



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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Memorandum

To: Mayor Keough and City Council
From: Courtney Nicholls, City Manager
Re: Consideration of: Postponing Public Hearings
Date: March 17, 2020

Due to the social distancing requirements of the pandemic, the public hearings that were set for March 23, 2020 to take public comment on land sales to Avalon Housing and DTE should be postponed. Staff is not recommending rescheduling at this time, until we have a better idea of where we will be able to have our April meetings.

**CITY OF DEXTER
RESOLUTION # 2020-XX
RESOLUTION TO WITHDRAW BALLOT PROPOSAL
FROM MAY 5, 2020 ELECTION**

At a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Dexter, Michigan called to order by Mayor Shawn Keough on, March 18, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following resolution was offered by Member _____, and supported by Member _____:

WHEREAS, the Dexter City Council passed a resolution titled "RESOLUTION SUBMITTING BOND PROPOSAL (Fire Hall/City Offices)" during a regular City Council meeting on Monday, January 13, 2020 (the "Resolution");

WHEREAS, the Resolution submitted a proposition regarding the issuance of bonds to the qualified electors of the City of Dexter at the election to be held on May 5, 2020;

WHEREAS, since the passage of the Resolution, the County of Washtenaw, the State of Michigan, and the United States of America have experienced the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, also known as Coronavirus;

WHEREAS, State and National executives have called a State of Emergency in response to the outbreak of Coronavirus;

WHEREAS, in response to this outbreak, the Governor of the State of Michigan has made it a misdemeanor to participate in gatherings of greater than 250 people;

WHEREAS, Local, State, and National health officials have recommended social distancing and quarantining and the Center for Disease Control have recommended that gatherings not exceed 10 people;

WHEREAS, the spread of the Coronavirus may continue for an indeterminate amount of time;

WHEREAS, the City of Dexter is concerned about the May 5, 2020 Election serving as a potential means for the spread and transmittal of the Coronavirus to voters and election workers;

WHEREAS, the outbreak of the Coronavirus may impact voter turnout;

WHEREAS, the January 13, 2020 resolution would otherwise be the only item on the May 5, 2020 Election and a Statewide Primary Election shall be held in Michigan on Tuesday, August 4, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Dexter City Council hereby withdraws the City of Dexter's Bond Proposal attached hereto as "Exhibit A" from the May 5, 2020 ballot.

2. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file this Resolution and/or complete any such forms, certificates or documents as may be required by the County Clerk and the State of Michigan to withdraw the City of Dexter's Bond Proposal attached hereto as "Exhibit A" from the May 5, 2020 ballot.

3. The City of Dexter shall reimburse Washtenaw County and the State of Michigan for any costs incurred due to the implementation of the May 5, 2020 Election.

4. The Dexter City Council re-submits the Bond Proposal attached hereto as "Exhibit A" for a vote of the qualified electors of the City of Dexter, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, at the election to be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020.

5. The ballot wording of the bond proposal is hereby certified to the City Clerk and to the Clerk of the County of Washtenaw (the "County Clerk"). The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file this Resolution and/or complete any such forms, certificates or documents as may be required by the County Clerk to evidence the foregoing certification and/or submission by no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2020.

6. The City Clerk and the County Clerk are hereby directed to (a) post and publish notice of last day of registration and notice of election for the Election Date as required by Michigan Election Law; and (b) have prepared and printed, as provided by the Michigan Election Law, ballots for submitting the bond proposal at the Election Date, which ballots shall contain the proposal appearing herein, or the proposition shall be stated as a proposal on the voting machines, which ballots may include other matters presented to the electorate on the same date.

7. The City Council hereby determines that the estimated first year millage and average annual millage rates set forth in the ballot language are reasonable estimates of such millage rates.

8. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED THIS __ DAY OF _____, 2020.

Mayor – Shawn W. Keough

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Dexter, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the __ day of _____, 2020.

City Clerk – Justin Breyer