

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF DEARBORN

April 28, 2026

The Council convened at 7:00 P.M., President of the Council Michael Sareini presiding. Present at roll call were Councilmembers Abraham, Alsawafy, Enos, Hammoud, O'Reilly, Paris, and President of the Council Sareini (7); Absent: None (0). A quorum being present, the Council was declared in session.

Pastor Sean Myers of St. Paul Lutheran Church delivered the invocation.

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

By Sareini supported Unanimously.

4-197-26. RESOLVED: Acknowledging the 100-year anniversary of The American Legion - Dearborn Post #364; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Sareini supported Unanimously.

4-198-26. WHEREAS: For over four decades, Green Brain Comics has stood as a vibrant and enduring cornerstone of our local small business community fostering creativity, imagination, and connection for residents of all ages, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the 35th City Council wishes to recognize Green Brain Comics for their 41-years in service in the City of Dearborn, with a Council Citation; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Sareini supported Unanimously.

4-199-26. WHEREAS: Every year on April 28th the nation recognizes Workers Memorial Day, and

WHEREAS: This is the day we pay our respects to those who lost their lives on the job and recognize the impact these losses have on families, co-workers, and communities, and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated that there were 4,764 fatal work injuries in the United States in 2020—an equivalent of one worker dying every 111 minutes from a work-related injury, and

WHEREAS: In 2020, 131 workers were lost through fatal workplace accidents in Michigan, and

WHEREAS: It is appropriate to honor the memory of the courageous and dedicated members of Michigan's workforce who have been injured, disabled, or who have died as a result of workplace accidents, and

WHEREAS: We remember those who have died in workplace accidents, suffered occupational-related diseases, or have been injured due to dangerous conditions, and

WHEREAS: Recognition of Michigan's workforce and its achievements on behalf of the economic growth of our state is necessary; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council wishes to honor the workers who have died or who have been injured or disabled in workplace accidents; be it further

RESOLVED: That the members of the 35th City Council renews its efforts in seeking stronger workplace safety and health protections, better standards and enforcement, and fair and just compensation by rededicating ourselves to improving safety and health in our workplace; be it further

RESOVLED: That this City Council declares April 28, 2026 as Workers Memorial Day; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Public Comment began at 7:11 P.M. and ended at 7:19 P.M.

By Alsawafy supported by Enos.

4-200-26. RESOLVED: That all items on the Consent Agenda for the meeting of April 28, 2026 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 Enos.

4-201-26. RESOLVED: That all bids received for Tree Planting Services for the Department of Public Works and Facilities are hereby rejected except the bid of Crimboli Nursery, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$300,000; be it further

RESOLVED: 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 for the term of one-year with two (2) one-year renewal options available pending satisfactory performance by the vendor; be it further

RESOLVED: That this contract shall be financed from the General Capital Improvement Fund, Economic Development, Professional Services, Other Professional Services - Tree Planting Project DR budget; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Paris supported by Enos.

4-202-26. WHEREAS: The Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Dearborn and the International Association of Firefighters allows for the members to purchase up to three-years of Military or prior police/fire service time in the MERS Defined Benefit Retirement Plan, and

WHEREAS: The City requires that members work a minimum of three-years prior to requesting to purchase time through MERS to establish a representative Final Average Compensation (FAC). As provided by the MERS Plan Document, the additional credited service must be approved by the Governing Body of the City of Dearborn, and

WHEREAS: Scott Atkinson is a Fire Fighter in the MERS Pension System who has submitted a request to purchase 18-months of prior service credit, and

WHEREAS: Scott Atkinson submitted a completed application for Additional Service Credit Purchases, which provided the cost estimate and the calculation assumptions used, and the cost to Mr. Atkinson as determined by MERS is \$39,408.00, and

WHEREAS: This represents the estimated cost of the service credit, as required by the MERS plan document. It is requested that the City Council adopt the following resolution as provided by MERS:

As provided by the MERS Plan Document, and in accordance with the Employer's policy, the employer hereby authorizes the participant named above to make a service credit purchase from MERS as described above. The Employer understands this is an estimated cost, calculated using actuarial assumptions approved by the Retirement Board and the information provided by the employer and participant, including the termination date, which information the employer represents to MERS as accurate. Any difference between the assumptions and actuarial experience, including termination date, will affect the true cost of the additional service to the employer. The calculation assumptions are outlined above and the employer understands and agrees it is accountable and solely responsible for any difference between estimated and actual costs. The employer agrees to hold MERS harmless for any increased unfunded liability or other liability, damages or costs resulting from the purchase of this service credit;

THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That Scott Atkinson, Dearborn Fire
Fighter be and is hereby authorized to purchase 18-months of prior
service credit in the amount of \$39,408.00 through the MERS
Defined Benefit Retirement Plan; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate
effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Alsawafy supported by Enos.

4-203-26. WHEREAS: George and Maria Darany are the owners of the property located at 20765 Donaldson, a single-family home with a two-car attached garage. They have requested to purchase the vacant landlocked property at 20755 Donaldson (8 ft. by 10 ft.) located behind their property so they may combine it with their property, and

WHEREAS: The Assessor's Department valued the property at \$1,244, and

WHEREAS: The City Planning Division has determined that there is no reason for the City to retain this property and has recommended that it be sold; Planning has also advised that it is their preference to sell the property to just one owner as doing so would result in only one irregularly-shaped parcel, and splitting the property in more parcels may make each portion so small that it would add little to each property and one owner may receive more easement than the other, and

WHEREAS: Additionally, the recommended sale will result in Lot 623 being owned by one owner, as follows:

Legal description for the Darany property at 20765 Donaldson is:
Westerly 20 ft. of Lot 617, all of Lots 619 & 621, and the easterly 10 ft. of Lot 623, except the rear 8 ft. of each, Elmhurst Park Sub.

Legal description for the City's property at 20755 Donaldson is:
South 8 ft. of East 10 ft. of Lot 623, Elmhurst Park Sub, and

WHEREAS: The sale of the property will serve a public purpose by promoting the expansion of lots to improve the neighborhood. Additionally, the vacant landlocked property will be placed back on the tax roll to generate income for the City, and the City will no longer be required to maintain the lot, and

WHEREAS: Since 20755 Donaldson is located directly behind the property at 20765 Donaldson, and to avoid creating additional irregular shaped parcels, it is recommended that the entire 8 ft. by 10 ft. vacant landlocked parcel be sold to George and Maria Darany for \$1,244 so they may combine it with their property, and

WHEREAS: It is further recommended that the sale be subject to the following conditions:

1. The lot must be combined with Purchasers' adjacent land located at 20765 Donaldson for tax and assessment purposes at closing. Failure to do so will result in the resolution automatically being rescinded, deposit forfeited, and the sale declared null and void. Purchasers must provide proof of ownership of adjoining property located at 20765 Donaldson.
2. The lot may only be sold or developed in combination with the Purchasers' adjacent property.
3. Closing of this transaction must take place within ninety (90) days of the effective date of the Dearborn City Council resolution which authorizes the sale of the property. Failure to close within this period shall result in the resolution automatically being rescinded, deposit forfeited, and the sale declared null and void.
4. The Purchasers accept the property "AS IS" and assume all responsibility for soil testing and soil conditions.
5. Any construction or expansion of the existing structure located at 20765 Donaldson, utilizing the vacant property at 20755 Donaldson, must comply with Dearborn Zoning Ordinance. Purchasers acknowledge that this is a waiver to seek a variance of any requirements.
6. Purchasers may not assign the purchase option or sell the vacant land without approval of the Dearborn City Council, except that the lot may be sold or developed in combination with 20765 Donaldson once the properties have been combined at closing.
7. If Purchasers violate any of the restrictions imposed, Seller may exercise the right to purchase the property back for the original purchase price, less 10%, and less costs associated with the transfer back to the City of Dearborn,

AND

WHEREAS: This Council believes that said offer is a fair and reasonable price for said land and it is in the best interest of the City to accept said offer; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That this Council hereby approves the sale to George and Maria Darany for \$1,244 of the parcel described as:

The South 8 ft. of East 10 ft. of Lot 623, Elmhurst Park Sub., according to the plat thereof, City of Dearborn, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 41, Page 37 of Plats, Wayne County records.

Tax I.D.: 82-09-274-02-025

Lot size: 8 ft. x 10 ft.

Commonly known as 20755 Donaldson

and the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a Quit Claim Deed conveying said land to George and Maria Darany upon delivery to the City of the above purchase price and full compliance with the conditions outlined above, subject to adjustments, if any, as shown on the Closing Statement prepared by Corporation Counsel, and based upon George and Maria Darany closing within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this resolution; be it further

RESOLVED: That the sale of 20755 Donaldson serves a public purpose by promoting the expansion of lots to improve the neighborhoods. Additionally, the vacant landlocked property will be placed back on the tax roll to generate income for the City, and the City will no longer be required to maintain the lot; be it further

RESOLVED: That the sale is contingent upon the following conditions:

1. The lot must be combined with Purchasers' adjacent land located at 20765 Donaldson for tax and assessment purposes at closing. Failure to do so will result in the resolution automatically being rescinded, deposit forfeited, and the sale declared null and void. Purchasers must provide proof of ownership of adjoining property located at 20765 Donaldson.
2. The lot may only be sold or developed in combination with the Purchasers' adjacent property.

3. Closing of this transaction must take place within ninety (90) days of the effective date of the Dearborn City Council resolution which authorizes the sale of the property; failure to close within this period shall result in the resolution automatically being rescinded, deposit forfeited, and the sale declared null and void.
4. The Purchasers accept the property "AS IS" and assume all responsibility for soil testing and soil conditions.
5. Any construction or expansion of the existing structure located at 20765 Donaldson, utilizing the vacant property at 20755 Donaldson, must comply with Dearborn Zoning Ordinance. Purchasers acknowledge that this is a waiver to seek a variance of any requirements.
6. Purchasers may not assign the purchase option or sell the vacant land without approval of the Dearborn City Council, except that the lot may be sold or developed in combination with 20765 Donaldson once the properties have been combined at closing.
7. If Purchasers violate any of the restrictions imposed, Seller may exercise the right to purchase the property back for the original purchase price, less 10%, and less costs associated with the transfer back to the City of Dearborn,

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: That the Mayor and Corporation Counsel or his designee are hereby authorized to execute documents on behalf of the City of Dearborn to complete this transaction.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Enos supported by Alsawafy.

4-204-26. RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous regular meeting of April 14, 2026 and the same are hereby approved as recorded and published.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Enos supported by Alsawafy.

4-205-26. RESOLVED: That all bids received for Tree Planting Services for the Economic Development Department are hereby rejected except the bid of Crimboli Nursery, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$330,000; be it further

RESOLVED: 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 for the term of one-year with two (2) one-year renewal options available pending satisfactory performance by the vendor; be it further

RESOLVED: That this contract shall be financed from the General Capital Improvement Fund, Economic Development, Public Works, Capital Project Support, Undistributed Appropriation budget; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Paris supported by O'Reilly.

4-206-26. RESOLVED: That all bids received for A&E Services for Emergency Generator Replacement at City Housing Buildings are hereby rejected except the bid of DiClemente Siegel Design, Inc. in the amount of \$42,000, 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 financed from the Seniors Apartment Operating Fund, Housing, Capital Projects, Undistributed Appropriations budget.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Paris supported by Enos.

4-207-26. RESOLVED: That all bids received for Electrical Upgrades for the Dunworth Pool Water Slides are hereby rejected except the bid of Ainsworth Electric Inc. in the amount of \$67,285, 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 Facility Fund, Dunworth Pool, Capital Project Support budget; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Alsawafy supported by Paris.

4-208-26. WHEREAS: The City of Melvindale has submitted an application for a license to conduct a firework display on City of Dearborn-owned property located at 2661/2701 Greenfield Rd. on Sunday, June 21, 2026 at approximately 10:00 P.M., and

WHEREAS: The Fire Department has reviewed the documents submitted and is satisfied that Melvindale meets the specifications be met in accordance with the International Fire Code and the National Fire Protection Association ("NFPA") and the necessary insurance certificates have also been submitted and approved, and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to the NFPA, an owner of a building, dwelling, or structure that is located within the display radius/site must provide specific approval to the requesting entity. Those buildings must either be unoccupied during the event or protected by non-combustible or fire-resistant construction, and

WHEREAS: Since there are City-owned buildings that fall within the firing radius (DPW building, part of Central Garage, truck ports on DPW property) City Council must approve the requested sites, and

WHEREAS: The City of Dearborn will have one of its engines at the site, in case of an emergency, and

WHEREAS: It is the recommendation of the Fire Marshal Bureau that the City Council approves the City of Melvindale's application and request to use City-owned property located at 2661/2701 Greenfield for its fireworks display to be held on June 21, 2026, and

WHEREAS: It is also recommended that the City Council approves the proposed display radius which encompasses City-owned property; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Melvindale's application and request to use City-owned property for its fireworks display to be held on Sunday, June 21, 2026 at approximately 10:00 P.M. be and is hereby approved; be it further

RESOLVED: That the proposed display radius which encompasses City-owned property be and is hereby approved; be it further

RESOLVED: That this approval is contingent upon Melvindale complying with all conditions set forth above and any other requirements demanded by the Dearborn Fire Department, Dearborn Department of Law, Dearborn Police Department, International Fire Code, and NFPA; be it further

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

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

By Enos supported by Paris.

4-209-26. RESOLVED: That the request of the Dearborn Police Officers Charities to conduct their Annual "Sgt. Chris Hampton Memorial 5k Run" to raise awareness for suicide prevention, on Sunday, May 17, 2026 beginning at 9:00 A.M. at Ford Field, with assistance from the Police Department for traffic safety/crowd control for the entire duration of the event be and is hereby approved subject to reimbursement for City services, all applicable ordinances, and the rules and regulations of the Police Department; be it further

RESOLVED: That the Chief of Police be and is hereby authorized to make application and sign all require documents relating to the issuance of the necessary state and county permits as follows:

1. Usage and closure of the curb lane south bound Brady St. from Cherry Hill Road to Rouge Gateway Trail entrance. Also, placement of barricades/ traffic cones in this area to denote same.
2. The Dearborn Police Officers Charities will be renting the South pavilion at Ford Field Park where they will be offering food and alcoholic beverages.
3. Dearborn Police Officers Charities will secure a Special Event alcohol permit for this event.
4. The Dearborn Police Officers will provide a certificate of insurance to the City of Dearborn;

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: That a Noise Ordinance waiver be and is hereby granted 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 O'Reilly.

4-210-26. RESOLVED: That City Council hereby concurs in the appointment of Mayor Abdullah Hammoud to the Parking Advisory Commission 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 Enos supported by Alsawafy.

4-211-26. RESOLVED: That City Council hereby concurs in the Mayor's appointment of Chief Zaineb Hussein to the Parking Advisory Commission as an Alternate Mayoral Representative 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 O'Reilly supported by Enos.

4-212-26. RESOLVED: That City Council hereby concurs in the Mayor's appointment of Chief Issa Shahin to the Parking Advisory Commission 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 Alsawafy supported by O'Reilly.

4-213-26. RESOLVED: That City Council hereby concurs in the Mayor's appointment of Lt. Jason Skoczylas to the Parking Advisory Commission as an Alternate Police Representative 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 Sareini supported by Alsawafy.

4-214-26. RESOLVED: That City Council hereby concurs in the Mayor's appointment of Devon O'Reilly to the Parking Advisory Commission 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 Enos supported by Alsawafy.

4-215-26. RESOLVED: That City Council hereby concurs in the Mayor's appointment of Council President Michael Sareini to the Parking Advisory Commission as an Alternate City Council Representative 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 Enos supported by O'Reilly.

4-216-26. RESOLVED: That City Council hereby concurs in the Mayor's appointment of Tim Hawkins to the Parking Advisory 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 Hammoud supported by Alsawafy.

4-217-26. RESOLVED: That City Council hereby concurs in the Mayor's appointment of Nicole Golich to the Parking Advisory Commission as an Alternate Public Works Representative 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 Alsawafy supported by O'Reilly.

4-218-26. RESOLVED: That City Council hereby concurs in the Mayor's appointment of Jordan Twardy to the Parking Advisory 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 Enos supported by Hammoud.

4-219-26. RESOLVED: That City Council hereby concurs in the Mayor's appointment of Kaileigh Bianchini to the Parking Advisory Commission as an Alternate Economic Development Representative 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 Paris supported by Hammoud.

4-220-26. RESOLVED: That City Council hereby concurs in the Mayor's appointment of Christopher Williams to the Parking Advisory Commission with a term ending June 30, 2029; 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 Paris.

4-221-26. RESOLVED: That City Council hereby concurs in the Mayor's appointment of Sam Abbas to the Parking Advisory 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 Paris supported by Enos.

4-222-26. RESOLVED: That City Council hereby concurs in the Mayor's appointment of Jennifer Lorenz to the Parking Advisory Commission with a term ending June 30, 2029; 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 Hammoud supported by Enos.

4-223-26. RESOLVED: That City Council hereby concurs in the Mayor's appointment of Shiam Said to the Parking Advisory Commission with a term ending June 30, 2029; 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 O'Reilly.

4-224-26. RESOLVED: That City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor's Office to renew the City-wide membership with the National League of Cities (NLC) in the amount of \$10,597 for the period of June 1, 2026 to May 31, 2027; be it further

RESOLVED: That this membership renewal is budgeted in the Citywide account No. 101-1700-793-65.00; 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 7:48 P.M.

APPROVED:

President of the Council

ATTESTED:

City Clerk