

City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, August 24, 2020

7:00 PM

Special Session - This meeting will be broadcast live on CTN
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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 called the electronic special meeting of the City Council to order at 7:01 p.m. in accordance with Governor Whitmer's executive order, 2020-154.

READING OF ORDER AND NOTICE OF CALL OF SPECIAL SESSION

The notice of call of special session was read and ordered placed on file with the City Clerk:

Notice is hereby given that a special session of the City of Ann Arbor City Council will be held electronically on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

- Resolution Consenting to the Mayor's Declaration of a Local State of Emergency in Response to Covid-19*
- An Ordinance to Add a Temporary Emergency Ordinance Section 1:327a concerning face coverings and size of gatherings.*
- Resolution Concerning the Hiring of City Administrator*

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Council stood for a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Taylor led Council in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

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

AC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Interim City Administrator Tom Crawford submitted the following written report for information of Council:

AC-1 [20-1319](#) August 24, 2020 eComments

Received and Filed

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Ramlawi, seconded by Councilmember Griswold, that the Agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

D MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

DC New Business - Council:

DC-1 20-1314 Enactment No: R-20-321 Approved

Sponsors: Taylor

A motion was made by Councilmember Ramlawi, seconded by Councilmember Grand, that the Resolution be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Resolution Consenting to the Mayor's Declaration of a Local State of Emergency in Response to Covid-19

DC-2 [20-1315](#) An Ordinance to Add a Temporary Emergency Ordinance Section 1:327a (Face Coverings and Gathering Size) to Title 1 of Chapter 15 (Emergency and Disaster Management) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Ord 20-25)

Sponsors: Taylor, Lumm and Ramlawi

A motion was made by Councilmember Lumm, seconded by Councilmember Ramlawi, that the Ordinance be amended as follows:

**Amend (8) Exceptions to Restrictions on Gathering:
(E) SCHOOLS, CHILD CARE ORGANIZATIONS, AND COMMUNITY CENTERS**

ALL CAPS indicates new language.

The amendment was considered friendly by the Body.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lumm, seconded by Councilmember Ramlawi, that the Ordinance be adopted as amended on First Reading. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: ORD-20-25

DC-3 20-1310 Enactment No:

Sponsors: Lumm

A motion was made by Councilmember Lumm, seconded by Councilmember Grand, that the Resolution be approved.

Resolution to Recommend City Administrator Search Process Next Steps

20-1310 Enactment No:

Amended

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Grand, that the Resolution be amended as follows:

Amend RESOLVED Clause:

RESOLVED, That the City Council REQUEST A SUPPLEMENTAL INTERVIEW PROCESS, INCLUDING ADDITIONAL STAFF AND PUBLIC INTERACTIONS, WITH CANDIDATES TOM CRAWFORD AND CARA PAVLICEK AND REQUEST RECRUITER AMY CELL TO DEVELOP (WITH APPROPRIATE INPUT FROM COUNCILMEMBERS) AND IMPLEMENT THAT PROCESS, GIVING THE PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS SUFFICIENT TIME TO COMMUNICATE THEIR RESPONSE TO CITY COUNCIL.

RESOLVED, THAT SUBJECT TO CANDIDATE AVAILABILITY, THIS INTERVIEW PROCESS TAKE PLACE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 8, 2020.

RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL MEET ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 AT A SPECIAL SESSION TO VOTE ON THE CANDIDATE AND/OR DETERMINE NEXT STEPS.

ALL CAPS indicates added language.

Resolution to Recommend City Administrator Search Process Next Steps

20-1310 Enactment No: Amended

A motion was made by Councilmember Ackerman, seconded by Councilmember Grand, that the amendment be further amended as follows:

Amend first RESOLVED Clause:

RESOLVED, the City Council requests a supplemental interview process, including additional staff and public interactions, with ALL FOUR candidates [Tom Crawford and Cara Pavlicek] and requests Recruiter Amy Cell to develop (with appropriate input from Councilmembers) and implement that process, giving the public and other interested persons sufficient time to communicate their response to City Council.

[Brackets] indicate deleted language, ALL CAPS indicate added language.

On a roll call vote, the vote was as follows with the Mayor declaring the amendment to the amendment carried:

Yeas: 6 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Grand, Councilmember Ackerman, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Hayner and Councilmember Ramlawi

Nays: 5 - Councilmember Lumm, Councilmember Eaton, Councilmember Bannister, Councilmember Griswold and Councilmember Nelson

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The question being, the motion made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Grand, that Resolution be amended. On a roll call, the vote was follows with the Mayor declaring the motion carried:

Yeas: 11 - Councilmember Lumm, Councilmember Eaton, Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Grand, Councilmember Ackerman, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Bannister, Councilmember Hayner, Councilmember Griswold, Councilmember Nelson and Councilmember Ramlawi

Nays: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL (3 MINUTES EACH)

Zachary Storey, resident, apologized to Councilmember Hayner for his comments directed towards him at a previous meeting. He thanked Council for extending the City Administrator search process.

Henry MacConnel, resident, applauded the Council for passing the mask ordinance. He discussed the need for additional enforcement to help prevent the City from becoming a COVID hotspot.

A resident spoke in favor of hiring Tom Crawford, but also spoke in favor of allowing additional public commentary on the matter.

Luis Vasquez, resident, expressed concern about the special meeting not having public commentary at the beginning of the meeting. He expressed disappointment in the entire City Administrator hiring process, starting with the firing of former City Administrator Howard Lazarus.

Peter Houk, a resident, discussed the hiring process and how the City Administrator serves as a public facing individual, and thanked the Council for slowing the process to allow for additional commentary from City residents.

Michelle Hughes, a resident, thanked Council for providing additional time in the City Administrator search process, and encouraged Council to take a proactive approach moving forward to engage the community.

Anna Foster, a Ward Five resident, thanked Council for their vote to extend the amount of time the public has to participate in the City Administrator search process.

Eric Sturgis, a Ward One resident, thanked Amy Cell for her work on the recruitment process of a new City Administrator. He asked that the City work to engage all sectors of the community and that Council listen to the input of residents.

Joe Spaulding, California resident, discussed the need for equity in the City Administrator search process. He also discussed the University of Michigan students who have been photographed partying and not practicing social distancing.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL**COUNCILMEMBER RAMLAWI**

Councilmember Ramlawi discussed comments made by other Council Members regarding the recruitment process and how a single member's comments do not reflect the consensus of the Body. He discussed the fact that Council voting unanimously to extend the process speaks to thoroughness of the process. Councilmember Ramlawi urged residents who take the time to email Council to express thoughts beyond a copy and paste statement.

COUNCILMEMBER LUMM

Councilmember Lumm made a recommendation to the Council Rules Committee that speakers during public commentary be required to state both their name and address.

COUNCILMEMBER GRISWOLD

Councilmember Griswold reminded residents that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8th as a result of Labor Day. The Caucus meeting will be moved to Sunday, August 30th. The Council Mobility Committee will hold their first meeting on Thursday, September 3rd. She also discussed a plan to bring forward a resolution addressing civility during public commentary.

COUNCILMEMBER HAYNER

Councilmember Hayner discussed comments that may have been misinterpreted from a prior meeting. He stated his pleasure with the City's purchase of Lurie Terrace. Councilmember Hayner discussed the current wildfires in California and the need for additional work towards climate action. He discussed the need for Council to better adhere to their rules and ensure they are only speaking to the motion on the table.

COUNCILMEMBER ACKERMAN

Councilmember Ackerman discussed the human impact from the City's purchase of Lurie Terrace. He also discussed the community conversation surrounding the City Administration hiring process.

COUNCILMEMBER SMITH

Councilmember Smith discussed the need to maintain civility and respect on Council.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Griswold, seconded by Councilmember Smith, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

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