

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF DEARBORN

July 22, 2021

The Council convened at 6:35 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 : July 19, 2021
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, July 22, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Dearborn Administrative Center for the following purposes:

1. To consider and take action on placing a ballot question regarding a temporary tax millage amount and duration on the November 2, 2021 General Election ballot, which would amend Section 13.2 of the City Charter entitled "Limitation on taxation," and requesting immediate effect, and
2. To consider and take action on a proposed change order to the LaSalle Construction contract for the Dunworth Bathhouse Construction Project in the amount of \$78,000, and requesting immediate effect, and
3. To consider such other items of business that may properly come before the Council in relation to these matters.

S/Susan Dabaja
Councilmember

S/Michael Sareini
Councilmember

By Bazzy supported by Herrick.

7-343-21. WHEREAS: The City Council recommends submission to the voters of a Charter Amendment at the General Election to be held on November 2, 2021, 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 its designation of the ballot language for such proposed Charter amendment in not more than one hundred words exclusive of caption, and

WHEREAS: A proposed Charter Amendment requires review of the proposed amendment by the Governor pursuant to MCL §117.22 and review of the ballot language by the Attorney General pursuant to MCL §117.21; 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 the General Election to be held on November 2, 2021, and that the proposed Charter Amendment, if approved by the Governor, be published in full with existing Charter provisions which would be altered or abrogated thereby, in accordance with MCL §117.21:

PROPOSAL 1 - CITY OF DEARBORN PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR A TEMPORARY 2.75 MILL SUPPLEMENTAL MILLAGE TO AVOID REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Dearborn's City Charter limits operating mills to 15. State law allows 20. So, voters have approved raising the Charter limit since 2011. Approving this amendment will reduce the current upper limit to 17.75 mills. Without the supplemental millage, programs and service levels will be diminished.

Shall Section 13.2 of the Dearborn City Charter be amended to authorize the City to levy up to 2.75 mills for 3 years, beginning on July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2025, which is up to \$2.75 per \$1,000 in taxable value or \$167 per year for the average Dearborn homeowner?

- o YES
- o NO

***** (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, 2017, 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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ending **three** years later, the total tax limitation may be increased by **2.75** mills;

be it further

RESOLVED: That Corporation Counsel is authorized to transmit the ballot question entitled Proposal 1 Temporary Supplemental 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 the Ballot language, 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, Bazzy, Byrnes, Dabaja, Herrick, and O'Donnell (6). No: Sareini (1). Absent: None.

By Sareini supported by Abraham.

7-344-21. RESOLVED: That Change Order No. 6 with LaSalle Construction which provides for Dunworth Bathhouse Replacement in the amount of \$78,000 is hereby approved; be it further

RESOLVED: That the Finance Director be and is hereby authorized to transfer \$78,000 from the General Capital Improvement Fund to the Facilities Fund; be it further

RESOLVED: That this Change Order shall be financed from the Facilities Fund, Capital Project #I26750 Dunworth Bathhouse Replacement budget; 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 10:00 P.M.

APPROVED:

President of the Council

ATTESTED:

City Clerk