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City of Flint

Office of the Mayor

SPECIAL FLINT CITY COUNCIL ELECTRONIC PUBLIC MEETING

On Friday, October 5, 2020, the Michigan Supreme Court (MSC) issued an order declaring that the Emergency Powers of Governor (EPG) Act as an unconstitutional delegation of legislative authority, which was the primary authority relied on by Governor Whitmer for her COVID-19 related executive orders. Subsequently, Governor Whitmer requested that the MSC clarify that their order does not go into effect until October 30, 2020. On Monday October 12, 2020, the Michigan Supreme Court rejected Governor Whitmer's request to delay the effect of its decision to strike down the EPG. On, Tuesday, October 13, 2020, Senate Bill 1108 passed, amending the Open Meetings Act to allow municipalities to hold electronic meetings. On Friday, October 16, 2020, Governor Whitmer signed into law Senate Bill 1108 amending the Open Meetings Act. Subsequently, on December 22, 2020 Public Act 267 of 1976 was amended through Senate Bill 1246 extending the electronic meetings with no reason through March 31, 2021. The act also allows after March 31, 2021 electronic meetings may be held if a local state of emergency was declared based on amendments made to MCL 15.263. On March 23, 2020, the Flint City Council extended Mayor Neeley's declaration of emergency indefinitely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, this meeting will be held electronically.

Pursuant to Act 267 of the Public Acts of 1976 Open Meetings Act as amended and Flint City Charter Section 3-202, notice is hereby given that Mayor Sheldon A. Neeley hereby calls for a Special Meeting of the Flint City Council scheduled to be held as follows:

Date: Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Time: 4:30 P.M.

Location: Electronically

The meeting is being held for the following purpose:

- Discussion of the Gun Violence Declaration; and
- Schedule of Town Hall meetings for community input on spending American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

- The public and media may listen to the meeting online by live stream broadcast on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo2BdarsY5qNtQSTP9Lfl3Q or through **Start Meeting Solution** by dialing (617) 944-8177.
- 2. In order to speak during the public meeting by telephone, you will also call (617) 944-8177:
 - a. All callers will be queued and muted during the Public Hearing.
 - b. The public speaker will be unmuted in order and asked if they wish to speak during public comment.
 - c. The public speaker should state and spell name their name and be allowed 3 minutes for public speaking.
 - d. The speaker will be returned to mute after the 3 minutes have expired.
 - e. After the telephonic public speakers are completed, then emailed public comments on the public hearing will be read by the City Clerk. All emailed public comments will be timed for 3 minutes.
- 3. The public may send public comments by email to CouncilPublicComment@cityofflint.com no later than 10 minutes prior to the meeting start time of 5:00 p.m.
- 4. Persons with disabilities may participate in the meeting by the abovementioned means and by emailing and requesting for an accommodation to CouncilPublicComment@cityofflint.com with subject line Request for Accommodation or by contacting the City Clerk at (810) 766-7418 to request accommodation including but not limited to interpreters.

Questions should be directed to the Mayor's Office at 810-766-7346.

Sheldon A. Neeley, Mayor

Posted: July 27, 2021 at 3-45p.m.