

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Delaware City Council

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held April 13 20 20

The regular meeting of Council was held April 13, 2020 and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and was held remotely through Cisco Webex and streamed Live through Facebook due to the State of Emergency – Executive Order 2020-01D. The following members of Council were remotely present: First Ward Chris Jones, Second Ward Lisa Keller, Third Ward Cory Hoffman, Fourth Ward Drew Farrell, At-Large George Hellinger, Vice-Mayor Kent Shafer and Mayor Riggle who presided. The invocation was delivered by Reverend Jon Powers followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Staff Present Remotely: Sean Hughes, Economic Development Director, Justin Nahvi, Finance Director, Darren Shulman, City Attorney, Bruce Pijanowski, Police Chief, John Donahue, Fire Chief, Blake Jordan, Public Utilities Director, Kyle Kridler, Assistant City Manager, and Tom Homan, City Manager

ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVAL of the Motion Summary of the regular meeting of Council held on March 23, 2020, as recorded and transcribed.

APPROVAL of the Motion Summary of the special meeting of Council held on March 18, 2020, as recorded and transcribed.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Shafer motioned to approve the Motion Summaries of the regular meeting of Council held on March 23, 2020, and the special meeting held on March 18, 2020, as recorded and transcribed, seconded by Mr. Jones. Motion approved by a 7-0 vote.

ITEM 5: LETTERS, PETITIONS, AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Wolber
Public Comment received via email

The Clerk read the email submitted by Mr. Wolber into the record. Mr. Wolber discussed the recommendation to discuss Section 505.15 of the Codified Ordinances to allow for chickens and gardens.

ITEM 6: RESOLUTION NO. 20-30 [First Reading]

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE LEASE WITH DELAWARE COMMUNITY SPACE, LLC TO DEFER PAYMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE GOVERNOR’S EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-08D.

The Clerk read the resolution for the first time. Mrs. Keller informed Council that she would abstain from the vote due to having membership with CoHatch.

Mr. Hughes discussed the resolution to help defer payments for the CoHatch lease for 90 days which is consistent with the Governors Executive Order 202-08D. He discussed after 90 days staff will work with CoHatch on repayment.

APPLICANT:
Matt Davis
Via Cisco Webex

Mr. Davis discussed the small businesses inside his business. He

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discussed their efforts to help their tenants during this time but has seen 30-40% businesses go from thriving to zero revenue. He will be working with individual tenants on their needs.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Shafer motioned to adopt Resolution No. 20-30, seconded by Mr. Farrell. Motion approved by a 6-0-1 (Keller) vote.

ITEM 7: RESOLUTION NO. 20-31 [First Reading]
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ESTABLISH A COVID-19 UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

The Clerk read the resolution for the first time.

Mr. Nahvi discussed the purpose of the legislation with a first round of allocation to those residents that are unable to pay their bill due to the impact of COVID-19. He discussed plans to waive credit card fees and repayment schedules. He discussed that there will be an application to apply for assistance for the months of April and May. Mr. Homan discussed conversation that was held with the United Way on the assistance program.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Shafer motioned adopt Resolution No. 20-31, seconded by Mrs. Keller. Motion approved by a 7-0 vote.

ITEM 8: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Homan reminded Council of the upcoming Finance Committee meeting to look at a strategy to address the fiscal impact to the City relating to the COVID-19 situation.

A. Fire Chief John Donahue

Chief Donahue discussed the efforts led by Delaware City Schools and the Health District to work with the City. He discussed the current goals of the Fire Department. He reviewed operational changes during the time and preventative measures the department is using to prevent exposure. Currently he has no staff placed in quarantined.

B. Police Chief Bruce Pijanowski

Chief Pijanowski discussed meeting operational goals to maintain accessibility, maintain emergency response, and maintain visible response. He discussed updates on mental health services and domestic violence concerns.

C. Ted Miller, Parks and Natural Resource Director

Mr. Miller discussed efforts to encourage social distancing. He informed Council that the trails are open. An update was provided regarding Spring Sports activities with plans to cancel recreational sports. Also canceled were social events such as the Mother Son Super-Hero Party, Easter Egg Hunt, Safety Town and other recreational events. He discussed the closing of playgrounds, dog park and golf course. The opening of the pool will depend on social distancing requirements. Mr. Miller provided an update regarding the Recreation Needs Assessment Survey that will be randomly

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sent out to residents and opportunities for residents to participate that do not receive surveys.

ITEM 9: COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Jones thanked staff for their efforts.

Mrs. Keller discussed concerns over the lack of information received by the State Government to Local Government on the plans for moving forward and reopening of the City.

Mr. Hoffman discussed concerns over lack of testing and the need for the City to participate in the testing to help reopen up the economy. He praised staff for their efforts and the continued status reports.

Mr. Farrell thanked staff for their hard work.

Mr. Hellinger discussed the issue of not having a pandemic recently to give a baseline to work off on. He discussed that this event is a learning process.

Vice-Mayor Shafer discussed the need to find a balance to keep people safe and keep businesses running.

Mayor Riggle discussed the initiative to go out at 7:00 p.m. starting April 14 and bang pots and pans, make signs, and to show ways to support our first responders and essential employees. She encouraged staff and Council to help lead the efforts.

ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mayor Riggle motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.



Mayor Carolyn Kay Riggle



Elaine McCloskey, Council Clerk