

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF DEARBORN

April 28, 2020

The Council convened at 6:31 P.M., President of the Council Susan Dabaja presiding. Present at roll call were Councilmembers Abraham, Bazy, Byrnes, Herrick, O'Donnell, Sareini and President of the Council Dabaja. Absent: None. A quorum being present, the Council was declared in session.

DATE : April 24, 2020
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 Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 6:25 P.M. via Zoom Technology for the following purposes:

1. To consider and take action concerning the extension of Mayor O'Reilly's declaration of a local state of emergency until May 15, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.; and
2. To consider such other items of business that may properly come before the Council in relation to the above subject matters.

S/Erin Byrnes
Councilmember

S/Brian C. O'Donnell
Councilmember

By Byrnes supported by Herrick.

4-158-20. WHEREAS: The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death. It spreads rapidly from person to person regardless of whether symptoms are present. Although COVID-19 can affect persons of all ages, it places those with pre-existing chronic illnesses and our older population at a higher risk. There is currently no approved vaccine or antiviral treatment for this disease, and

WHEREAS: On April 24, 2020, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order 20200-59 (the "Order"). The Order rescinds Executive Order 2020-42 and extends the duration of Michigan's stay-at home requirements from April 30, 2020, to May 15, 2020. This Order, as with previous Executive Orders, suspends all in-person government activities at state, county, and local levels that are not necessary to sustain or protect life, or support those business operations that are maintaining in -person activities as defined under the Order, and

WHEREAS: On March 17, 2020, Mayor O'Reilly declared a local state of emergency, which was extended by the City Council on March 24, 2020, until April 15, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Similarly, on April 14, 2020, the City Council granted Mayor O'Reilly's request to extend the declared local state of emergency until April 30, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. to protect life by stopping or at least suppressing the transmission of COVID-19 to help bring this emergency situation that exists within our community under control, and

WHEREAS: Extension of the local declaration is vital to providing City departments with the necessary flexibility needed for implementing alternate work assignments and schedules, among other things, relating to essential staff members. Almost all City departments have implemented alternate work schedules, the two largest being the Department of Police and Public Works, which aside from the Fire Department represents the majority of the City's essential staff reporting for work at a City facility, and

WHEREAS: The Police Department has reallocated personnel from its Bureau Division and re-assigned them to uniform patrol. This change has allowed the department to establish a third patrol platoon, which has directly resulted in an increased monitoring of closed businesses to prevent theft, houses of worship, shopping districts, and additional assistance to Dearborn's senior-living facilities. Additionally, the extension off the local declaration has assisted the Departments of Police and Fire in the temporary suspension of all discretionary leave during the declared state of emergency, which permits essential departments to provide the highest level of service to the public while maintaining the safest protocols and procedures for the staff on site, and

WHEREAS: Section 2-615 of the Dearborn City Code states that the declaration of a local state of emergency by the Mayor shall not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven days except with consent of the City Council. While the measures put in place have been effective, the conditions that prompted Mayor O'Reilly's initial declaration and subsequent extensions have not yet improved to a point where it is prudent to discontinue the local state of emergency. It is in the community's best interest to extend the declaration of a local state of emergency at least until May 15, 2020, and

WHEREAS: The Mayor requested that the City Council extend the declaration of a local state of emergency until May 15, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. in unification with Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-59; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the declaration of a local state of emergency is continued until 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2020; 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 6:40 P.M.

APPROVED:

President of the Council

ATTESTED:

City Clerk