation of Lighting at Peace Park West; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the additional expenditures to All Electrical Services, LLC be and are hereby authorized in the amount of \$63,150 for the Installation of Lighting at Peace Park West; be it further

RESOLVED: That the additional expenditures in the amount of \$63,150 shall be financed from the Facilities Fund, Recreation, Parks, Capital Project Support budget; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Hammoud supported by Enos.

9-514-25. WHEREAS: The current Fiscal Year 2026 Adopted Budget and Position Control included funding for ten (10) full-time, and one (1) part-time staff for the Law Department, and

WHEREAS: This included two (2) Senior Attorneys, and three (3) Senior Attorney Administrative positions, in addition to the Corporation Counsel, Deputy Corporation Counsel, and assisting staff, and

WHEREAS: Due to planned departures of management and senior departmental staff who possess invaluable institutional knowledge, it is being requested that an additional Senior Attorney Administrative position be added in the approximate annual amount of \$135,000, with a start date no earlier than October 20, 2025 and

WHEREAS: Also requesting that the Finance Director be authorized to appropriate General Fund, Fund balance for FY2026 in the amount of \$95,000, and

WHEREAS: The addition of this position slot will allow the transition of workflow and knowledge prior to vacancies by current staff; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Law Department be and is hereby authorized to add one (1) additional Senior Attorney Administrative slot to the Law Department FY2026 Position Control in the approximate annual amount of \$135,000, with a start date no earlier than October 20, 2025; be it further

RESOLVED: That the Finance Director be and is hereby authorized to appropriate General Fund, Fund balance in the amount of \$95,000 for FY2026; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Enos supported by Hammoud.

9-515-25. RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous regular meeting of September 9, 2025 and the same are hereby approved as recorded and published.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Sareini supported by Hammoud.

9-516-25. RESOLVED: That Ordinance No. 25-1854 be taken from the table and placed upon its final reading.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Clerk then read the Ordinance No. 25-1854, entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend the Occupancy and Building Standards Chapter (Chapter 11) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Dearborn by adding Section 11-125, entitled 'Residential Concrete Driveway Reinforcement'."

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

The President of the Council then put the question, "Shall this Ordinance pass?"

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

By Enos supported by Alsawafy.

9-517-25. RESOLVED: That Ordinance No. 25-1855 be taken from the table and placed upon its final reading.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Clerk then read the Ordinance No. 25-1855, entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Dearborn by Amending Article 4.00, Entitled 'Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements'."

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

The President of the Council then put the question, "Shall this Ordinance pass?"

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

By Abraham supported by Hammoud.

9-518-25. RESOLVED: That Ordinance No. 25-1856 be taken from the table and placed upon its final reading.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Clerk then read the Ordinance No.25-1856, entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Dearborn by Amending Article 15.00, Entitled, 'B-B, Community Business District', with a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026."

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

The President of the Council then put the question, "Shall this Ordinance pass?"

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

By Enos supported by Abraham.

9-519-25. RESOLVED: That Ordinance No. 25-1857 be taken from the table and placed upon its final reading.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Clerk then read the Ordinance No.25-1857, entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend the Traffic and Motor Vehicles Chapter (Chapter 18) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Dearborn by Amending Section 18-320, Entitled 'School Busses; Overtaking, Meeting, or Passing'."

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

The President of the Council then put the question, "Shall this Ordinance pass?"

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

By Hammoud supported by Alsawafy.

9-520-25. RESOLVED: That Ordinance No. 25-1858 be taken from the table and placed upon its final reading.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Clerk then read the Ordinance No.25-1858, entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend the Offenses Chapter (Chapter 14) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Dearborn by adding Section 14-44.1, Entitled 'Lift Assist and Non-Emergency Cost Recovery'."

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

The President of the Council then put the question, "Shall this Ordinance pass?"

The Ordinance 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.

9-521-25. RESOLVED: That Ordinance No. 25-1859 be taken from the table and placed upon its final reading.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Clerk then read the Ordinance No.25-1859, entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend the Traffic and Motor Vehicles Chapter (Chapter 18) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Dearborn by Amending Article III, Division 2, Entitled 'Regulation of Class II Parking Lots'."

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

The President of the Council then put the question, "Shall this Ordinance pass?"

The Ordinance 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.

9-522-25. RESOLVED: That all bids received for the Roulo Gravel Alleys Paving Pilot Project are hereby rejected except the bid of DiPonio Contracting, LLC. in the amount of \$697,265, 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 contingency in the amount of \$100,000 is hereby approved to provide for any unforeseen conditions encountered during the execution of the project; be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Engineer be and is hereby authorized to execute all change orders or modifications that utilize all approved contingency; be it further

RESOLVED: That this contract shall be financed from the General Capital Improvement Fund, Capital Project Support, Sewer Fund be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Abraham supported by Enos.

9-523-25. WHEREAS: The Dearborn Police Department applied for and received a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), and

WHEREAS: This is an inter-governmental agreement with the Office of Justice Programs for the 2024 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to distribute funds to the Wayne County Sheriff's Office and 15 municipal police departments, and

WHEREAS: The award for the City of Dearborn is in the amount of \$18,736 and this is a reimbursement grant with no local match required, and

WHEREAS: The grant funding will be utilized for law enforcement equipment and technology purchases as determined by the Chief of Police, and

WHEREAS: It is respectfully requested that the Finance Director be authorized to recognize the 2024 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding in the amount of \$18,736 in the General Fund - Police Administration - Intergovernmental Federal Revenue account 101-2410-330.01-90, and to appropriate the same in the General Fund - Police Administration account 101-2410-511.98-00; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Finance Director be and is hereby authorized to recognize the 2024 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding in the amount of \$18,736 in the General Fund - Police Administration - Intergovernmental Federal Revenue account 101-2410-330.01-90, and to appropriate the same in the General Fund - Police Administration account 101-2410-511.98-00; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Abraham supported by Enos.

9-524-25. WHEREAS: The Police Department is requesting authorization to add eight (8) part-time personnel slots for eight (8) part-time Ordinance Officer positions to be filled within calendar year 2026 at .70 FTE per year, in the estimated annual amount of \$192,000, and

WHEREAS: Employing ordinance officers year-round will reduce the drawbacks of hiring, training, and retention that existed with the prior park ranger program, and

WHEREAS: The ordinance enforcement officers will be utilized for other enforcement functions in the off-season when park attendance is lower and they will also provide for more effective ordinance enforcement throughout the city year-round, including during snow emergencies; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Finance Director be and is hereby authorized to add eight (8) part-time personnel slots for eight (8) part-time Ordinance Officer positions for the Police Department to be filled within calendar year 2026 at .70 FTE per year, in the estimated annual amount of \$192,000; be it further

RESOLVED: That any required expense will be covered from the existing adopted FY2026 Police budget; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Abraham supported by Enos.

9-525-25. RESOLVED: That Zambelli Fireworks, 120 Marshall Dr., Warrendale PA 15086 be and is hereby granted a Special Events Permit to conduct fireworks displays at The Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., for the Greenfield Village 2025 Holiday Nights on December 4-7, 12-14, 16-23, and 26-28, 2025 at 10:00 P.M., subject to reimbursement for City services, all applicable ordinances, and the rules and regulations of the Police Department; be it further

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

RESOLVED: That the City's noise ordinance be and is hereby waived for the duration of the event on December 4-7, 12-14, 16-23, and 26-28, 2025, at 10:00 P.M.; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Enos supported by Abraham.

9-526-25. RESOLVED: That Divine Child High School be and is hereby granted permission to conduct its Annual Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 3, 2025 beginning at 6:00 P.M., subject to all applicable ordinances and the rules and regulations of the Police Department; be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2025 Divine Child High School Homecoming Parade route will be the same as previous years and is as follows: The parade will start at the circular drive, in front of Divine Child High School and will turn south on N. Silvery Lane. It will continue to Coburn Street where it will turn east, then straight to N. Denwood, turn left to Wilson until the parade reaches its destination, the Divine Child High School football field; be it further

RESOLVED: That City Council hereby authorizes assistance from the Police Department with traffic safety/crowd control for the entire duration of the parade route, subject to reimbursement for all City Services; be it further

RESOLVED: That City Council hereby grants a noise waiver for the duration of the event; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Enos supported by Hammoud.

9-527-25. WHEREAS: The City of Dearborn has been awarded funding through the Southeast Michigan Council of Government's (SEMCOG) 2025 Road Safety Audit (RSA) Program to evaluate roadway safety conditions along Schaefer Road, between Michigan Avenue and Warren Avenue, and

WHEREAS: The Road Safety Audit (RSA) Program aims to study some of the locations with the greatest opportunity for improving safety, especially for the most vulnerable road users, and provide expert analysis to identify safety risks and propose actionable solutions, and

WHEREAS: The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) will procure the Consultant for services to complete the RSA. The City will provide the required 20% local match in the amount of \$5,392.72 as part of this agreement, and

WHEREAS: The City required match of \$5,392.72 from the total project cost of \$26,963.60 will be paid to SEMCOG, once the work is complete and the consultant has submitted a final invoice. SEMCOG will provide payment to the Consultant upon satisfactory completion of the audit and submission of the invoice and report, and

WHEREAS: It is requested that City Council authorize the City to execute the 2025 Road Safety Audit (RSA) Agreement with the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) to evaluate roadway safety along Schaefer Road, between Michigan Avenue and Warren Avenue; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That City Council hereby authorizes the City to execute the 2025 Road Safety Audit (RSA) Agreement with the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) to evaluate roadway safety along Schaefer Road, between Michigan Avenue and Warren Avenue; be it further

RESOLVED: That the City required match in the amount of \$5,392.72 shall be financed from the Major Street & Trunkline, Engineering, Public Works, Maintenance Roads & Streets, Contractual Services budget, with an appropriation from Project Q99999, Major Street & Trunkline; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Alsawafy supported by Enos.

9-528-25. WHEREAS: The Community Relations Department plans to host the inaugural Dearborn Wanderlights Opening Ceremony event on Thursday, November 20, 2025, and

WHEREAS: Dearborn Wanderlights is a new annual City event that will feature interactive installations that blend technology, art, and storytelling to create a memorable holiday walkthrough experience. Encompassing three months this winter, and

WHEREAS: The free, family-friendly occasion will debut at PEACE Park West and is designed to attract thousands of attendees from across metro Detroit as a regional centerpiece for holiday celebrations season, and

WHEREAS: The Community Relations Department kindly requests approval for the use and closure of West Village Drive, between the East and West parking decks, adjacent to PEACE Park West from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. on Thursday, November 20, 2025 for the inaugural Dearborn Wanderlights opening ceremony, and

WHEREAS: Additionally, it is requested that these approvals be extended to a rescheduled date in the event of weather-related cancellation; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That City Council hereby authorizes the use and vehicular closure of West Village Drive, between the East and West parking decks, adjacent to PEACE Park West from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. on Thursday, November 20, 2025 for the inaugural Dearborn Wanderlights opening ceremony; be it further

RESOLVED: That City Council authorizes to extend this approval to a rescheduled date in the event of weather-related cancellation; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Enos supported by Abraham.

9-529-25. RESOLVED: That City Council hereby concurs in the Mayor's appointment of Kate Brady-Medley to the Parks and Recreation 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.

The 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 9:21 P.M.

APPROVED:

President of the Council

ATTESTED:

City Clerk