## DEARBORN PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES March 22, 2023 Proposed

## ATTENDEES:

Chairperson Marcel Pultorak, Present Vice Chairperson Dr. Ryan Lazar, Present Secretary/Treasurer Jihan Jawad, Present Commissioner Barth Bucciarelli, Present Commissioner Zeinab Alhashemi, Present Commissioner Amira Haidar, Present, arrived at 5:17p Commissioner Gerilyn Biggs, Present Commissioner Ali Dagher. Present Commissioner Michelle Jawad, Present

Chairperson Pultorak called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

Discussion began concerning interviews of the Library Director finalists' interviews. Each commissioner began to share their views about the candidates.

Commissioner Alhashemi made a motion to offer the job to Betty Adams, seconded by Commissioner Dagher, discussion continued until all commissioners had a chance to share their views.

Chairperson Pultorak stated he would be stepping down as Chairperson at the end of his current term which ends June 30, 2023, and may leave the commission, after discussion with the Mayor. He went on to discuss the proposed merger of the City's Historical museum and archives as a division of the Library in the Mayor's Proposed 2023-24 Budget. He requested the Mayor to get an independent legal opinion from Anne Seurynck, an attorney specializing in Michigan Library Law with the firm of Foster Smith to address whether or not the City's Library millages may be used to support the museum. This item will be on our next regular meeting agenda. It was agreed that taking over historical archives likely could be done by the library. Budget and financial data was requested by the commissioners concerning the proposed merger.

A vote was then taken on the above motion which was approved by 7 Ayes, Commissioner Buciarelli voting Nay, and Chairperson Pultorak abstaining. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42p.