

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF DEARBORN

April 21, 2016

The Council convened at 7:55P.M., President of the Council Susan Dabaja presiding. Present at roll call were Councilmembers Abraham, Bazy, O'Donnell, Sareini, Shooshanian, and President of the Council Dabaja. Absent: Councilmember Tafelski. A quorum being present, the Council was declared in session.

DATE : April 19, 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 Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 7:25 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Dearborn Administrative Center for the following purposes:

1. To consider and take action concerning a ballot question to renew the temporary millage increase authorized by voters in 2011, and
2. To consider such other items of business that may properly come before the Council in relation to the above subject matters.

S/Mark Shooshanian
Councilmember

S/Robert Abraham
Councilmember

By Abraham supported by Shooshanian.

4-214-16. WHEREAS: The City Council recommends submission to the voters of a Charter Amendment at a Special Election to be held on August 2, 2016, and

WHEREAS: MCL §117.21, as amended, authorizes the submission of proposed Charter amendments by a 3/5 vote of the legislative body of a City and the designation of the purpose of any such proposed Charter amendment in not more than one hundred words as an explanatory caption, and

WHEREAS: A proposed Charter Amendment requires review and approval by the Attorney General and the Governor, and

WHEREAS: Modifications which do not change the substance of the proposed Charter Amendment may be required by either the Attorney General or the Governor; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council, pursuant to authority granted by MCL §117.21, as amended, does hereby propose that the following question be presented to voters at a Special Election to be held on August 2, 2016, and that the proposed Charter Amendment, if approved by the Attorney General and the Governor, be published in full with existing Charter provisions which would be altered or abrogated thereby, in accordance with MCL §117.21:

**CITY OF DEARBORN PROPOSAL 1
RENEWAL OF OPERATING MILLAGE**

Ballot Question Explanation:

In 2011, Dearborn voters approved a 3.5 mill supplemental millage. Last fiscal year it raised \$12,240,102 and helped to maintain Police and Fire service levels and programs in the Recreation and Public Works Departments. It expires in June 2017. Renewing this millage would reauthorize the same tax rate limitation currently in place and would raise approximately \$11,123,028 in the first budget year it is levied. If it is not renewed, the City's projected revenues will fall by this amount with similar losses occurring in subsequent years. These annual losses will result in reductions in programs and services.

Ballot Question:

Shall the amendment to Section 13.2 of the Dearborn City Charter, previously approved by voters in 2011, be renewed for no more than 5 years to provide the City the authority to temporarily continue to levy an additional ad valorem tax up to \$3.50 per \$1,000 in taxable value (3.5 mills) which will raise approximately \$11,123,028 in the first year it is levied?***
*****(end of ballot question)**

CHAPTER 13. FINANCE AND TAXATION, Section 13.2 currently states as follows:

Section 13.2. Limitation on taxation.

The Council shall have the power to and shall raise annually by taxation, such sum of money as may be necessary to defray the general expenses and liabilities of the City and to carry into effect the powers in this Charter granted, subject to the limitations of this section. The total tax rate limitation in any fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2008, for municipal purposes shall not exceed 16 mills on all the taxable real and personal property in the City, according to the assessment roll last confirmed prior to the beginning of such fiscal year, as such tax rate may be reduced from time to time by operation of law; provided that the total amount of all taxes which the Council shall have the power to raise in any fiscal year for municipal purposes shall not exceed the lesser of the foregoing rate, as reduced from time to time or 15 mills on all the taxable real and personal property in the City, according to the assessment roll last confirmed prior to the beginning of such fiscal year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, beginning July 1, 2012, and ending five years later, the total tax limitation may be increased by 3.5 mills.

If the Charter Amendment is approved, Section 13.2 will state as follows:

(Change in the text is shown in bold)

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be it further

RESOLVED: That Corporation Counsel is authorized to transmit the ballot question entitled Proposal 1 Renewal of Operating Millage, which involves a City Charter Amendment, to the Governor and the Attorney General for approval, in accordance with MCL §117.21 and MCL §117.22; be it further

RESOLVED: That Corporation Counsel is authorized to make modifications to either the Explanation or the Ballot Question, or both, which do not change the proposed Charter Amendment, if requested by either the Attorney General or the Governor, or their respective designees; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was adopted as follows: Yes: Abraham, Bazy, Dabaja, O'Donnell, Sareini, and Shooshanian (6). No: None. Absent: Tafelski (1).

There being no further business, upon a motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Council then adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

APPROVED:

President of the Council

ATTESTED:

Acting City Clerk