

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF DEARBORN

April 11, 2016

The Council convened at 6:04 P.M., President of the Council Susan Dabaja presiding. Present at roll call were Councilmembers Abraham, Bazzy, O'Donnell, Sareini, Shooshanian, Tafelski and President of the Council Dabaja. Absent: None. A quorum being present, the Council was declared in session.

DATE : April 7, 2016
TO : City Clerk
FROM : City Council
SUBJECT : Special Council Meeting

You are hereby requested to call a Special Meeting of the City Council to be held on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 5:55 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Dearborn Administrative Center for the following purposes:

1. To consider and take action regarding a request from the occupants of 24622 Ross to purchase the house from the City. The City acquired 24622 Ross from the Wayne County Treasurer by exercising its right of first refusal through the tax foreclosure process, and
2. To consider such other items of business that may properly come before the Council in relation to the above subject matters.

S/Brian C. O'Donnell
Councilmember

S/David Bazzy
Councilmember

By Tafelski supported by Sareini.

4-169-16. WHEREAS: The house located at 24622 Ross went into tax foreclosure because the 2012 taxes were not paid, and

WHEREAS: The City of Dearborn exercised its right of first refusal and purchased 24622 Ross from the Wayne County Treasurer through the tax reversion process, and

WHEREAS: The City's public purpose in purchasing the house was that it appeared to unoccupied and may be in need of demolition or rehabilitation to protect the property value of the surrounding neighborhood, and

WHEREAS: Charles and Norma Kennedy are listed as the owners of record prior to the Wayne County Treasurer obtaining ownership, and

WHEREAS: Charles and Norma Kennedy are both deceased, and

WHEREAS: A probate file was opened and administratively closed without disposition of 24622 Ross to any beneficiary, and

WHEREAS: Siobhan Kennedy (granddaughter of the decedents) and Virginia Kennedy (former daughter-in-law of decedents and mother/guardian of Siobhan) submitted a letter to City Council, requesting that Council allow them to purchase the property from the City since they are occupants of the property, and

WHEREAS: In the past, requests for repurchase have been considered on a case-by-case basis, and

WHEREAS: Siobhan and Virginia Kennedy claim that the personal representative of the estate failed to pay taxes and failed to transfer ownership of 24622 Ross, but did not have any documents to substantiate that claim, and

WHEREAS: The last Certificate of Occupancy was issued in 1949 and there is no Certificate of Occupancy for the current occupants; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Siobhan and Virginia Kennedy's request to purchase the house located at 24622 Ross from the City is hereby denied; be it further

RESOLVED: That there has been no supporting documentation presented to show that Siobhan and/or Virginia Kennedy had any legal interests to the house or were in the chain of title before the house was transferred to the Wayne County Treasurer; be it further

RESOLVED: That a public purpose is served by the City denying Siobhan and Virginia Kennedy's request so that the City may take possession and evaluate the condition of the house to determine whether it should be rehabilitated or demolished to protect the property value of the surrounding neighborhood; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

There being no further business, upon a motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Council then adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

APPROVED:

President of the Council

ATTESTED:

Acting City Clerk