



**THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REMOTE MEETING #876 4397 4509
MAY 4, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.**

*Per Executive Order issued by the Governor, this meeting was attended and cast through ZOOM
City Council adopted remote rules and procedures apply.*

- 1. Call to Order** by Mayor Lion at 7:00 P.M.
- 2. Roll Call:**
Present – Donovan, Kenny, Lion, Miller, Mooradian, North, Seabert
Also Present – City Manager LaBombard, City Clerk Aalderink, City Planner Wikar, Chief Kent
- 3. Consent Calendar:**
 - A. Approve May 4, 2020 Meeting Agenda
 - B. Approve April 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes
 - C. Approve Invoices in the amount of \$31,597.80
 - D. Resignation from DDA by John Burmeister

Motion by Seabert, with support from North, to approve the Consent Calendar as amended, adding items 5B Public Beach and removing agenda item 6B Downtown District Gateway Sign Cost Share.
Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 4. Public Comments:**
 - A. Verbal (limit of 3 minutes)
 - B. Written
- 5. Unfinished Business:**
 - A. Use of Public Funds
Discussion of three items from the last Council meeting that required research:
 1. Definition of the term loan
 2. Provide information on potential to implement economic development act incentives
 3. Impact of Act 51 shortfallLA Bombard presented research findings for the term “loan”, provided information on potential incentives available for DDA to assist local businesses, and reviewed how the Act 51 shortfall will impact local plans. It was announced that the Rotary Club has established a program to assist local businesses.

Kenny expressed concerns with the Douglas Beach high water as it related to social distancing. Discussion by council on adding restrictions to the beach and the condition



of the stairway. There are many safety concerns with the beach. This item will appear on the May 18 council agenda.

6. New Business

- A. Ordinance 06-2020: An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the City of the Village of Douglas.

Motion by Seabert, with support from North to schedule a public hearing date for Ordinance 06-2020 an ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the code of ordinances.

- B. ~~Downtown District Gateway Sign Cost Share Contribution: Request for consideration~~
Item removed from the agenda, will appear on the May 18 council agenda.

7. Manager's Report

LA Bombard reviewed the status of the Douglas Beach stairway, presented an analysis on his "Back to Work" plan, addressed the Union St. paving plan, and the public restrooms which may remain closed until the Executive order is lifted. Also discussed was the new hand sanitizing stations located in the downtown area, and an MDOT request to reroute I 196 north bound traffic, through Douglas via Blue Star Hwy, and back onto the expressway. This item remains in the discussion stage.

8. Public Communication

Wendy Colson, Douglas building owner, was led to believe the council would be discussing tax relief. She would like council to consider looking into the matter. LA Bombard explained that if taxes were cut then something would have to be given up.

9. Council Comments

Seabert reported the Pride event would be cancelled and reported on the volunteer work taking place at each Center St. cutout garden.

Mooradian, as a past Fire Board representative she believes a requirement of fire suppression sprinklers should be the city ordinance. Mooradian also questioned how the DDA art installations were moving along.

North offered her appreciation to Elizabeth, her work with the Rotary is great.

Miller addressed the fact that Douglas is less than 20% of the tax base when consideration is given to tax reductions.

Kenny, (connection difficulties)

Donovan, no comment

Mayor, Burmeister will be missed on the DDA. Careful consideration will be given to the residents when reopening the city.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Seabert, with support from Miller, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.