

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF DEARBORN

April 3, 2012

The Council convened at 5:39 P.M., President of the Council Thomas P. Tafelski presiding. Present at roll call were Councilmembers Abraham, Bazzy, Hubbard (via telephone), Sareini, Shooshanian and President of the Council Tafelski. Absent: O'Donnell. A quorum being present, the Council was declared in session.

DATE : April 2, 2012
TO : City Clerk
FROM : Mayor John B. O'Reilly, Jr.
SUBJECT : Special Council Meeting

You are hereby requested to call a Special Meeting of the City Council to be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. in the Mayor's Conference Room of the City Hall for the following purposes:

1. To take action concerning an Agreement with DTE Energy regarding the Dix-Vernor Streetscape Project, Job No. 08-09-087 and
2. To consider such other items of business that may properly come before the Council in relation to the above subject matters.

S/John B. O'Reilly, Jr.
Mayor

By Sareini supported by Abraham.

4-180-12. WHEREAS: The Dix-Vernor Streetscape Project, Job # 08-09-087 involves the removal of existing street lights (30) along Dix Avenue & Vernor Street and replacing them with decorative street lights, and

WHEREAS: The existing street lights are presently owned by DTE Energy and they plan to remove their lights along with removing and/or abandoning the electrical underground circuit which is currently functioning as a "Series" circuit, and

WHEREAS: While DTE removes or abandons the existing "series" circuit on Dix Avenue and Vernor Street, they will have to temporarily place eleven (11) existing street lights that are to remain on Ferney, Industrial and part of Dix Avenue between Miller Road and the railroad grade separation temporarily out of service since all electrical circuits are connected to a "Series" mode, and

WHEREAS: In order to place electrical circuits on Ferney, Industrial and part of Dix as indicated back in service, the DTE Energy will convert the existing electrical service into "Multiple or Parallel" mode, and

WHEREAS: The "Series" mode which is outdated will require placement of a new transformer, and

WHEREAS: Two options are being considered:

Option 1

DTE Energy as the owner of the system requires a separate agreement with the City and they insist that the modification work to their system including removal and/or abandonment of their service be performed by them. Estimated cost to perform street lights modification by DTE Energy to their system is \$80,427.00. Attached agreement with DTE Energy must be executed.

Option 2

Further, since the Dix-Vernor project is a MDOT administered project, the major portion of which is paid for by Federal Aid as well as Federal Enhancement Grant although the federal aid and grant amount is capped, we are working with MDOT to include the above-

mentioned work by DTE Energy as part of the project so that part of the cost (\$48,256) may be eligible for Federal Aid. In order to make this proposal work, we will have to work with MDOT, DTE Energy and the Contractor for the project. This option requires efforts from all parties.

and

WHEREAS: Because the work to be performed by DTE Energy is immediate, we hereby request that the City Council approve the Agreement with DTE Energy and authorize the City Engineer to sign this Agreement on behalf of the City, while the Engineering Division staff continue to pursue Option 2 as indicated above the Dix/Vernor Streetscape Project, and

WHEREAS: The funding for this modification is to be paid for by the Major Street Fund CIP Q57410, and

WHEREAS: If MDOT accepts option 2 and federal aid is still available, the City's participation for the project will be reduced to \$32,171 from \$80,427 for which the City Council authorization shall be adjusted accordingly; be it therefore

RESOLVED: That the City Engineer is authorized to sign this Agreement on behalf of the City, while the Engineering Division staff continue to pursue Option 2 as indicated above the Dix/Vernor Streetscape Project; be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the Finance Department to fund this portion of the project from the available budget in the Major Street Fund portion of CIP Q57410; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was adopted as follows: Yeas: Abraham, Bazy, Sareini, Shooshanian and Tafelski (5). Nays: None. Abstain: Hubbard (1). Absent: O'Donnell (1).

There being no further business, upon a motion duly made, seconded, and adopted, the Council then adjourned at 5:48 P.M.

APPROVED:

THOMAS P. TAFELSKI
President of the Council

ATTESTED:

KATHLEEN BUDA
City Clerk