

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF DEARBORN

May 28, 2020

The Council convened at 8:13 P.M., President of the Council Susan Dabaja presiding. Present at roll call were Councilmembers Abraham, Bazzy, Byrnes, Herrick, O'Donnell, Sareini and President of the Council Dabaja. Absent: None. A quorum being present, the Council was declared in session.

DATE : May 26, 2020
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 Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 7:00 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 June 19, 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/John B. O'Reilly, Jr.
Mayor

By Abraham supported by Herrick.

5-178-20. 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 May 22, 2020, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-99 (the "Order"). The Order rescinds Executive Order 2020-59 and extends the duration of Michigan's stay-at-home requirements from May 28, 2020, to June 12, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. 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, April 14, 2020, April 28, 2020, and May 18, 2020. The extension of the local state of emergency expires at 11:59 P.M. on Thursday, May 28, 2020. The Mayor's goal has been clear; 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: Another 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. This permits our 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 June 19, 2020, and

WHEREAS: The Mayor requested that the City Council extend the declaration of a local state of emergency until June 19, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. in unification with Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-99; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the declaration of a local state of emergency is continued until 11:59 p.m. on June 19, 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 8:14 P.M.

APPROVED:

President of the Council

ATTESTED:

City Clerk