

City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, September 24, 2020

6:30 PM

Special Electronic Session - This meeting will be broadcast live on CTN Cable Channel 16, ATT Channel 99, and online at a2gov.org/watch To speak at public comment call: 312 626 6799 Enter Meeting ID: 935 5963 0086

City Council

Council meets in Caucus at 7:00 p.m. on the Sunday prior to each Regular Session.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Christopher Taylor and County Board of Commissioners Chair Jason Morgan called the special joint electronic session of the Ann Arbor City Council and the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners to order at 6:35 p.m. in accordance with Governor Whitmer's executive order 2020-154.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Councilmember Griswold arrived at 6:50 p.m.

Present: 11 - Councilmember Jane Lumm, Councilmember Jack Eaton, Mayor Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Julie Grand, Councilmember Zachary Ackerman, Councilmember Chip Smith, Councilmember Anne Bannister, Councilmember Jeff Hayner, Councilmember Kathy Griswold, Councilmember Elizabeth Nelson and Councilmember Ali Ramlawi

REMARKS

1. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell

Commissioner Morgan introduced Congresswoman Debbie Dingell who spoke about the history of the dioxane plume and the proposed solutions.

Questions and comments about the proposed settlement can be submitted to dioxane@washtenaw.org

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Settlement Question and Answer Session

*** (SPEAKERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO GRANT THEIR RESERVED TIME TO AN ALTERNATE SPEAKER)**

*** ACCOMMODATIONS CAN BE MADE FOR PERSONS NEEDING ASSISTANCE WHILE ADDRESSING COUNCIL**

Fred Dindoffer, an attorney representing the City, and Dr. Lawrence Lemke, an expert on the matter, gave presentations regarding the Gelman lawsuit and the history of the spread of the 1,4 dioxane plume.

2. A public hearing to receive comment on the proposed settlement agreement related to the Gelman Dioxane Plume

Congresswoman Dingell presided over a public hearing on the proposed settlement agreement. The following persons were present to speak at the hearing in opposition to the proposed settlement:

Mozhgan Savabieasfahani, Ann Arbor resident

Dan Bicknell, Washtenaw County resident

Vince Caruso, CARD Board member

Nancy Shiffler, Ann Arbor

James D'Amour, Ann Arbor

Noah Moore, Scio Township resident

Kathy Boris, Ann Arbor

Alex Winestein

Ralph McKee, Ann Arbor

Elizabeth Collins, Ann Arbor

Shana Milkie, Kuehnle Court

Roger Rayle, CARD member, provided comments about the proposed consent judgment.

Jackie Courton, Scio Township resident

Linda Beraurer, Third Street

Seeing no further speakers present, Chair Morgan declared the public hearing closed at 9:12 p.m.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Roger Rayle, Chair of CARD, spoke on behalf of Scio Township for Safe Water. He urged Council to reject the proposal.

Linda Berauer, Third Street, spoke in opposition to the proposed consent judgment.

Vince Caruso, CARD member, spoke about a potential conflict of interest in this case for Mayor Taylor.

Seeing no further speakers present, public comment was closed.

FOLLOW-UP TO CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION**

Congresswoman Debbie Dingell provided closing remarks and next steps regarding the settlement.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special Session adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

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