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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

May 10, 2021

To: Mayor and City Council Members

From: Mark F. Miller, City Manager
Robert J. Bruner, Assistant City Manager
Sarah Ames, Assistant to the City Manager

Subject: City Council Agenda Questions & Answers – 5.10.21

The following are communications that City Administration would like Council to be made aware of. In order to ensure that all questions are received and answered, all City Council Questions should be sent to the CITY MANAGER DISTRIBUTION GROUP e-mail address.

From: David Hamilton
Sent: Sunday, May 9, 2021 8:36 PM
To: City Manager Distribution Group <CityManager@troymi.gov>
Subject: Council Agenda

I-04 - Why was the bid process waived on this item?

Answer: Emily Frontera, Purchasing Manager

City Council approved participation in Cooperative Purchasing Programs to satisfy bid requirements when in the best interest of the City (Resolution 2020-11-165-J-8). Shaw Service and Maintenance holds the cooperative contract through Oakland County's Extended Cooperative Purchasing Program.

I-07 - How long are each of the Brownfield projects anticipated to continue? When will the captured tax revenue end?

Answer: Glenn Lapin, Economic Development Specialist

BRA Plan #4 (TCF Bank) – Annual payments being made. Reimbursement from tax capture not to exceed eligible project costs or 30 years maximum.

BRA Plan #6 (MJR Theater) – 8 years, through 2022. Revolving Loan Fund Project.

BRA Plan #7 (Regency at Troy) – Project not complete and not generating tax capture yet. Reimbursement from tax capture not to exceed eligible project costs or 30 years maximum.

BRA Plan #8 (Somerset Shoppes) – Approximately 13 years. First reimbursement made this year.

BRA Plan #9 (Uptown Apts.) – Project not complete and not generating tax capture yet. Reimbursement from tax capture not to exceed eligible project costs or 30 years maximum.

BRA Plan #10 (Harrison Poolside Apts.) – Project not complete and not generating tax capture yet. Reimbursement expected to take approximately 16 years.

I-08 - How is the state revenue sharing/EMPP proportion determined for the LDFA?

Answer: Rob Maleszyk, Chief Financial Officer

It is a conservative estimate as we do not know how much the State will receive in Use Tax.

I-09 - This is a general assessment question: Does the captured taxable value in the component units count towards the Headlee reduction calculation?

Answer: Rob Maleszyk, Chief Financial Officer

Yes.

David Hamilton
Troy City Council Member

From: Ellen C Hodorek

Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 8:46 AM

To: Mark F Miller <Mark.Miller@troymi.gov>; Bob Bruner <Bob.Bruner@troymi.gov>; Lori G Bluhm <BluhmLG@troymi.gov>

Cc: Ethan Baker <Ethan.Baker@troymi.gov>

Subject: I-11/State of Emergency

Good morning! Reviewing I-11, I am wondering if it would be possible to have language available we could start with for the discussion tonight? Maybe with a blank for the date to resume a hybrid approach to meetings that we could then discuss?

The combination of vax rate and lower case numbers/hospitalizations is great to see. I believe we are less than 1% from the 55% trigger that will allow office work across the state. We could hit that 55% today. That, combined with the high vax rate in Oakland County, are metrics that logically indicate another two-week window for our state of emergency, with our next council meeting back in the chambers.

Or should I just plan to propose language myself? I am happy to do that.

Thanks,

Ellen

Answer: Lori Grigg Bluhm, City Attorney

Resolution 2021-04-048 declared a local state of emergency, and under a recent amendment to the Open Meetings Act, this declaration allows for virtual meetings to prevent widespread injury or loss of life. According to the resolution, City Council is required to revisit the declaration at the May 10 meeting and determine if conditions have sufficiently changed to require all board and committee meetings to be held in person. As of today's date, the State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Service's May 6 order limits "gatherings," including meetings of public bodies. Although public meetings are not limited to a cap of 25 persons, as are most other indoor gatherings, total occupancy is not permitted, since social distancing measures must still be observed. This order remains in effect until May 31, 2021, unless modified, and it is unknown if it will be modified once the State hits the target 55% immunized rate to allow for a return to work after two weeks.

The declaration allows for virtual meetings to continue until City Council affirmatively terminates the local state of emergency. City Council has the ability to use specific benchmarks, and examples could include the following:

Pass a resolution declaring that the conditions have not sufficiently changed to allow for a termination of the local state of emergency, and/or set a new review date; OR

Pass a resolution terminating the emergency declaration to allow for in person meetings to start, beginning with the Troy City Council meeting on May 24, 2021/ June 14, 2021/ June 28, 2021 (Council chooses); OR

Pass a resolution terminating the emergency declaration on a date certain (June 1, 2021/ July 1, 2021/ August 1, 2021 (Council chooses); OR

Pass a resolution terminating the emergency declaration effective two weeks after the State Vaccination Rate is greater than 55%/65%/70% (Council chooses the appropriate percentage); OR

Pass a resolution terminating the emergency declaration effective Two weeks after County Vaccination Rate is greater than 55%/65%/70% (Council chooses the appropriate percentage); OR

Pass a resolution terminating the emergency declaration effective once the MI Safe Start Risk Level is at A/B/C/D (it's currently at E); OR

Pass a resolution terminating the emergency declaration effective two weeks after the date of a new order issued by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services that would allow for not less than 75/100/150 non-related persons to attend a public meeting; OR

Any other benchmark that Council deems appropriate.

City Administration requests that if Council chooses any of the benchmarks that rely on the actions of others (not based on a date or a meeting), that there be a grace period to allow for sufficient notification to the public and the board and committee members and advanced publication of the return to in person meetings.

Answer: Aileen Dickson, City Clerk

On tonight's Agenda is a proposed revision to the Council Rules that includes info about live Public Comment via Zoom. We have proposed a revision to the intro statement that the Mayor could read prior to the Public Comment portion of the Agenda (we also proposed consolidating Public Comment to the F: Public Comment section). Here is the proposed new intro statement that, should Council approve the Rules amendments tonight, would be applicable to tonight's Public Comment:

Members of the public who wish to address an electronic meeting of the City Council are permitted do so in one of three ways:

1. Public comments may be submitted via email to PublicComment@TroyMI.Gov. Email received before 4:00 PM on the day of the meeting will be read aloud during the meeting. Email comments are limited to three minutes.

2. Public comments may be submitted via voicemail by calling (248) 524-3302. Voicemail received before 4:00 PM on the day of the meeting will be played during the meeting. Voicemail comments are limited to three minutes.
3. Members of the public may attend the electronic meeting remotely and participate in a public comment period by following the instructions on the City's website. Those who wish to participate in a public comment period are asked to provide their name so they may be recognized by the City Clerk. If participating via video conferencing, click "Raise Hand" to be recognized or press star nine (*9) if participating via telephone. After you are recognized by the City Clerk, click "Unmute" or press star six (*6) on your phone to unmute yourself. Each member of the public will be allowed to speak for up to three (3) minutes.

Please direct your comments to the City Council as a whole rather than to any individual. Please do not use expletives or make derogatory or disparaging comments about any individual or group. If you do, there may be immediate consequences including being muted and having your comments omitted from any re-broadcast of the meeting. Please abide by these rules in order to minimize the possibility of disrupting the meeting.

From: Edna Abraham

Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 12:21 PM

To: City Manager Distribution Group <CityManager@troymi.gov>

Subject: Questions on the 5/10 Agenda

Mark, and CM Staff,

Please see below for my questions on the 5/10 agenda.

Thanks,

Edna

Item B / Rules and Procedures

- Is it possible for council to receive public comment via email and voice mail even when in-person meetings are reinstituted?

Answers: Aileen Dickson, City Clerk

Our intention is to continue with offering email/voicemail options for Public Comment for the foreseeable future.

- The "Prior To Public Comment..." paragraph may be better placed before the proposed "Please direct your comments...." paragraph

- If consolidating Public Comment segments, then the "Prior To Public Comment..." paragraph should drop the reference to items on the agenda

I will correct the paragraph by deleting "...for Items On the Agenda..."

I-4 / Electrical Service Line

- When would this repair take place and how will it take to complete?

Answer: Kurt Bovensiep, Public Works Director

It is estimated 2 weeks after award. Timing will also be predicated on when it is least disruptive to the golfers and will be coordinated with Indigo Golf.

I-6 / Town Center Public Space

- Why is the construction of the bridge being proposed for delay?

Answers: Kurt Bovensiepe, Public Works Director

The cost of the pedestrian bridge makes the project over budget. It was determined that the benefit of the bridge did not substantiate the cost. There will be pedestrian connectivity through the existing sidewalk to the Community Center. Additionally, the position of the bridge may change if the city was successful in obtaining funding for a large pavilion.

- Why is the use of aluminum conductors not being pursued?

Both the designing electrical engineer through OHM and the city did not believe \$4,000 was a great enough reduction to increase the wire size for the use of aluminum conductors. Additionally, copper has a higher tensile strength and is important since several hundred feet will be pulled underground, which again did not substantiate the reduction in cost to use the alternate. At the time the specifications were written there was uncertainty of copper prices, which is why an alternate was included.

I-11 / State of Emergency

- Have any Oakland County communities recently lifted their states of emergency?

Answer: Bob Bruner, Assistant City Manager

It will take a while but I will research and provide the answer later.

Oakland County City Public Meetings

City	Meeting Date	Meeting Format
Auburn Hills	05/03/21	Microsoft Teams
Berkley	05/03/21	Zoom
Birmingham	05/10/21	Zoom
Bloomfield Hills	05/11/21	Teleconference
Clarkston	05/10/21	GoToMeeting
Clawson	05/04/21	Zoom
Farmington	04/26/21	Zoom
Farmington Hills	05/10/21	Zoom
Fenton	05/10/21	Zoom
Ferndale	05/10/21	Zoom
Hazel Park	05/11/21	Zoom
Huntington Woods	05/11/21	Teleconference
Keego Harbor	05/17/21	Zoom
Lake Angelus	05/11/21	Zoom
Lathrup Village	05/10/21	Zoom
Madison Heights	05/10/21	Zoom
Northville	05/17/21	Zoom
Novi	05/10/21	Zoom
Oak Park	05/12/21	Zoom
Orchard Lake Village	04/29/21	Zoom
Pleasant Ridge	05/11/21	Zoom
Pontiac	05/04/21	Zoom
Rochester	05/10/21	Zoom
Rochester Hills	05/10/21	In-person + Zoom
Royal Oak	05/10/21	Video conference
South Lyon	05/10/21	Zoom
Southfield	05/10/21	Teleconference
Sylvan Lake	05/12/21	Zoom
Troy	05/10/21	Zoom
Walled Lake	05/18/21	Zoom
Wixom	05/11/21	Zoom