

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF DEARBORN

September 3, 2020

The Council convened at 7:28 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 : September 2, 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, September 3, 2020 at 7:25 P.M. via Zoom Technology for the following purposes:

1. To consider and take action regarding the extension of the professional services agreement with The House Consulting, for an additional amount not to exceed \$15,300.00, to develop a strategic social media campaign with respect to the Census, with immediate effect; and
2. To extend the local state of emergency to coincide with the Governor's State of Emergency declaration, with immediate effect; and
3. To consider such other items of business that may properly come before the Council in relation to these matters.

S/John B. O'Reilly, Jr.
Mayor

By Sareini supported by Byrnes.

9-326-20. WHEREAS: The U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 2 requires Enumeration of population in the United States, and

WHEREAS: The Decennial Census has been taken every ten years since the early days of the United States of America, and

WHEREAS: The Census is an important deterrent of both Federal funding and representation for the City of Dearborn, and

WHEREAS: Efforts to encourage all residents of Dearborn to participate in the Decennial Census are imperative to an accurate count of persons in the City, and the City wishes to reach as many residents as possible to inform them of the importance of participation in the Census, and

WHEREAS: The City of Dearborn engages consultants for professional services to assist with many public programs and projects, and

WHEREAS: The City wishes to engage The House, LLC to assist with outreach efforts related to Census participation; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a contract with The House, LLC for professional services related to public outreach in connection with the Decennial Census for an amount not to exceed \$40,000; be it further

RESOLVED: That the Economic and Community Development Department be and is hereby authorized to administer the contract with The House, LLC; be it further

RESOLVED: that this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was adopted as follows: Yes: Abraham, Byrnes, Dabaja, Herrick and Sareini (5). No: Bazy and O'Donnell (2). Absent: None.

By Sareini supported by Herrick.

9-327-20. 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 Thursday, September 3, 2020, Governor Gretchen Whitmer ("Governor Whitmer") signed Executive Order 2020-177 (the "Order"). The Order constitutes a state of emergency declaration under the Emergency Powers of the Governor Act of 1945 and will remain in effect until October 1, 2020 at 11:59 pm. This Executive Order rescinds Executive Order 2020-165. As you know, on March 17, 2020, the Mayor declared a local state of emergency, which was extended by this City Council on March 24, 2020, April 14, 2020, April 28, 2020, May 18, 2020, May 28, 2020, June 23, 2020, July 14, 2020, and August 10, 2020. The Mayor's goal has been clear; 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. Following the recommendations of public health experts as well as coordinating efforts and resources is crucial to creating a stable path to recovery for our state and local community, and

WHEREAS: The extension of the local declaration is vital to providing City departments with the necessary flexibility needed for sustaining alternate work assignments and schedules, among other things, relating to our staff members. This is particularly important following the re-opening of certain City facilities to the general public on Monday, June 15, 2020. This flexibility permits City 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: In response to the widespread and severe health threats posed by COVID-19, while under the declaration of a local state of emergency we have made the following necessary expenditures from the account established by the Council for pandemic related expenses:

- Police and Fire Overtime: \$38,500,
- Building Cleaning: \$76,900,
- Disinfectants: \$108,500,
- PPE/Medical Supplies: \$78,100,
- Equipment/Signage: \$19,800,
- Communications: \$3,800,
- Donations/Stimulus: (\$64,000)

- **Total Expenditures: \$261,600**

and

WHEREAS: Presently, of the \$1.5 million set aside by the City Council, an available fund balance of \$1,238,400 remains after accounting for all expenditures, donations, and stimulus reimbursement. The above referenced expenditures were necessary to protect life and property in an effort to bring the emergency situation within our community under control. Additional expenditures may be necessary to help suppress the transmission of COVID-19 as well as protect our emergency responders and staff members while the declaration of a local state of emergency remains in effect, 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 the City has put in place have been effective, the conditions that prompted the Mayor's initial declaration and subsequent extensions have not yet improved to a point where it is prudent to discontinue the local state of emergency. At this time, the Mayor believes it is in the community's best interest to extend the declaration of a local state of emergency to at least October 1, 2020, and

WHEREAS: The Mayor requests that the City Council extend the declaration of local state of emergency until October 1, 2020 at 11:59 pm in unification with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-177; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the declaration of a local state of emergency is continued until 11:59 p.m. on October 1, 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 7:50 P.M.

APPROVED:

President of the Council

ATTESTED:

City Clerk