

Subject: Re: On Coordinating Policy under COVID-19

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Date: 3/17/2020, 7:04 AM

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All -- Add to Sue's list that the regular time of the Council/Mayor leadership meeting was canceled, and we're tentatively planning to meet via Zoom at noon Wednesday.

As Sue also noted, I invited members to join in on a caucus conference call yesterday, just to orient ourselves as to the rapidly-unfolding situation: when are various groups meeting? What issues are emerging that city council needs to reckon with? Ron and Sue joined me. For the next several days at least, I asked for a time that would work for a city council conference call via Zoom. We set upon 4 pm daily.

I'd like to invite you all to join in the daily conference call at this virtual location: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7272540019>, weekdays starting today until further notice. (Stephen, if you'd like to be the one who convenes it rather than me using my own account, that works for me.) Considering all the meetings that are being convened, it's an opportunity to get everyone updated at once without us all having to attend each summit.

Current topics we're tracking include:

- Suspension of parking meter enforcement?
- Suspension of water shut-offs?
- Suspension of evictions? (A county issue)
- Using FABT to loan or grant money to local restaurants and/or their employees?
- Timetable for Hopkins grants?
- Status of response from emergency social services, and what we can do

If you have topics to add for tracking, please reply.

Stay home == Steve

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From: Stephen Lucas <lucass@bloomington.in.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:18 AM
To: Susan Sandberg
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Subject: Re: On Coordinating Policy under COVID-19

Hi all,

A few things to keep in mind:

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I'll start preparing a notice for a meeting to be held via conference call on Thursday at 4pm, but I'll wait to post it until I've heard back from the Council President to confirm.

Thanks,
Stephen

From: Stephen Volan <volans@bloomington.in.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 3:24 PM
To: Stephen Lucas
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At any rate, the would-be 4pm conference call is canceled, at least for today and tomorrow. == Steve

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From: Stephen Lucas <lucass@bloomington.in.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 3:47 PM
To: Stephen Volan; Jim Sims; Isabel Piedmont-Smith; Dave Rollo; Susan Sandberg; Sue Sgambelluri; Matt Flaherty; Kate Rosenbarger; Ron Smith
Cc: Dan Sherman
Subject: Council Office actions/updates; Work Session cancelled
Attachments: COVID 19 PAC statement 3 16 20.pdf; Executive Order 20-04 (Further Orders for Public Health Emergency).pdf

Dear Councilmembers,

While I'm sure you are all getting bombarded with numerous messages and updates, I thought you should hear from the Council Office regarding what actions Council staff are taking to respond to the quickly-changing public health emergency. Here are a few actions we have taken or will be taking to follow guidance issued by Federal of State government:

- Reviewing and preparing any necessary suspensions of Council meeting procedures in light of the Governor's Executive Order and the Public Access Counselor's Statement and Guidance issued March 16 (attached, in case anyone hasn't yet seen these documents); further information to come about attendance/quorum requirements for Council meetings;
- Discussing Council scheduling matters with Council leadership and administration to follow the guidance issued by the State while still ensuring important City business can occur with as little disruption as possible;
- Working through the logistics of holding virtual Council meetings to provide for social distancing while still allowing public participation, when possible; coordinating with IT, CATS, and other City departments on best practices to ensure public meetings can still take place as needed, with as much functionality for all involved;
- Monitoring/discussing suggestions and ideas for ways the City can help mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on a local level (F&B Tax petition, suggestions related to the Jack Hopkins funding process, other ideas as they emerge); and
- Coordinating with the City Clerk's Office to ensure the Clerk/Council physical office space remains open to the public while still encouraging social distancing and work-from-home access for staff, when possible.

As Council President Volan mentioned, the Work Session for tomorrow has been cancelled. Hopefully, regular updates about the City's response can be provided to councilmembers without the need for additional public meetings, which still bring up Open Door Law and logistical issues.

If any of you have specific questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out. Dan has been working remotely this week, and I've been in and out of the office, but am always available by email or on my cell (812-929-6738).

Thanks,
Stephen

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