

**MINUTES MAY 29, 2020**  
**ELECTRONICALLY HELD SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DEARBORN HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING**

**20-152** The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Council Chairwoman Denise Malinowski Maxwell.

Roll Call showed the following:

Present: Council Chairwoman Denise Malinowski Maxwell, Councilman Bill Bazzi, Councilman Robert Constan, Councilwoman Lisa Hicks-Clayton, Councilman Ray Muscat, Councilman Tom Wencel.

Absent: Councilman Dave Wassim Abdallah.

Also Present: City Clerk Prusiewicz, Mayor Paletko, Treasurer Riley, Chief of Staff Laslo, Comptroller Vance, DPW Director Selmi, Emergency Management Director Gavin, Fire Chief Brogan, Human Resource Director Sobota-Perry, Library Director McCaffery, Ordinance and Animal Control Director McIntyre.

Councilman Dave Wassim Abdallah arrived at 3:10 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Tom Wencel.

**20-153** Motion by Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton, seconded by Councilman Muscat that the May 29, 2020 Electronically Held Special Meeting Agenda be approved as submitted.

Motion unanimously adopted

**20-154** Motion by Councilman Bazzi, seconded by Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton to open the public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments and/or objections, if any, to the proposed Corporate Fund Budget for the City of Dearborn Heights for the fiscal year 2020-2021.

Motion unanimously adopted

The public hearing was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Council Chairwoman Malinowski Maxwell.

Hearing no requests to comment, Council Chairwoman Malinowski Maxwell asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

**20-155** Motion by Councilman Bazzi, seconded by Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton to close the public hearing.

Motion unanimously adopted

The public hearing closed at 3:15 p.m.

**20-156** Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton to accept John J. Riley II's formal notification of his resignation as the Treasurer for the City of Dearborn Heights. His last day with the City will be June 29, 2020, as outlined in 9-A. Per Treasurer Riley communication dated May 26, 2020.

Motion unanimously adopted

**20-157** Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Constan that the City Council adopts the General Government Fiscal 2020-2021 surplus budget in the amount of \$50,481,651, as outlined in 13-A.

Ayes: Council Chairwoman Malinowski Maxwell, Councilman Abdallah, Councilman Constan, Councilman Muscat.

Nays: Councilman Bazzi, Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton, Councilman Wencel.

Absent: None.

Motion adopted

**20-158** Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Abdallah that the City Council adopts the Library Fund Fiscal 2020-2021 surplus budget in the amount of \$2,399,044, as outlined in 13-A.

Motion unanimously adopted

**20-159** Motion by Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton, seconded by Councilman Muscat that the tax levy for the 2020-2021 fiscal year be set at 8.1100 mills, as outlined in 13-A.

Ayes: Council Chairwoman Malinowski Maxwell, Councilman Abdallah, Councilman Constan, Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton, Councilman Muscat.

Nays: Councilman Bazzi, Councilman Wencel.

Absent: None.

Motion adopted

**20-160** Motion by Councilman Bazzi, seconded by Councilman Constan that 8.4257 mills be levied to finance the voter approved Act 345 Fire and Police Pension Plan for fiscal year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$10,931,192, as outlined in 13-A.

Motion unanimously adopted

**20-161** Motion by Councilman Abdallah, seconded by Councilman Muscat that the City Council levy an additional 2.1289 mills on the Taxable Valuation for financing garbage and rubbish disposal for fiscal year 2021-2021, as outlined in 13-A.

Motion unanimously adopted

**20-162** Motion by Councilman Constan, seconded by Councilman Muscat that the City Council levy an additional 1.9081 mills on the Taxable Valuation of Public Safety, as approved by the voters of the City of Dearborn Heights for fiscal year 2020-2021, as outlined in 13-A.

Motion unanimously adopted

**20-163** Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Abdallah that the millage approved for solid waste disposal by the electorate in May 2000, be levied at .9540 mills, as outlined in 13-A.

Motion unanimously adopted

**20-164** Motion by Councilman Bazzi, seconded by Councilman Constan that the City Council approve the 2020-2021 lump sum budget for the 20th District Court, in the amount of \$2,033,426, as outlined in 13-A.

Motion unanimously adopted

**20-165** Motion by Councilwoman Hicks-Clayton, seconded by Councilman Muscat that the City Council levy an additional .8764 mill to fund the City Department for Libraries including new improvements of library buildings as approved by the voters of the City of Dearborn Heights, as outlined in 13-A.

Motion unanimously adopted

**20-166** Motion by Councilman Abdallah, seconded by Councilman Bazzi that the City Council levy an additional .9062 mill to fund the City Libraries as approved by the voters of the City of Dearborn Heights, as outlined in 13-A.

Motion unanimously adopted

**20-167** Motion by Councilman Abdallah, seconded by Councilman Muscat to adopt the following resolution as, outlined in 13-B:

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dearborn Heights is authorized to collect up to 1% Administration Fee, pursuant to MCL 211.44, provided the governing body of the City by resolution approves the authorization of the fee;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Dearborn Heights believes that it is necessary to collect said Administration Fee for fiscal year **2020-2021**, said collection rate need only be set at **1.00%**.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Dearborn Heights approves the imposition of and the Treasurer of the City of Dearborn Heights shall administer the imposition of a Property Tax Administration Fee, pursuant to MCL 211.44 with respect to taxes to be collected for the **Summer 2020 and Winter 2020** only, with the stipulations that the imposition of any future Property Tax Administration Fee, will require a new resolution before it may be imposed and that the fee shall be used to offset costs incurred by the City of Dearborn Heights in assessing property values, collecting the property tax levies, and in the review and appeal processes.

Motion unanimously adopted

**20-168** Motion by Councilman Muscat, seconded by Councilman Bazzi to adjourn the meeting.

Motion unanimously adopted

The meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

**WALTER J. PRUSIEWICZ**  
**CITY CLERK**

**DENISE MALINOWSKI MAXWELL**  
**COUNCIL CHAIRWOMAN**

**LYNNE SENIA**  
**COUNCIL SECRETARY**