

REGULAR MEETING – MARION COMMON COUNCIL – MARCH 17, 2020 – 7:00 P.M., CITY HALL

The Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana met in regular session on Tuesday, the 17th day of March, 2020 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

On the call of the roll the following members were shown to be absent or present as follows:

Present: Cowgill, Fouce, Fordyce, Cline, Brunner, Batchelor, Luzadder and Cain.

Absent: Henderson.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of March 3, 2020 were presented. On a motion by Councilman Brad Luzadder, 2nd by Councilman Brian Cowgill, the minutes were approved as presented by the following vote. Aye: Cowgill, Fouce, Fordyce, Cline, Batchelor, Luzadder and Cain. Nay: None. Abstain: Brunner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Council President Deb Cain said, very quickly so they can keep the meeting moving, she'll take committee reports, briefly and as simply as possible. Councilman Brad Luzadder said, Madam President, it was brought to his attention there were some questions going on about the account at the Community Foundation for the firefighters and so Mr. Cowgill, he spoke with him, he would be able to give an explanation on that. Councilman Brian Cowgill said, yeah, that's from money that they've raised over the last couple of years for Station 1's project. It's at the Community Foundation. That money is there strictly for that reason, that reason only. As city officials, they can't touch that. It's the board that is there are the ones that are in control of that. They did have to spend, they had an anonymous donation of \$20,000 and he's going to keep their name out of it because it has to be anonymous but they contacted him and said that they didn't use the \$20,000 yet that they gave them last year and he said he said well, it's because it's been put on hold and explained it and they said well, you've got to use it because that can get them in trouble as far as an audit goes. So, they said okay so they then got with the Chief at that time, who was Geoff Williams, and he and Cowgill got together and they bought all the fire stations gear dryers and they're nice dryers because the whole, it'll hold five sets of gear at one time. So in other words, the whole company could have went out, come back and they could have all dried their gear in about an hour and a half at the same time. He feels as though that was a great purchase that the guys will use a lot. Hopefully Chief David and Assistant Chief Tony (Fox) feel the same way. And she said go ahead and do that and then, when the time comes, come back and they will give them another \$20,000. That way they keep their books the same and everything is going on. So that's kind of where they're at with that money at this time, Cowgill said.

Councilman Mike Cline said, yeah, because of the Coronavirus concerns of some of the people who were going to be there, they postponed tonight's Compliance Committee meeting which was going to deal with residential tax abatements and it'll be rescheduled some time. And speaking of Coronavirus, if he can jabber a little bit, he's on the Public Library Board of Trustees, just came from that meeting and they voted that, because of the concerns and everything, the library is going to close as of 5:00 pm tomorrow and remain closed until further notice. The website will still be active, there will still be stuff to do on the website. Hoopla and Overdrive, the online library, will still be going but the library itself is closing at 5:00 pm tomorrow and be closed until further notice. And one last thing, continuing with the Coronavirus, in deciding what to do about the library, he talked with Steph Dorsey yesterday and he asked if he (Dorsey) had anything that he thought he (Cline) should share and that he and the Emergency Management Team would like to share and he gave him three words and those three words are "Take it seriously". It's easy to grouse and gripe about all the cancellations and the postponements and the closings but, you know, this is kind of social solidarity that we're doing. Put it this way, we're sacrificing so we can give our first responders, the nurses, police, fire, doctors, hospitals, clinics, a fighting chance and then we start from there and we can figure out the rest because if they get involved and if a lot of them get sick with this, who's going to take care of us? We don't want to play catch-up with this. It's real, it's not a hoax. He knows from news, this isn't fake news. So as Steph said, Chief said, take it seriously, Cline said. Councilman Brian Cowgill said he just wanted to kind of say something too along with the Coronavirus. With being with the Fire Department for years and he went down, in fact Mr. David and he, Chief David and he made a trip down to Mobile, Alabama after Katrina. He went to New York. He's seen things like this. This is probably one of the most serious things that we've had. Like was said, this is no joke and he wants to, Chief David, he wants to commend him. He has done an unbelievable job. He seen this, he had the knowledge and the

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experience to foresee when this first came out and to get enough research on it and see that the problem, what it's going to be. All the firefighters have the proper PPE equipment they need, the proper training now. He told Chief David he's done a phenomenal job and his assistants and JP too. He really commends them for the job they've done and it's impressive and he feels really good here in Marion and Grant County, he truly does, Cowgill said.

Councilman Jim Brunner told the Council, the last two weeks, he drove about 2,500 miles to watch our high school basketball team from Marion High School and our college team from Indiana Wesleyan perform above and beyond the call of duty and in different ways. The boy's basketball team had absolutely no business winning that sectional. Had to take three 150 mile trips over to Lafayette Jeff, which is the longest in the history of the State of Indiana for travel. They won all three ballgames in incredible fashion and Coach Blackmon did that with his son sitting next to him on the bench in street clothes, which to him is still incredible. Then several days after that, he got in a van and drove out to first Iowa and then South Dakota to watch, he thought, Indiana Wesleyan basketball. The ladies lost a very tough game to the National Champs from two years ago but the men never got a chance to get on the floor. It broke a lot of their hearts because that was such a great basketball team. So, to the Mayor, he would ask him Mayor, he would like to be part of it, to get some type of a letter to both the Marion basketball team and the Indiana Wesleyan team, to the Giants for winning the Sectional, and they probably will not play again, and to Indiana Wesleyan for being the #2 overall rated team and being the regular season and post-season Conference Champions. Maybe even have them come here for a meeting between now and the end of the year. But, just wanted to report where he's been the last 14 days, never had 14 days like that in his life. So Mayor, if he could help him put that together, he'd love to help him, Brunner said.

Council President Deb Cain told the Council, okay so, all items under Unfinished Business and New Business, per the presenters' request, have been cancelled. They will not hear anyone. Once again, she is asking for the delay on the AIM Conference presentation in light of trying to keep this meeting to a minimum and so she will get with Mrs. Fouce and let her know when they will have that. Cain said she had it on the agenda to remind Mr. Luzadder, since she was going to be gone, that she was going to present that tonight but she's asking they delay that. And also they did receive an envelope from the Easter Pageant with tickets in it but, unfortunately, that has been permanently cancelled and so they are not having the Easter Pageant. Mrs. Cain told the Council, so they have an urgent matter that they need to hear tonight. It is to protect their city employees' pay in this time of emergency. She needs a unanimous vote to hear the ordinance that has been placed in front of them. After they have that unanimous vote then they can have discussion on the ordinance and they can talk about it and understand more about it. So she will take a motion to hear the ordinance. Motion was made by Councilman Brad Luzadder to add to their agenda this evening General Ordinance No. 6-2020. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jim Brunner and carried by the following vote. Aye: Cowgill, Fouce, Fordyce, Cline, Brunner, Batchelor, Luzadder and Cain. Nay: None. Cain stated, thank you very much Council, she appreciates that. Now, Mrs. Goodman, if she will read the ordinance and then she believes the Mayor is going to present it to them.

NEW BUSINESS

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 6-2020

The Deputy Clerk read General Ordinance No. 6-2020 by title only, an Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Marion amending 2019 salary ordinance for appointed officers and employees for all departments of the city. Council President Deb Cain told the Mayor, when he is done, she has wipes there for him to wipe the podium and the mike for the next person. Mayor of Marion Jess Alumbaugh told the Council, good evening. When this Coronavirus hit us, one of his concerns as they saw this start to grow and magnify itself across not just the country but the world was what do we do here in Marion when that hits City Hall and the different departments across the City of Marion and he has to tell the people at some point, not yet but at some point, they're not able to come to work, stay home. You get the virus, stay home because you have a fever. You may not have the virus, we don't know yet, but what can he do to alleviate their concerns and one of those things was to amend the salary ordinance to where they do get paid. There were concerns about State Board of Accounts and how they would view that. He spoke to the Governor's Office this morning and got a quick reply by the way. They said they're going to open up a line strictly for the Mayors of Indiana to have quick access and he was told by his aide that they were working hard on getting something put together today,

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and they'll be hearing about that here in just a few minutes, that would make meetings permissible and paying people something we can do and he thinks it's time, today, that they make sure they protect the city employees. He gets paid no matter what, that goes with the Mayor's job. They don't but he wants to be ensured that they get paid and can take care of their families and loved ones so he asks them to do that tonight. He put Tom Hunt in charge of this. Really, Friday and Monday and particularly all morning this morning, he was really researching all this and putting things together and he'll let him tell them a little bit more about this but this is about protecting the city employees and their families from this awful disease that's attacking our world. Tom Hunt told the Council, thank you ladies and gentlemen for their cooperation and allowing them to be there tonight. They and he have not seen anything like this in their lifetimes. It's serious. They can debate whether or not the media's blowing it out of proportion. He didn't go to medical school so he's not prepared to debate that. All he knows is the medical people are telling us to take it seriously and we are. About an hour ago, the Governor's Office released an Executive Order that the Governor drafted today and signed late this afternoon, Phil (Stephenson) has a copy of it. He didn't know if Phil had shared that with them yet. The Mayor and Mike (Flynn, Chief of Staff) have those and they're going to pass those out to them and they can take those home and take a look at them at their leisure. The good news is that the guidance they have received in this Executive Order, and understand, he's not had a chance to really carefully review it but it appears to him, on a quick reading, that this answers an awful lot of questions about concerns we all have regarding public meetings, statutory requirements about public meetings. There's a directive in there to cut their meetings down to limit it only to essential items necessary for the operation of government. He'll let Phil guide them on that. He just wanted to make them aware that this is here. Tonight they have before them an ordinance that they have worked together, Phil drafted this afternoon, to continue the pay of all city employees in the event it becomes necessary to close City Hall. They don't know as they speak whether or not that's going to happen but, every day, this problem grows exponentially. Take themselves back to a week ago last Monday. They wouldn't have thought that they would be looking at the things that have happened by Friday and in just the last couple days, problems have increased and closures and life as normal no longer exists. And we have empathy for these families that rely on a job and rely on a paycheck every week that may not get it if we don't have action tonight to protect that pay increase because, through no fault of their own, they may be sent home without work. Now they are going to try and ask those who can perform work at home to do so and there are some restrictions in this ordinance that require them to stay in contact with City Hall, to be on call and to be able to report back to their desk, if necessary, within two hours. They won't be able to go to work doing another job during normal hours that they would have been here had it not been for this crisis. And so they would ask tonight for their blessing on this ordinance. They think it's very critical to the welfare and well-being of their employees who work very hard and are underpaid, for the most part. There is guidance that came out this morning from the State Board of Accounts that has indicated they will not take exception to folks staying home, not being at work yet still getting paid, if there is policy to support it and paper trails, such as what they're asking them to do tonight, that also support it. So, they're not going to get into a problem with the State Board of Accounts, issues such as ghost employment and that sort of thing. Keep in mind, this is something they've not dealt with, ever. They're treading on new ground and they think they have worked hard the last four or five days. He talked to Phil this afternoon, he said this is all he's done for the past couple of days is try to figure all of this out. Hunt said he was in email after email over the weekend with other Corporate Counsels who are also trying to figure out the same course of action and so what they came up with is this ordinance that they have tonight. He believes it complies with what the State Board of Accounts will require and, if they pass this, they'll make a lot of employees happy and secure in taking care of their families. Councilman Mike Cline told Hunt, maybe he read it too quickly but he presumes this doesn't affect their sick time, vacation time. They don't have to use anything. This doesn't affect that. Mr. Hunt told Cline, no, no, that's a good question. As a matter of fact, by the end of this week, this all may become moot anyway because the United States Senate has before it a bill that was passed by the House earlier this week to take care of not only this but a myriad of other issues and one of the things that's in that bill is extended paid personal time for all employees except he thinks, he thinks he read firms less than 50 people. There may be an opportunity for them to obtain a waiver. But, he doesn't recall the number of paid days the federal law allows. This one would allow paid days for personal time off until the emergency is over. So this'll probably do more than what the federal law will allow but at least the state is working on it, the federal government is working on it. Cline asked, this doesn't freeze it? They can still accrue it? Hunt answered, yeah. This

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doesn't affect, this does not affect the time they have now for personal time. Councilwoman Robin Fouce asked, will the city incur any additional cost in employees working from home, i.e., data connections, laptops, etc., etc.? Have we gone that far? She knows this is new for us but have we gone that far? Hunt told Fouce she's asking an ignoramus questions that he can't answer because he doesn't know technology. He does believe, and they had a staff meeting at 2:00 p.m. this afternoon and their tech guy, Danny Robinson, indicated that it would not be a problem. For example, let him give them a good example. Nobody's here, everybody's working from home, people call in. What happens to those calls? Danny tells us that he can switch those calls somehow to Stacey Hagy at home or Aisha at home and they then answer those. They'll be expected to answer those calls and then direct them to the proper personnel so that whoever it is can then take care of the problem. This is not a shutdown of government. It's just a transfer of government to homes where people can be safe. But, for the most part, we're going to continue doing our jobs the best we can but we're going to have to do it electronically. Mrs. Fouce said she can appreciate that. Councilman Cowgill said, just doing it from a different location, that's the only difference. Mayor Alumbaugh said, and let him answer her question there about.... The laptops are a concern. His plan is, quite honestly, if they have people who are going to need them that don't have them at home, anything that connect with technology, he'll probably go to IWU and ask them, hey, do you have some that we could utilize that they aren't using. That would be his plan and hopefully they would have some, or the school system, but he would start with IWU and ask them, hey, could they provide some for us? They know one person already that's asked for one should the time come and Danny said we have one that they could use. So that's the biggest thing. It is, like Chief David just said, it's simply an app really that gives us the ability to transfer the phone calls. But that can be for all of us, so we can all be accessed through this app. Fouce told Alumbaugh, okay, thank you for that, she appreciates that. She has one other question, coming from her as an ignoramus. On this, it states "amending 2019 salary ordinance" so this in particular, if she's understanding it, is for wage and salary so she wondered if wage and salary would be appropriately to be added there and a couple of other places in this document because salary will get salary. The main thing is the wage, the hourly get theirs. So is that a distinction or not? Is that necessary she guessed she's asking? Mr. Hunt said he'll let Phil answer that question. He doesn't think so. He thinks the way it's crafted, it covers it all but he asked Phil to correct him if he's wrong. Council attorney Phil Stephenson said, yeah he thinks, he agrees with Mr. Hunt. The thing is it's the way the pay is set up. Some of the pay is set up on a base amount, some are based upon an hourly so they're doing, whether it's wages or whether it's salary, it's covering all of those. Ms. Fouce said, okay, she appreciates that. One other correction on here, where it says, it's just adding the word "to" so forgive her, it says directed to refrain from coming to work to receive pay. It says "work receive pay". She says "to receive pay" should be added. Stephenson told Fouce he agrees. Councilman Cline asked, does this have a sunset or is it just whenever the emergency is declared over, that ends it? Hunt told Cline, yeah, that would be correct. And they'll necessarily have to wait the Governor's declaration that the emergency is over and people can go back to normal. Cline asked, so it would be the Governor, not President? He doesn't care, he's just asking. Councilman Jim Brunner said, Mr. Hunt, to follow that up, that all goes away and then, because he's heard stories that this could come back before you know it, once this is in place, this is then in place for when if an emergency happens again, we now have it taken care of, correct? Hunt replied, presumably, when things level out and the cases start declining, the Governor will then declare an end to the emergency and that will be the end to this. If it comes again, and again, he doesn't know but he understands this thing mutates and can change forms, we may have to address this all over again. Brunner said, so this would not take care of that then? Hunt told Brunner, no. Brunner said, okay, this takes care of this incident only. Hunt said, yes. Once the Governor declares an end to the emergency, that, in his opinion, means the end of this ordinance. Councilman Gary Fordyce said he had a question for the Deputy Clerk. He asked her if she's looked at this and approve it and see that everything is okay on it to pass it tonight? Deputy Clerk Debbie Goodman told Fordyce, she hasn't read it. She just got it. Councilman Brad Luzadder said, Madam President, as one of the senior members of the Council and in his time on the Council, they've never seen anything like this but he thinks, as the state and the federal government have done, he wants to applaud our Mayor for coming forth with this right away. He thinks our employees are something that are precious to us and, without hesitation, he has 100% support for this. And so, whenever Madam Chair is prepared for a motion, he would be pleased in which to do that. Councilman Cline asked, are we going to suspend the rules he hopes? Luzadder told Cline, they would have to. Council President Deb Cain said that's what she needs to do first. She needs to ask for a

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vote to suspend the rules, a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Luzadder said he didn't want to stop discussion, just whenever she's prepared. Cain asked the Council, any other questions? Stephenson asked if he could add one thing. Cain told him, please do. Mr. Stephenson said there's been comments about when this takes place. If they look at that first paragraph, it specifically talks about in the event of a national emergency or state disaster emergency. That reference to the statute is because there's a statute which says when the Governor can declare a disaster. A disaster is actually something like 11 or 12 different items and those include health issues, war, terrorist attacks, so it is somewhat restricted. So the Governor has got to declare a disaster and he is somewhat restricted by the statute. So, it's not that the Mayor can just suddenly say he wants to send people home and pay them. He wouldn't be permitted to do that by this ordinance. Councilman Brian Cowgill said he just has a comment. He agrees with Brad. He told the Mayor he commends him on this too, for getting this taken care of right away because it's going to get worse before it gets better. He means, we had 1,200 new cases in the last 24 hours so he thinks it shows a lot on his part that he thought of their employees in this fashion. Mrs. Cain said, seeing nothing further, she'll take a motion to suspend the rules. Motion was made by Luzadder to suspend the rules on General Ordinance No. 6-2020. Motion was seconded by Fordyce and carried by the following vote. Aye: Cowgill, Fouce, Fordyce, Cline, Brunner, Batchelor, Luzadder and Cain. Nay: None. Motion was then made by Luzadder to pass General Ordinance No. 6-2020. Motion was seconded by Councilman Don Batchelor and carried by the following vote. Aye: Cowgill, Fouce, Fordyce, Cline, Brunner, Batchelor, Luzadder and Cain. Nay: None. Council President Deb Cain said she'd like to extend her appreciation to Judge Hunt and Mr. Stephenson for taking her many phone calls today. They worked together as a team. The Mayor, speaking with her on the phone, they worked together as a team to get this done and she appreciates all the efforts put into this.

Council President Deb Cain said she has asked Chief David to speak to the Council so welcome Chief, thank you for coming. Fire Chief Paul David said, you're welcome and thank you for having him. He really doesn't have much to report other than the information that he's tried to provide to each and every one of them through the guidance of the Mayor and the EMA Director. They have the same information that they (Council) have. We have no new cases, or any cases, excuse him, in Grant County as of yet. Mayor of Marion Jess Alumbaugh said he wanted to say to the Council in its entirety, the right people representing the City of Marion and being the voice for us when it comes to this issue are definitely the Fire Chief, the Police Chief, the people from EMA, the Health Department and Marion General Hospital. He's not a health expert. Look at him, he can prove it. But he has people around here who know what needs to be done and they communicate with us so beautifully. The communication has been tremendous between the county, the city and all these other entities. Lastly, (inaudible) Chief Haley and Chief David and the job they're doing so he wanted to give a public kudos to him and the job he's doing with this. Chief David told the Mayor, thank you for that. Anyway, it's been a collaborative effort from all of them. Three, four, five meetings a day, sometimes lasting an hour, hour and a half a meeting and before you know it, it seems like the end of the day is right there. As many of them have stated, this is something we've never seen in our lifetime but he can assure them this, they're doing the best they can to handle it to the best of their abilities in preparing their guys to be on the forefront of a pandemic. It was not easy. He's not had one firefighter back down from it. They're willing to take the challenge and to give the best service they possibly can to our citizens. Mrs. Cain said she would like to add that she really appreciates the way Mr. Cline is passing the information along to his constituents on Facebook. He just copies and pastes what is put out there by the Health Department, the people that have the knowledge. She told Mr. Cline she looks at his page often and she appreciates the effort that he's taken to provide the correct information and not trying to interpret what is being said and she thinks that speaks well of our whole Council, that we take that initiative to copy and paste the written word from the experts.

Council President Cain then told the Council, so regarding their meetings, under state statute, they are required to hold a minimum of one meeting a month. They hold two. They hold two a month, just to help the city move forward. So Mr. Stephenson and she have spent many hours working together and she does have copies of that, but at the same time, she will give Mr. Stephenson some time to look at this new Executive Order and then respond and they can look for an email from her through Mr. Stephenson's communication on what they will be doing. But at this point, just

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anticipate to have meetings the first and third Tuesday. And at any time, they can be cancelled up to the minute of so they may be getting that phone call. But they need to help the city keep moving forward but she will let Mr. Stephenson have time to look this over and then give her counsel that she can forward on. Is that appropriate, Mr. Stephenson? Council attorney Phil Stephenson told Cain, it is, although he looked at this, he can kind of briefly say some things about right now if she wants him to. Mr. Cline and Mr. Hunt both tonight gave him this and he has not seen it before this evening but in regards to the public meetings under the Open Door Law, it does appear to give them much more leeway than they would normally have. One, it appears to say that the requirement they meet once a month could be suspended if they chose to do that because of the situation. And secondly, probably more importantly, the current statutes do not allow the City Council to appear at this electronically. That is, you can do it by phone or electronically by the statute but if you do so, you can participate but you can (inaudible) vote or be counted toward the quorum. So it's not very effective. This seems to indicate you can suspend those too and thus it appears that we would have more leeway in terms of appearing, having members appear by electronically, at least during this emergency because it appears that they're also suspending the application of those statutes. So there is a little more room there than they might have otherwise. Councilman Mike Cline asked, is AIM or the AG's Office or anybody going to give them an interpretation on this? Stephenson told Cline, good luck. He does think, his experience, Mr. Hunt already hit on this but the county is going through much of the same thing, talking about this, and his understanding also, he already mentioned, (inaudible) county for the ordinance they just passed, that the State Board of Accounts has indicated they would be acceptable to doing that to the county also with these type of changes. So he thinks they're fine, they're fine. State government is going to work with them a lot more loosely than they might normally. Cline asked, anybody want to ambush Commissioner Bardsley on this? Stephenson said, he's been talking about it. He (Bardsley) doesn't need him to ambush him. He's been, unfortunately, having to deal with that more than he is. But that at least gives them, and he doesn't want to speak beyond that without looking at some of the statutes (inaudible) but he does think, clearly, they have more leeway in terms of how to handle these meetings as that becomes apparent which at this point, obviously, it's too early to know. Mrs. Cain said, and she will keep everyone in communication as she speaks with the Mayor and Mr. Stephenson about future meetings. Councilman Brad Luzadder said, and Madam President, after Mr. Stephenson, he does want to say that she's done a great job as their President. In the past, an unwritten rule has always been when there's an emergency, the President and Vice-President, our counsel, Mayor, Mike as the Chief of Staff and their legal counsel, normally there's five of them that would meet during an emergency as advising only and it rests solely with the decisions of the Mayor. And so, he knows the countless hours she has spent on the phone. It's almost surprising that she can put her arm down from actually having to hold the phone, probably going to have a great muscle with that but he would say, Council members, if they don't realize, Mr. Stephenson has put in countless hours working towards helping them as a Council. He's worth every penny in which they pay him and so kudos to him, as well as our President. He's listened and has received, there's sometimes information can't get out to everyone at a specific time but if there's some that can be able to get through, Madam President will always send that out immediately, as soon as it's available in which to do so. There are some of those gag orders and statutory things in which cannot be done until it is placed into the step of the Mayor and so we should be cautious and listen to the Mayor and allow him to hold his press conferences and things. That's always very important. And it is an unwritten rule that the Council has always been there in support for just about, he doesn't think they've ever had anything this, they've had like snow, ice, that sort of thing in which they've called an emergency, tornado, in which they've had a mobile unit in which has gotten together. Haven't had that in a number of years but bravo, again, to the Mayor because that's exactly what he's supposed to be doing, Luzadder said. Councilman Jim Brunner said, follow up to Mr. Stephenson. He told Mr. Stephenson, backing up what the President of this Council just said, he does believe then if she can ask for a second meeting, if this thing got really bad, they could meet at any time, any place, anywhere, is that correct? Stephenson told Brunner, well that may be a little broad. Brunner said, well let him put it to him this way. They could meet here or, as was mentioned, some could maybe join them on the phone. What type of a time period would you have to have to be able to call a Council meeting? Stephenson replied, well he doesn't think it's any different than any Council meeting, he doesn't think there's any change on that. You have to have at least 24 hours notice to both the press as well as being posted. He thinks, this only makes reference (inaudible) quorum. That is people who have to be present can be one. So in other words, they'd have to have one person here and he thinks the others, if necessary, could attend by electronic means. Again, that's strictly forbidden by statute normally but this seems to be opening all of that up. He might add,

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he appreciates Mr. Luzadder's comments about him but he does want to note, since he's been on this Council from the past time, there's sometimes been a fair amount of strain between the Executive Branch and the Council. He wants to say that between the Mayor's Office, especially Mr. Hunt who's been his primary contact, it's been amazing. You know, the assistance in working together to be able to solve these problems of the city. Mrs. Cain said, yes, she agrees.

Being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Luzadder, 2nd by Batchelor, the meeting adjourned. Time being 7:40 p.m.