



## OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### 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 that after March 31, 2021, electronic meetings may be held if a local state of emergency was declared. 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, notice is hereby given that the Flint City Council will conduct four (4) regularly-scheduled committee meetings, to be held as follows:

### **Flint City Council Committee Meetings (Finance, Governmental Operations, Legislative and Grants) Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 5 p.m.**

1. The public and media may listen to the meeting online by live stream at <https://www.youtube.com/c/FlintCityCouncilMeetings> or through Start Meeting by dialing (617) 944-8177. (If unable to get through, please dial (206) 451-6011.)
2. In order to speak during the **PUBLIC SPEAKING PERIOD** of each meeting by telephone, participants will also call (617) 944-8177. (If unable to get through, please dial (206) 451-6011):
  - a. All callers will be queued and muted until the Public Speaking portion of each agenda;

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- b. Public speakers will be unmuted in order and asked if they wish to address the City Council ***ON ANY SUBJECT***;
  - c. Public speakers should state and spell their name for the record and will be allowed two (2) minutes for public speaking during each meeting;
  - d. The speaker will be returned to mute after the 2 minutes have expired;
  - e. After the telephonic public speakers for each committee meeting are completed, emailed public comments will be read by the City Clerk. All emailed public comments will be timed for 2 minutes;
  - f. Per Rules Governing Meetings of the Council (Rule 7.1 VII), there will only be one speaking opportunity per speaker per meeting. Consequently, public participants who call in and speak during the public speaking period of the meetings WILL NOT have any written comments as submitted read by the City Clerk.
3. The public may send public comments by email to [CouncilPublicComment@cityofflint.com](mailto:CouncilPublicComment@cityofflint.com) no later than 10 minutes prior to the meeting start time of 5 p.m.
  4. Persons with disabilities may participate in the meeting by the above-mentioned means or by emailing a request for an accommodation to [CouncilPublicComment@cityofflint.com](mailto:CouncilPublicComment@cityofflint.com), with the subject line ***Request for Accommodation***, or by contacting the City Clerk at (810) 766-7418 to request accommodation – including, but not limited to, interpreters.

If there are any questions concerning this notice, please direct them to City Council office at (810) 766-7418.

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