

**THE CITY OF DEXTER
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020**

A. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM by Mayor Keough at the Dexter Department of Public Works at 3600 Central Street in Dexter, Michigan.

B. ROLL CALL: Mayor Keough

S. Bell	P. Cousins
D. Fisher	J. Knight
Z. Michels	J. Smith

Also present at Council Meeting: Courtney Nicholls, City Manager; Carol Jones, Recording Secretary; and media.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion Smith support Fisher to approve the agenda as printed.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

D. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:

Two email comments were received and included in the packet from Jamie Griffin of 463 Preston Circle and Linda Bullard from 486 Coventry Circle.

E. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Consideration of: Postponing the Public Hearings on the Land Sales to Avalon and DTE to an Undetermined Future Meeting

Motion Fisher; support Bell to postpone the Public Hearing on the land sales to Avalon Housing and DTE to an undetermined future meeting.

Ayes: Michels, Knight, Smith, Bell, Fisher, Cousins and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: Resolution to Postpone the May 5, 2020 Ballot Proposal to the August 4, 2020 Election

Motion Smith; support Bell to approve the Resolution to Postpone the May 5, 2020 Ballot Proposal to the August 4, 2020 election.

Ayes: Bell, Cousins, Smith, Fisher, Knight and Keough

Nays: Michels

Motion carries

F. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Nicholls: The City is looking into a live streaming service for the March 23, 2020 meeting. We are also staggering the work hours at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, DPW and City Offices so that not all employees are working together at the same time.

Michels None
Knight None
Smith None
Jones None
Fisher None
Bell None
Cousins Try to stay healthy.

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:

None

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Fisher; support Smith to meet at 6 PM on Monday, March 23, 2020 at the Department of Public Works (DPW).

Ayes: Fisher, Michels, Knight, Cousins, Smith, Bell and Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries

Motion Cousins; support Bell to adjourn the meeting at 4:36 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Breyer

City Clerk and Assistant to the City Manager

Approved for Filing: _____

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Supplement to Minutes**

From: Jamie Griffin <jamiemarincic@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 3:00 PM
To: Courtney Nicholls <CNicholls@dextermi.gov>
Subject: Comment for this afternoon's council meeting

Good afternoon Courtney,

Please share my comments below at this afternoon's council meeting.

Thank you,
Jamie Griffin

Good afternoon,

My name is Jamie Griffin and I live at 463 Preston Circle. I want to begin by thanking you for your commitment and service to our community, particularly during these uncertain times.

Today's agenda indicates that you are considering postponing the public hearings scheduled for March 23 regarding the sale of public property to Avalon Housing and the swap of land with DTE Energy.

I am writing to encourage you to postpone both public hearings. Earlier this month, I submitted the signatures of nearly 350 registered voters who have expressed concern about some aspect of the proposed sale--concern that motivated them to sign a petition for a charter amendment requiring all sales of public property to go to a public vote. To date, you have deferred to the public hearing format to solicit public input about the proposed sale and proposed development. As you know, we are in the midst of a pandemic against which our best defense is social distancing. Gatherings of 50 or more people are currently prohibited and gatherings of 10 or more people are discouraged.

Given the public interest in this particular land sale, moving forward with a public hearing will almost certainly place those in attendance, yourselves included, at risk for contracting COVID-19. Moving forward in some other way that prohibits or otherwise limits the opportunity for direct public input will likely further call into question the transparency of your decision making and your commitment to representing your constituents.

We are all facing very difficult decisions in the days, weeks, and months ahead. Thank you for considering my input.

Sincerely,
Jamie Griffin

From: Linda Bullard <bullard5@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 12:18 PM
To: cnicholls@dextermi.gov
Subject: 3/18/20 meeting input

Until an in-person public meeting with at least 2 weeks prior, well publicized notice can be held, no decision concerning buying or selling public property should be made. Also, no re-zoning or edits to the master plan should be made until an in-person public meeting is held.

Linda Bullard
486 Coventry