



CITY OF FLINT

SHELDON A. NEELEY
Mayor

PUBLIC NOTICE

WATER SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, August 24, 2021 AT 5:30 P.M.

Pursuant to Public Act 267 of 1976, "Open Meetings Act," all meetings of the Council are open to the public and the public is welcome to address the Council on any item under its jurisdiction or on its agenda.

ELECTRONIC AND TELEPHONIC PARTICIPATION ONLY

In accordance with the Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-21, entitled Stay Home, Stay Safe, "No person or entity shall operate a business or conduct operations that require workers to leave their homes or places of residence except to the extent that those workers are necessary to sustain or protect life or to conduct minimum basic operations." Likewise, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-15, strict compliance with section 3 of the Open Meetings Act is temporarily suspended in order to alleviate any such physical-place or physical-presence requirements, and a "meeting of a public body may be held electronically, including by telephonic conferencing or video conferencing, in a manner in which both the general public and the members of the public body may participate by electronic means."

This meeting is held electronically and telephonically in light of the State of Emergency declared in the City of Flint by Mayor Neeley and by Governor Whitmer for the State of Michigan. It is further held electronically and telephonically in order to comply with Executive Order 2020-21 and to suppress the spread of COVID-19, to prevent the state's health care system from being overwhelmed, to allow time for the production of critical test kits, ventilators, and personal protective equipment, and to avoid needless deaths to the maximum extent feasible.

On Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Governor Gretchen Whitmer declared a State of Emergency after two individuals were confirmed testing presumptively positive for COVID-19. On Thursday, March 12, 2020, Mayor Sheldon Neeley declared a local State of Emergency to exist in the City of Flint as a result of the threat of COVID-19. On Sunday, March 15, 2020, effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, Mayor Neeley, based on the COVID-19 public health threat, closed City Hall to the public. As of Sunday, March 22, 2020, Michigan now has 1035 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Based on the White House guidelines issued on March 16, 2020, it is recommended that, over the next 15 days, people not gather in groups larger than 10 in order to "flatten" the curve and slow the spread of the virus.

Therefore, in accordance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-15 promoting public health, welfare and safety, and allowing for electronic public meetings, the following meeting is scheduled

electronically: All boards and commissions must adhere to all laws established under the Michigan Compiled Laws and in accordance with the revisions to the Open Meetings Act adopted in Senate Bill 1108, as passed on October 13, 2020, and signed into law on October 16, 2020.

Pursuant to Act 267 of the Public Acts of 1976 (Open Meetings Act), notice is hereby given that the Flint Water System Advisory Council will hold its inaugural meeting on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. In accordance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-15 permitting electronic meetings, the following protocols are being followed:

The scheduled meeting officially establishes the City of Flint's Water System Advisory Council. The State of Michigan's 2018 revision to the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) created both state-level and utility-level water advisory councils. Water suppliers and water systems with more than 50,000 customers will each be required to create a Community Water Advisory Council. The advisory council will advise the utility on communications related to lead in drinking water as well as other drinking water quality issues.

1. In order to speak during the public forum portion of the Planning Commission meeting by telephone, please sign up no later than 30 minutes prior to the meeting start time of 5:30 p.m. by doing the following:
 - a. Call 1-929-436-2866, followed by Meeting ID#: 820 9499 1901 ## (you should not need a passcode)
 - b. Each public speaker will be put into a queue to speak during the public forum;
 - c. The Administrator will state the name or phone number of the speaker;
 - d. Please press *9 to raise your hand during the public forum to speak. This is necessary in order for the Zoom Administrator to unmute your phone.
 - e. The public speaker will be unmuted;
 - f. The public speaker will state and spell their name and be allowed 3 minutes for public speaking;
 - g. The speaker will be muted after three minutes have expired;
 - h. The speaker is allowed one speaking opportunity per call;
 - i. After the public speakers have completed speaking, the Administrator will read all emailed public comments and public comments placed in the red drop box in front of City Hall
2. The public may send public comments by email to WSAC@cityofflint.com and/or place them in the red drop box located in front of City Hall at 1101 S. Saginaw Street, Flint, MI 48502, no later than 30 minutes prior to the meeting time of 5:30 p.m.
3. This meeting will be held in U.S. English. Persons needing accommodations to attend this meeting should submit a request for accommodations to WSAC@cityofflint.com, with the subject line **WSAC Request for Accommodation**, or by contacting Lottie Ferguson, Chief Resilience Officer at 810.766.7346 to request accommodations, including but not limited to interpreters. Requests must be made at least four (4) hours in advance of the meeting.

If there are any questions concerning this notice, please direct them to Lottie Ferguson, City of Flint Mayor's Office at 810.766.7346.