

REGULAR MEETING OF THE RIVERVIEW CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF RIVERVIEW, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020 A.D.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF
THE PETER ROTTEVEEL MUNICIPAL BUILDING
14100 CIVIC PARK DRIVE, RIVERVIEW, MICHIGAN 48193-7600

VIA TELECONFERENCE

Notice is hereby given that due to precautions being taken to mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and protect the public health, the Regular Meeting of the Riverview City Council will be held electronically on Monday, May 4, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is being held in compliance with Governor's Michigan Executive Order No. 2020-48 effective March 18, 2020 and continuing until May 12, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

Members of the public wishing to participate in the meeting through electronic means will have access to the meeting through the following methods:

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Rules of Procedure:

Any member of the public wishing to comment during the Public Comment on Agenda Items on any agenda item (5 minute time limit) will be allowed to do so remotely by electronic or telephonic means set forth above. In order to maintain decorum, the Mayor and/or designee will determine the order of speakers and the appropriate time frame for which comments are allowed.

The Virtual meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRESIDING: Mayor Swift

PRESENT: Councilmembers Blanchette, Norton, O'Neil, Towle, Trombley, Workman

Also Present: City Manager Drysdale, City Clerk Hutchison, Assistant City Manager and Land Preserve Director Dobek, Police Chief Rosebohm, Fire Chief Lammers, Human Resources Director Mayerich, Finance/Purchasing Director McMahan, Information and Technology Director Harper, Parks and Recreation Director Dickman, Department of Public Works Director Webb, Interim Golf Course Operations Manager Kettler, Library Director Frattarelli, Charles E. Raines Company City Engineer Sabak, Cornerstone Environmental Group Project Manager Bowyer, Attorneys Pentiuk and Morgan

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Councilmember Towle.

The **Invocation** was given by Councilmember Norton.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

None.

MINUTES:

Motion by Councilmember Norton, seconded by Councilmember Blanchette, that the Regular City Council Meeting **Minutes of April 20, 2020** and the condensed version for publication, be Approved. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A Public Hearing was conducted on the Creation of a Proposed Public Safety Special Assessment Levy Roll, as allowed under Public Act 33 of 1951, Amended.

Mayor Swift opened the Public Hearing at 7:34 p.m.

A VERBAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING

MAYOR SWIFT: Okay, public hearing, anyone wishing to address the mayor and city council for the public hearing section of our meeting please state your interest by raising your hand. If you are using Zoom, you have to hit the list of participants and at the bottom there will be a raise your hand icon. If you're on the phone, you hit *9, and then it will indicate to us that your hand is raised and we'll get to you. When it's your turn, the city manager will invite you to unmute your session. That's just an invitation, you still have to physically unmute it. And you do that by *9 on your phone or hit unmute in your Zoom session. Um and we ask that you state your name and address for the record. Um, I will have a limit on the comments during this part because this will be more of a discussion and not just comments.

So while people are preparing and figuring out how to raise their hand, what I'm going to do, if it's okay with council to read the background on why we are doing this.

MAYOR SWIFT: On January 6, 2020, City Council authorized and directed the city manager to prepare cost estimates for hiring fulltime firefighter/paramedics at the Riverview Fire Department. These cost estimates have been prepared and shared with the Ad Hoc Public Safety Committee and the City Council and filed with the City Clerk.

For purposes of funding these costs and expenses, the City Council has created a special assessment district pursuant to Michigan Public Act 33 of 1951, as amended, against which the estimated costs and expenses will be assessed. The special assessment district will encompass all lots and parcels of land located within the City of Riverview.

A public hearing must be held to allow comments on the proposed special assessment levy roll. Notice of the public hearing was published in the News Herald on April 22, 2020. In addition, notices of the public hearing were mailed to all property owners located within the proposed special assessment district.

All parcels of land situated in the City of Riverview, County of Wayne, and State of Michigan are subject to the proposed community wide ad valorem special assessments in a column provided on the regular tax roll. The City Council has declared its intention to undertake ad valorem special assessments for certain costs of fire operations in the amount of \$1.47 mills.

So, we will see if I have any member of the public who wants to have their session unmuted.

MR. DRYSDALE: Your honor, may I also add that if someone is on the Zoom and wants to put their name into the Group Chat...

MAYOR SWIFT: Okay.

MR. DRYSDALE:we can do that also as a way of recognizing you if you want to comment.

MAYOR SWIFT: and that's probably a better idea because then we can see it clearer as opposed to scrolling through the list—so we'll give the people a minute ... I'll remind you that it's *9 if you're on your phone. It's unmute the session in the list of participants if you are using Zoom. And I don't want to miss anybody here. Doug, do you see anybody, I wanna make sure--don't want to miss anyone.

MR. DRYSDALE: Um, I don't, but hold on one second here.

COUNCILMAN NORTON: Thank you, Doug.

MR. DRYSDALE: I do not see anybody's hand, ah, there is one person on the phone. It's phone number ending 212 I'm going to unmute you. Can you hear me?

WOMAN'S VOICE PHONE 212: Yes I can,

MAYOR SWIFT: Okay, okay, go ahead

WOMAN'S VOICE PHONE 212: You know what, I don't want to talk right now, I want to listen, but I will have a question so if I want to talk I push *9, right?

MAYOR SWIFT: Yeah, that raises your hand. This is the part of the meeting where you fill us in on your thoughts on the special assessment.

WOMAN'S VOICE PHONE 212: Okay, while I'll just sit here and observe and if I have anything, I will say it, thank you.

MAYOR SWIFT: But this is the time we're going during the meeting this is the public comment portion.

WOMAN'S VOICE PHONE 212: Okay, okay, but honestly I don't have anything to say as of now.

MAYOR SWIFT: But do you know what you can do ma'am, next um, after we're done with this part of the meeting, we do have a public comments. You can do it at that point if you have a question or comment about what we talked about. Okay.

WOMAN'S VOICE PHONE 212: Okay, thank you sweetie.

MAYOR SWIFT: Thank you.

MR. DRYSDALE: Your honor we'd have another person with a phone number ending 248. I'm going to unmute you.

MAYOR SWIFT: Can you hear us?

ANTHONY WHITE: Yes, this is Anthony white, a resident of Riverview for over 25 years. I am sorry about this Corona virus thing going on and I wish I could come to the meeting to speak in front of everyone, but I'm thinking on this special assessment um is it going to be different from the millage that I have a letter about today?

MAYOR SWIFT: The letter you received is was about the special assessment – that's what we're discussing tonight.

ANTHONY WHITE: Okay.

MAYOR SWIFT: What I just so that you understand because it's even complicated for me ah a special assessment will get us the money effective January or July 1, it will be effective, but what our intent is also to um put it on the ballot this November which will give the entire community um the ability to vote on it. Ah, we're we're pretty sure that we're confident that we're doing the right thing. But we would really like the support of community at the ballot box to prove that we are. So it will be on the ballot in a in November.

ANTHONY WHITE: Okay thank you for that. Well, I am confident that you are trying to do the right thing, but I'm not for it at this present time. The more I think about it and the 1.47 mill, it won't be a lot for some, but it will be for others, and right now, I'm not on board with it. I just wanted that to be stated for the record.

MAYOR SWIFT: Thank you sir.

COUNCILMAN NORTON: Mayor.

MAYOR SWIFT: Councilman Norton first.

COUNCILMAN NORTON: Yes thank you Mr. Mayor, I just wanted to share with if I have the name right, Mr. White, the one thing that we have been struggling with for a very long time, is there are times that we only have one firefighter at the building. And we have had to go out and get a contract ambulance company. And this is something that has been going on for a long time. And that 1.47 I understand what you're saying about the increase for some but nobody's taxes will be affected because we are just carrying that sewage millage over. Please anybody on the council correct me if I'm incorrect. But you know we as a group the council we have a very big problem of not having enough manpower at the fire station and this would help alleviate that problem.

MAYOR SWIFT: Councilman Norton you are absolutely correct, um but I'll get to Councilman Trombley first.

COUNCILMAN TROMBLEY: Well, a Mayor that's exactly what I want to tell him. He's already paying that from the sewer debt and now the sewer debt has went away and all we want to do is transfer that to the fire department to hire the full-time firefighters like a a like a Councilman Norton just said. So, if he thinks that it's more of an increase of the 1.4 mills, it's it's not an extra increase it's already there he's been paying it from the sewer debt and the sewer debt is over with now so it's going to go to the to the ah fire fighters. Also, we were going to do this originally for the first year, but we found out that we could take it to the residents on a vote in November. We could get in on the ballot fast enough and a lot of people had said why are aren't the residents voting on this. So I think it was Councilmember Towle or Councilmember Norton, I can't remember who brought it up, and said that we can get it on there we checked into it. It's going to be on the ballot so the residents can vote on this. If they vote it down, I don't know what to do. And I'm just being straightforward Anthony, ah our hands are pretty much tied. You know the state has taken so much away from us already and ah this is what our heads have come up with all of us we're all in agreement and you are addressing all of the councilmembers right now just like you would be at a regular meeting. So anyone that you want to address, they are on here and they can hear you. Thanks Mayor.

ANTHONY WHITE: Okay, thank you for that, well I wasn't aware that it was going to be a transfer, but you're saying we only have one full-time firefighter at the station most times now how many part-time guys are there?

MAYOR SWIFT: No, no we have occasion where we will only have one. The norm is four. There are times when we're short so when we are short we supplement the staff with a contract ambulance so that's a large number of our calls are ambulance runs. So, yes, what this would do this is the best fix we came up with that actually...I don't know if you are aware of how we staff our fire department. It is staffed with all part-time employees and it's been that way since I don't know, I don't know, since the city started, but a very, very long time and it's worked very well for us up until a year and a half--two years ago when we started experiencing as a lot of communities are shortage short staff in the fire department for EMT paramedic types. So, to insure that our community has coverage, we supplement with a contract company. And, I think Councilman Workman wanted to add something to that.

COUNCILMAN WORKMAN: Yes, um, your honor, ah Doug, how much money are we talking per average household? What are we were just discussing – on the amount we're discussing here.

MR. DRYSDALE: I would say citywide the average is \$100 or less obviously. ...

COUNCILMAN WORKMAN: That would be per year?

MR. DRYSDALE: Yes, less than 10 per month.

COUNCILMAN WORKMAN: Okay.

MAYOR SWIFT: Councilman Towle.

COUNCILMAN TOWLE: I just wanted to point out that at one time we had like approximately 40 part-time fire fighters. I think that we're down to 21-22 the last time I spoke with the chief. We attempted to hire additional firefighters like we mentioned earlier without any success. We have had occasions where we haven't had the fire department fully staffed, so like previously mentioned, that we had to go out and contract in order to meet our needs. We're still trying to hire part-time fire fighters, but we haven't had any success. We're hoping we have success hiring fulltime firefighters. We won't know that for another few weeks or another month, but right now we haven't had any success so.

MAYOR SWIFT: Right so um with that obviously with great additional cost um so um it was just um its makes logical sense and financial sense instead of going to the voters for a tax increase that we take advantage of the expiring um sewer debt ah so ah that way it's a wash there's not an increase in taxes and we a hopefully satisfy the issue we have with staffing in our department. Does that answer your questions Mr. White?

ANTHONY WHITE: Yes sir, very well, thank you.

MAYOR SWIFT: Is there anything else?

ANTHONY WHITE: No, I'm good now thank you, I have a better understanding.

MAYOR SWIFT: Thank you for your input. We'll have Doug peruse the list again,

MR. DRYSDALE: Heather Smiley, before we do, I just wanted to add to what the council has been saying, this is an ad valorem tax which means it's based on taxable value it's just like a regular millage. It's not a one amount for everybody--it's going to be dependent on the value taxable value of your properties.

MAYOR SWIFT: Thank you.

MR. DRYSDALE: Your honor Heather Smiley has been unmuted.

MAYOR SWIFT: Okay, go ahead Heather.

HEATHER SMILEY: Hey guys can you hear me

MAYOR SWIFT: Yes ma'am..

HEATHER SMILEY: Okay, like I said in the previous meeting, I am a big proponent of making the staff fulltime. I think it's in the best interest of the city. Um not only from a recruiting perspective, but a retention perspective. One of the things that I'd ask you to think about is with the virus going on there is a lot of people in the community that either lost their job or they're um collecting unemployment, or in some cases, they're working for a fraction of the pay just to keep their job. So the question I have is two-fold: 1) you're gonna put this on the ballot in November and from a recruiting perspective um...you're gonna say hey we can hire you full-time, but what happens if November it gets turned down? From a from the fiscal perspective both at the state and the city level--because there's a lot of uncertainty um ah with revenue there might be some foreclosures and different things like that. Rather than pull the special assessment ahead in anticipation of the election, why aren't you waiting until the election? Because, to be fair, the economy is going to be stabilized a little bit more and if I were a fire fighter, I'd be intrigued. I, you know, hey, I'm full time you know as soon as this goes through I'm look at me I'm full time and have the rug pulled out from underneath you if it doesn't pass. If it does pass in November, from a recruiting perspective, that's a selling point for the city to say we put in x mills for x number of heads to be funded for x number of years. So from a recruiting perspective, that's actually an advantage versus now you can have them be full time for 5 or 6 months, whenever you decide to do this, and then say whoops never mind, it didn't pass you're not fulltime. So, I'd ask you to think about that. I'm not suggesting that you don't proceed with the putting it on the ballot, I think it's a great idea. I just don't understand why you're pushing for pulling it ahead, I think it would be better to delay it. And um then I'll say one more thing and I'll let you guys respond. And the other thing, it sounds like people who weren't here some people in the city who weren't here for the first meeting when it was discussed and I had mentioned that um although it's going to be based on how much your property value is worth, that would be the amount you'd pay, um when I looked at the data from the fire department, over 25% of the calls go to the apartments. And I still strongly believe that although the apartments are worth more money, and then the nursing homes, the nursing homes and the senior towers, I still think it might be worth having the council look to see even beyond looking at the taxable value and assessing each property. I think there's still value in maybe having you consider looking at does the weighting of the runs actually align with the taxable assessed value--because I suspect not. I'll listen for your reply for both delaying and the

MAYOR SWIFT: Okay, thank you Heather, I'll give you input first and then go around the council. I wish we had the luxury to wait. We don't, we have a problem that needs to be fixed and we're probably a little late in in in getting this going. So we really don't have the luxury to wait until November. Now, it would be an issue and this is just simply my opinion at this point um, it would be an issue in November if it did not pass but we do-- are getting funding there. I know we have a request for a Safer Grants so we do have money to get us through. And how this works if it doesn't, then we'd have to try again because it's so important. Um again, it's ah we need to provide for the safety of our community and this is the best way we know how. Now, as far as a weighted use of the fire department and the rescue runs, um I guess that would be an option, but then what you'd be doing if you put a special assessment tax or whatever additional onto the senior homes, that's like driving them up and they have increased costs because you may think it goes to the facility, but we know how taxes work. It gets passed through to whoever is actually paying the rent or whatever they're paying to stay where they are so it would get passed to them. But at this point, I'll concede to any other council person who wants to comment. Councilman Towle.

COUNCILMAN TOWLE: The only point I would make this is the most economical solution we've looked at. If we were to decide to contract the ambulance all the time full time it would cost us more than this program (dog barking) in different ways. And this is not a completely full time fire department, it's a mix of both full-time and part-time with an additional of other classifications (dog barking drowned out Councilman Towle.)

COUNCILMAN TROMBLEY: Who's dog's barking?

COUNCILWOMAN BLANCHETTE: My dog.

MAYOR SWIFT: Go ahead Bill.

COUNCILMAN TOWLE: If for some reason the voters decide not to do it, um, the fire department itself would not be the only one impacted, it would probably be across the board impact to all departments

MAYOR SWIFT: Is there anybody else? Councilman Trombley.

COUNCILMAN TROMBLEY: Yes, that's Heather, Heather, you were on on our last virtual meeting if I remember correctly, and you were talking about charging all the seniors a portion of the tax of that property value or how they pay taxes. Well, here's my.... first of all let me clear something up. Everybody's saying firefighters. This is not firefighters we're hiring we're hiring firefighter/ paramedics. Paramedics, we are hiring eight of them. They can administer drugs and the whole just like a doctor in a hospital. Where before, on the old days, we didn't have that. So this is Advance Life Support. We're hiring 8 of them. Okay? Now I thought about what you had said at the last meeting and I thought you kept saying that most of the runs are at the senior buildings and we don't need an increase and I thought you know it only takes one call to Heather's residence or Jim Trombley's residence or Dean Workman's residence or whoever's residence to lose somebody. So, here's what I have to look at and the rest of the council is looking at that. We have to make sure that our residents are covered for that portion of the fire department. If not, and we don't have them there, we have to call Mutual Aid. Now, Mutual Aid is not for filling in for the fire department. Mutual Aid is for emergencies. Like a five-alarm fire and stuff like that. They have a dive team and everything. So that's where I'm at on this. You can ask me anything you would like . . . I

HEATHER SMILEY: No thank you, thank you, I appreciate your-- I appreciate your thoughtfulness. I'm very familiar with how the difference between ALS and BLS. I'm very familiar with the difference between a paramedic and a firefighter, in fact I have two in my family. So, I'm very familiar with that. I'm glad that we're finally making the positions um permanent. I think it's gonna be great for retention perspective. It's gonna be great for those people to develop. It's going to be great because you're not going to have to look for people all of the time. It's a great idea. I simply suggested to the council that you might want to look at the correlation between the number of runs and the residents. You're right, if I make a call I want to have that service, but if there's 300 apartments in each of the apartment complexes and each of those apartments has two or four people living in them, they're proportionately and I don't and again I mean it's based on the assessed value. What I'm asking the council to do is to investigate the correlation between the number of residents that live there and the assessment to see if, in fact, your fairly cuz I'm more than willing to pay my fair share, I'm just simply saying that if the 300 apartments have four people in each of them, they would weigh outweigh a person who's living in one of the residences. So that's what I'm asking you to do. Whether that's the senior citizens um complexes whether it's the nursing homes, or whether it's the apartments, I'm not discriminating. I'm just saying if you'd look at the data which I shared last time, they have a disproportionately large number of calls that go there. So, that's the only thing I asked you guys to do so that you're making an informed decision so that every resident pays their fair share.

MAYOR SWIFT: Thank you Heather, and I just ask either Doug or Chief Lammers whoever would know this. If you have a run on let's say not the nursing home but the apartment, are the residents billed directly for that run?

MR. DRYSDALE: Your honor I can answer that, yes, for any run that they do if it's a residence, if it's an apartment, if it's a senior housing, the person who actually receives the treatment gets billed directly. So, in a sense, by having them, they are paying for the service--the direct service. The entire city is paying for having a fire department around to make any runs.

HEATHER SMILEY: Okay, thanks for the confirmation.

MAYOR SWIFT: All right.

MR. DRYSDALE: Chief Lammers did you want to add anything? Hold on, I apologize let me ah...

MAYOR SWIFT: There we go.

MR. DRYSDALE: I don't see.... okay.

CHIEF LAMMERS: Thank you, you answered that quite correctly. We ah we bill back for whatever service we provide to residents to the insurance company that they may have. Ah...many times ah... because of ability to pay, we take it on a case by case basis and our billing company has that criteria and they look at various things because many times we do not collect for 100% of the billings, but ah we do bill our residents for services that are rendered through, through insurance.

MAYOR SWIFT: Thank you chief ah Councilman Towle.

COUNCILMAN TOWLE: I just wanted to point out if you look at this year's budget, there is roughly I believe its \$600,000 in the budget for revenue collected on ambulance runs and again, if we didn't hire our own, we would subcontract it out, that's revenue you wouldn't get plus the additional cost of subcontracting the ambulance.

MAYOR SWIFT: Correct, anything else Heather?

HEATHER SMILEY: Um yeah I actually have a question for the Chief then. Um, yeah, so thanks, so in terms of retention right, I'm assuming that you're happy with the staff that you have and you're gonna be converting them from you know basically to a contract basis to fulltime. Um, are you planning on converting existing heads that you already have or are you converting the heads plus hiring new people and um for the people who are already working, I guess you know per diem, if you will, if you convert them to full time um that's they're already here, but I'm wondering if you're going to be recruiting new people, are you gonna be transparent to let them know that this is a temporary funding situation and that um that um there's gonna be a millage in in in the fall. And the reason I say that is because from a recruiting perspective, everybody's looking for a career and and to make it to make you know maybe Riverview um Fire and Rescue be their permanent job and I would hate like heck to have somebody um think they've found a long term position and then you know if the election doesn't turn out, that they have to be um either let go or a converted back to um part-time.

MAYOR SWIFT: Doug want don't you handle that.

MR. DRYSDALE: Ah well your honor, council and Ms. Smiley, we'll be opening these up to interview anybody who is currently employed by the city as a fire fighter. And that department will be able to apply for this full-time job um since we obviously are it is a concern that the millage does not pass. However, we feel that with the Safer Grant, we have a good chance of getting that and that Chief, correct me if I'm wrong, that covers 75% of the cost for the first two years and then it drops down. So, it does give us some options for funding ah and we do have some reserves that we could if we have to dip into but, the idea being that every other city has a full time department with fulltime staffing and it's worked for them and we anticipate it working for us as well and having that out there will make us more attractive than just being a part-time position.

HEATHER SMILEY: Absolutely, I agree. Alright thank you I'm done thank you for your time

MAYOR SWIFT: Hold on a second Heather, Chief do you have anything to add? And then we'll get you to Councilman Norton.

CHIEF LAMMERS: No, your honor. I think the city manager answered that quite well um the number of our current part-time personnel have other full-time jobs or other jobs, but there have been some of them that have expressed an interest in the full-time position once the that becomes available. Ah we are still in talks with the union on trying to work out some of those details. Ah, we hope to have that completed soon. But my preference for the obvious reason is to hire from within as much as we possibly can depending on the number of those that are interested, there may be, as the city manager said, there may be also be offered up to some outside personnel. But I like the idea about retention. It's been a problem in the department for a number of years. Hopefully, going forward, we can begin to correct that.

MAYOR SWIFT: Thank you chief, Councilman Norton.

COUNCILMAN NORTON: Thank you, your honor, ah well, we have everybody watching on the internet ah with the cable channel, I think it would be a good time for the Chief to explain to everybody about the Safer Grant and how that works and what was submitted for that. Because we hear the term Safer Grant, but if the chief could elaborate and educate the entire community, I think the grant is a good thing.

MAYOR SWIFT: Thank you. Chief, do you want to elaborate on that for us please.

CHIEF LAMMERS: Yes, your honor, thank you, um the Safer Grant that we referred to is a federal program. It's been offered for a number of years to fire departments, because for quite some time, fire departments have been experiencing staffing issues. So, it was a federal program that came about. Ah it's for a three-year period. Ah the current program that's out there right now, we have to have our grant submitted by May 15. We are working on it and have been working on it. Ah, we will apply for that grant as I said it's for 3 years. Um, it's 70% ah the first two years. It pays for benefits and wages and then the 3rd year it goes down to 35%.

MAYOR SWIFT: Thank you, chief.

COUNCILMAN NORTON: Your honor.

MAYOR SWIFT: Councilmember Norton.

COUNCILMAN NORTON: Before I'm done, in the chat section, there was also a question are all are they all paramedics or are some of them going to be EMTs? Maybe the chief can explain how the fulltime would be fire fighter/paramedics, but then we would also have some fire fighters/EMT.

MAYOR SWIFT: Chief.

CHIEF LAMMERS: Thank you, your honor, the plan at this time is to only hire full-time fire fighter/paramedics. Ah, so, it's so that we can equip and operate our two ALS ambulances 24/7. As many of you know, in the past, we've experienced problems where we haven't had proper staff to do that, and by doing this, and hiring the paramedics is our plan and our goal to constantly maintain that level of service for the community.

MAYOR SWIFT: Will the staff be supplemented with part-time staff also?

CHIEF LAMMERS: They will, we will be maintaining the current part-time staff that we have, and we may be also adding to that as well so we have the proper numbers to provide the service to the community.

MAYOR SWIFT: Okay, thank you, anything else Councilman Norton?

Councilman Norton: No sir, thank you.

MAYOR SWIFT: Councilman Towle.

COUNCILMAN TOWLE: Yes, I thought we were going to add the additional classification of EMT in the event that we weren't successful in hiring any fire fighter/paramedics. Because there is apparently a shortage and that would leave us another avenue where we could still run two ambulances. We can't run an ambulance with a fire fighter and a paramedic, but you can run an ALS with an EMT and a fire fighter/paramedic. So I thought we were going to add a classification. It doesn't mean we hire them, but if there's a shortage out there, we're going to have to take whatever mix we can get to man it.

MAYOR SWIFT: Doug.

MR. DRYSDALE: Your honor and Councilman Towle, the idea is the full-timers will be paramedics. That way we can have at least two paramedics on duty at all time. One for each ambulance. Aah we'll be looking the part-time people we will be looking to hire and retain. We would prefer to have them as paramedics that would be our first choice. Because then we would have always a paramedic on duty to run the ambulances. Ah... we know that that may not always be the case at the time, so there may be some and we currently have some that, chief correct me if I'm wrong, they're EMT specialists right now which allows them to be on the ambulance, but not perform advance life support.

CHIEF LAMMERS: That is correct.

COUNICMAN NORTON: Perfect Doug.

MAYOR SWIFT: Thank you, chief, um any other councilman? Councilman Towle.

COUNCILMAN TOWLE: Again, you know we talked about these other classifications in the event we don't have success in hiring because it was indicated that there was a real shortage and that shortage wasn't getting any better. So, if that's all we're going to hire and we can't get any, we're gonna be back in the same position we're in right now unless we run other classifications. It doesn't mean we have to hire them, but we at least have to have those classifications in the contract so that in the event we can't get them in place or we can't hire them, we'll have other options available.

CHIEF LAMMERS: Your honor if I may.

MAYOR SWIFT: Chief.

CHIEF LAMMERS: Thank you, Councilman Towle we do have the ability now for alternative staffing. As you may recall back several months ago, that was one of things that we petitioned Hems, our medical control authority for, we were granted that. So we do have that option and that ability to hire EMTs and as you said, that is correct, we can operate an ALS ambulance provided that we have a paramedic and at least an EMT minimum licensure on the unit.

MAYOR SWIFT: Thank you chief. Anything else there, Heather, okay, I think she's gone here. Um okay anyone else? It looks like we have a few waiting there Doug.

MR. DRYSDALE: Yes, the next one is Christopher Fuher, Christopher you should be unmuted right now.

CHRISTOPHER FUHER: Good evening, good evening Mayor good evening City Council. My name is Christopher Fuher um I just have a few questions um can you hear me?

MAYOR SWIFT: Yes, we can hear you.

CHRISTOPHER FUHER: Okay, good. My first question is how much will the 1.47 mills be expected to generate in dollars.

MAYOR SWIFT: Doug.

MR. DRYSDALE: The amount is approximately \$464,000.

CHRISTOPHER FUHER: And to hire eight full-timers, will that be enough to cover the added cost of payroll and benefits?

MR. DRYSDALE: Yes, that is what we are projecting right now.

CHRISTOPHER FUHER: Okay, and will the 1.47 mills also be expected to cover legacy costs for those individuals when they retire and get pensions and healthcare?

MAYOR SWIFT: Doug.

MR. DRYSDALE: Well, I'll kinda defer to the city attorney because we are in negotiations right now that is one of the items that were are discussing with them and so I'm kind of hesitant to talk about some of those things in open session

MAYOR SWIFT: Yeah, we're still in negotiations, but Randy do you want to add something to that?

MR. PENTIUK: No, simply to concur with the manager that we are talking about that. That's certainly on the radar screen and something that we need to be addressing as part of our negotiations.

MAYOR SWIFT: Yes, we're really mindful of it Mr. Fuher.

CHRISTOPHER FUHER: I'm interested in that answer because I want to have an informed decision before I cast my ballot.

MAYOR SWIFT: Ah huh.

CHRISTOPHER FUHER: And that's one of the things I'm thinking about.

MAYOR SWIFT: Thank you Mr. Fuher.

CHRISTOPHER FUHER: ...before I cast my ballot. The last question is when will the wording on the proposal be available--the way the wording is going to be on the November Ballot?

MAYOR SWIFT: Doug, what's the time remind me of the timing of that.

MR. DRYSDALE: Well, your honor, you know the city attorney and I have passed back and forth some versions of the ballot language, so we haven't had a chance to go over the latest version and, um, Cindy perhaps you can remind me of, I believe it is August, when it has to be submitted to the City or the County Clerk?

MS. HUTCHISON: I'm not sure of that sir. I don't have that information before me. (Clerk added later in the Chat room that the date was July 28 for the proposal deadline)

COUNCILMAN TROMBLEY: The attorney's trying to get in also Mayor.

MAYOR SWIFT: Go ahead Randy.

MR. PENTIUK: I was going to concur with Doug again that we are working on the language um... it will be brought forward to council for its approval as soon as its polished and ready to go.

MAYOR SWIFT: Um, Okay, Councilman Towle.

COUNCILMAN TOWLE: Well, basically all of our new employees in other departments, there is no legacy costs because they're put into a 401K as far as pension goes and there is no legacy cost when it comes to health care because they're provided health care accounts. I would suspect that this is probably going to follow along these guidelines. We'll know when we get the final version.

MAYOR SWIFT: Thank you, anything else for Mr. Fuher?

CHRISTOPHER FUHER: No, thank, you that's all, thank you.

MAYOR SWIFT: Thank you, we appreciate your input. Doug pick who's next.

MR. DRYSDALE: Your honor we have somebody by the name of Brian. Brian, I'm going to unmute you and ah see if we can hear you now.

BRIAN: Can you hear me?

MAYOR SWIFT: Yes, go ahead Brian.

BRIAN: Yes, I have a couple questions. One, I'm not sure what the exact budget is right now that we're operating under, but has there been any consideration or look into consolidating with a nearby department? And then, my second question is we're talking about Safer Grants and retention and hiring full-timers--partly from the part-time people, how are we going to get more part-time people to fill in the people that we hire as fulltime? Cuz, I know that some full-time departments have had an ad out for multiple months and only get maybe six applicants.

MAYOR SWIFT: Right, well I'll address it the best I can. Talk about consolidation, it's been several years ago, we did investigate consolidating many years ago with the city of Trenton um it wasn't cost effective from what I remember ah...maybe some—Councilman Workman can give us a little history as you were around at the time.

COUNCILMAN WORKMAN: On which?

MAYOR SWIFT: Were you the city manager at the time when there was an attempt was made to do some type of consolidation with the City of Trenton?

COUNCILMAN WORKMAN: Yes, and the entire community went in an uproar when we did that. Um... we were looking to do that ah... we were projecting issues in the future and ah nobody was interested in at all at the time.

MAYOR SWIFT: And as far as the staffing, our hope is, and I think that ah that we've done some homework on it anyway, of maybe Doug or Chief can back me up is ah doing some forecasting on potential candidates. We know we are having difficulty hiring part-time. I don't know if it's the same difficulty with hiring full-time or ah I know there's interest. I know we have some interest from employees we have now. And, Doug will give us some more background on the potential of hiring the full-timers vs part-time.

MR. DRYSDALE: Yes, your honor, one of the problems we have had with having part-timers is what the chief mentioned this earlier is they have full-time jobs elsewhere. And a lot of times they are either held over on those jobs or called in on those jobs and ah if your full-time employer calls you in or makes you stay over to work at time and a half, then naturally somebody's going to take that. Ah... the fact is that is we're at that it is a part-time position. It is the second job for most of these people without benefits, so when it comes down to choosing between two jobs to go in to work to, our experience has been then they're going to go to one that pays them their full-time salary with their benefits. The idea being as we mentioned earlier that if we have fulltime (interruption by Heather Smiley speaking.)

COUNCILMAN TROMBLEY: Who's that?
(Heather Smiley saying I'm sorry)

MR. DRYSDALE: Ah...the idea being is obviously we have full-time positions with the benefits, it will be more attractive and we'll be the primary employer then. Those people will, you know be working for us as their primary ah position.

MAYOR SWIFT: Councilwoman ONeil.

MR. DRYSDALE: Hold on one second ... okay.

COUNCILWOMAN ONEIL: And, too, when those fire fighter/EMTs don't come in on the weekends, we are now outsourcing that and losing the money from those runs--just so that the people understand that also.

MAYOR SWIFT: Right, if we don't do the runs, we lose the income from that. Thank you.

MAYOR SWIFT: Anything else there Brian?

BRIAN: I guess with the Safer Grant, too, I think it would be a good idea to avoid maybe doing a Safer Grant, because there are now departments that are advertising that they are hiring off of Safer Grants and they're still having trouble recruiting full-time employees. Are we still going to look at this or are we going to wait to November to look at that? Because I heard at we are going to apply by May 15. But we might lose potential employees if we go to the Safer Grant, because they're going to go somewhere else, and we're still going to have the same staffing issues because we're not going to be able to hire people and retain them.

MAYOR SWIFT: Well I, this is my impression, I think that with ah... it's not contingent upon the Safer Grant. We're going to use the Safer Grant money to help us get through this this time and then the 1.47 mills is going to carry us through the rest of the time depending on the length of time that mills is. But, I don't think that us going to full-time is contingent upon us getting that grant; and if we do get it, it's better for us financially. But, the people don't go away once the Safer Grant goes away after two years or whatever the timeframe is.

MAYOR SWIFT: Someone else can add something there, I will be more than glad to a listen.

MAYOR SWIFT: Councilman Trombley.

COUNCILMAN TROMBLEY: Yes, mayor, you're correct, we're not basing this on the Safer Grant. We're basing it on, hopefully, this will pass in November and then the lady that was on earlier ah... she brought that up where we won't have to lay anybody off. They will have a full-time job ah if it passes.

MAYOR SWIFT: Thank you.

BRIAN: And is the millage that we're going to be voting on in November is that going to be a sunset millage or is that going to be a continuous?

MAYOR SWIFT: Um, we don't know yet if that's been drafted. I would imagine that's going to be a multiyear ten-year timeframe something like that.

MR. DRYSDALE: Ah, we have discussed some timeframes, but we haven't settled on anything or made any recommendation. As Mr. Pentiuik mentioned, we're still working on the language. We'll bring the language back to council, discuss it with them as well as the term for this. It will be a multiyear, but we don't know how long yet.

MAYOR SWIFT: Uh huh, anything else Brian?

BRIAN: No, that'll be it, thank you.

MAYOR SWIFT: Thank you, sir. Okay, I do see we have Brian Webb out there Doug.

MR. DRYSDALE: Yes, ah Brian I have unmuted, so if you want to go ahead.

BRIAN WEBB: Yes, thanks mayor swift and members of council, um I do have some questions I do believe my second question was just kind of answered which was how many years will the millage be on our taxes. At this point, you said it could be 10 years, but it's uncertain, is that correct?

MAYOR SWIFT: Yes.

BRAIN WEBB: And once that millage expires, how are you gonna fund these positions in the future?

MAYOR SWIFT: Well, it would be like any other millage that you have that provides a service. My opinion is that is that we would go for a renewal of that at that time unless this city is in such good financial shape, we don't need it. But, I can see it that in 10 years go to renew it to continue providing the service that we do. Any other council has input on it, I'd be more than glad to hear it.

MAYOR SWIFT: Councilman Towle.

COUNCILMAN TOWLE: it's going to be a permanent increase we can call ten year--five years, but it's going to be a permanent millage. It's the only way you're going to support the fire department.

MAYOR SWIFT: Right.

BRAIN WEBB: Well, I would imagine Councilman Towle, that if there is pensions related to these positions then we'll have to look at funding those liabilities so which means the assessments will probably grow in the future, the millage.

MAYOR SWIFT: Councilman Towle.

COUNCILMAN TOWLE: In reference to new hires, again 401ks there is no pension liability with new hires and as far as legacy costs in reference to health care they're set up healthcare accounts, so the cost is what it is and it doesn't build legacy costs, assuming that we follow the same history we've applied with all the other departments in the city for new employees.

MAYOR SWIFT: Right we, we, it's been many, many years since any new hires received a pension from the City of Riverview.

BRIAN WEBB: Does that includes both fire and police?

MAYOR SWIFT: Yes.

BRIAN WEBB: Okay, um, my final question would be then is, um, I imagine, but um I'll let you answer this is will it reduce the burden that we've been putting on neighboring communities to provide Riverview with Mutual Aid?

MAYOR SWIFT: Again my answer would be yes ah that's the whole point when we're short staffed if we don't have enough staff to take a Mutual Aid run, and obviously, or to take a run Mutual Aid has to. Yes, this would reduce it considerably. I'm not saying we wouldn't take advantage of Mutual Aid because there are times when we have both the ambulances out. Again, then that becomes a mutual aid call but ah Chief you want to Lammers give your input on ah what impact that would have on Mutual Aid.

CHIEF LAMMERS: Yes, your honor, thank you, it would definitely reduce the need. As I said there would still be need on occasion. However the idea is that we provide our own service to our residents whenever we're not able to provide such a service we would call on mutual aid like they call on us periodically but we would be in better shape to also reciprocate to them as well and on Mutual Aid.

MAYOR SWIFT: Thank you Chief.

BRIAN WEBB: And, going back to the question about the pension, is that the industry standard in our area now that there are no pensions and that they are funding the 401s.

MAYOR SWIFT: Doug.

MR. DRYSDALE: Um, it's kind of a mixture. I know a lot of communities have been working on that and moving towards that direction knowing that the pension liabilities are non-stop--they're perpetual and also, they are growing. So neighboring communities have been negotiating that with the employees for years just as we have been doing that.

MAYOR SWIFT: Right, they're some that still have them and some don't. There's still a mixture.

BRIAN WEBB: And do we find we often lose our personnel to the communities that do have pensions?

MAYOR SWIFT: That does happen more specifically and I see Councilwoman O'Neil agreeing with the police department. There are still those that do offer pensions, and we have lost firefighters and police officers to cities who still offer them. Councilman Towle.

COUNCILMAN TOWLE: Another thing I want to point out is that some of the communities that are offering defined benefits they don't pay you social security. So those employees won't be entitled to social security or they won't be entitled to Medicaid. You got to weigh all those things into it.

MAYOR SWIFT: Right.

BRIAN WEBB: Okay, thank you.

MAYOR SWIFT: Thank you Brian, Doug, is there anyone else.

MR. DRYSDALE: No, let me scroll through the chat and make sure that somebody didn't post there.

COUNCILMAN TROMBLEY: Take your time Doug, we've got time.

MR. DRYSDALE: I don't see anybody's name in the chat area asking to speak. But, I guess if you wanted to give one more chance.

MAYOR SWIFT: Okay, well, well um yeah, I don't see anybody, so what we'll do at this point, we did receive some correspondence from citizens providing input to the special assessment....special assessment levy and I get the pleasure of reading those. So Councilman Trombley make yourself comfortable it's gonna be a little bit.

COUNCILMAN TROMBLEY: I'm fine, the only thing I'd like mayor was that, Brian, I think was the last caller and he he asked if if we....we were in favor of this and you had said just yourself, but you didn't let him know that it's all seven of us that are wanting to do this so we have coverage.

MAYOR SWIFT: Absolutely, I think this is the whole council motive here. I think that it has full council support, but I want to speak for council especially when you're here.

COUNCILMAN TROMBLEY: Yes.

MAYOR SWIFT: Okay, this is an email letter from Frances Christian, 13950 Village Lane Riverview Michigan it went to the city clerk's office:

"Due to the untimely city council meeting on May 4, 2020, at 7:30 PM during the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" executive orders by the Governor, I'm not really sure if you even received my first email letter I sent to be considered for my comment/objection to the City Council "Special Meeting for April 13, 2020, at 7:30 pm regarding Public Act 33.

Now again, I will send this second letter regarding my protest against the “special assessment” proposal for assessing the cost of fire protection services. I appreciate you taking my letter into consideration regarding my protest for the special assessment levy.

It’s disappointing to see the council just vote away any extra monies to something that may NOT be required at this time. There should be NO need to hire additional firefighter paramedics at this time and hold a special assessment over our heads for the City of Riverview district. Other cities are definitely holding off any extra spending at this time (a lesson that should be taken by Riverview from other cities adapting a spending freeze at this time during the pandemic!). Even though you have anticipated that the special assessment levy will offset an expiring sewer debt judgment levy millage....why not hold onto those extra monies that may become available and see if the city will have need in case of a shortfall and be in debt with the problems due to the COVID 19 economic problems.

We need Riverview Government to have our back during these tough economic times not just spend any extra monies that are available from an expiring sewer debt judgment levy millage and use it to freely to hire additional firefighters that may NOT be needed at this time.

I don’t live far from the Fire Station and/or the city hall and do not see the need for expanding hiring of additional firefighter paramedics at this time. Seems to me like they have done very well for many years to date with what is on staff presently. I have lived in the City of Riverview for 50 years and would like to see good judgement by our council during these hard times!

Thank you and please consider my argument.

Frances Christian

MAYOR SWIFT: Well, I think we answered most of the items Mr. Christian brought up with the actual need for staff. It’s not extra money and there’s certainly a major need to do this.

MR. DRYSDALE: Mr. Mayor, if I may just respond to one thing. There’s a statement there why not hold on to those extra monies. The sewer debt levy judgment was a millage that is only allowed by consent judgement by a federal district judge. So once that levy goes away, you cannot keep levying it for some other purpose. It’s not our ability take that money to continue to collect it and save it for another day. If we don’t – once it’s gone it’s gone and so...

MAYOR SWIFT: So, if we didn’t do anything, it would expire and then and it’s gone. We wouldn’t have any extra money?

MR. DRYSDALE: Correct, and ...

MAYOR SWIFT: Okay, plus we wouldn’t be able to address the situation that we have at the fire department.

MR. DRYSDALE: Right.

MAYOR SWIFT: Okay, we received also actually it’s just a return of the letter that went out. This is from Gurmel Mann, who actually lives in the City of Taylor but owns a house on 17950 Brentwood in the City of Riverview. Basically, it just says Protest, I protest the special assessment on my property for example 17950 Brentwood, Riverview, Michigan. The taxes on my 17950 Brentwood home are over \$6,000 per year. I protest this special assessment on the above property. Thank you. And it’s dated and he signed it. We have that input.

MAYOR SWIFT: We have another, I’m assuming this was an email or letter, I’m not sure from Victor Hagan, lives at 14807 Old Town, came to the city clerk. It says please make it noted that I am opposed to a special assessment to fund full-time firefighters for the City of Riverview. Advise that this is my official response to provide and protect my rights of appeal at any assessment tribunal should I or my presentative find it necessary.

Please note that I find it unprofessional that a form letter with the wrong city and county were misused to inform the citizens of the city of Riverview of this meeting during a stay at home order by the Governor. Victor Hagen

MAYOR SWIFT: And the last one, we’ll consider the last two as one as we received two letters that said exactly the same thing. They were from Lisa Kaiser – do we have an address – I don’t have an address for her and also Frank Concessi, and the letter states this:

Dear Mayor Swift, City Council and Mr. Drysdale,

I'd like to express my support for full time firefighters; however, at this time, I am opposed to the creation of a "special assessment district" that includes the ENTIRE City of Riverview as ONE district. My concerns are specifically financial and how it's being charged to the tax payers of the City of Riverview.

Before I express the details of my concerns, I'd like to first thank the Firefighters, the Police Officers and all the first responders for all they do, God Bless them. I wish them and their families good health.

I was unable to attend the Public Hearing call/special meeting held on April 13th to discuss the Special Assessment District, however, I did watch the replay. It was said that the special Assessment district has been discussed for "a Long time" by Council. Yet during the first week of April, 2020, during a world - wide pandemic and at the beginning of a pandemic/crisis in Michigan, the taxpayers receive a notification of the proposed Special Assessment District, during the same-time when people are fighting for their businesses, their jobs, their health, to pay their mortgage/rent and to provide for their family.

The Governor of Michigan began closing businesses in Michigan on march 13, 2020, including those businesses that lease the buildings on Nixon Road and to date, they remain closed and are required by the governor to remain closed until the end of May (2 ½ months of lost business income). Although they have applied, none of these businesses have yet to receive Payment Protection Loans. Also, Michigan unemployment is at an unprecedented high. The City delayed payments on water bills for the residents yet the City is making a somewhat permanent decision for a property cost increase during a time when financial assistance is needed.

It was said several times by the City Council or City personnel that more than a majority, perhaps as high as 96%, of the runs are for EMS. The City also indicated that the runs have tripled over the last eight years, mostly due to the multiple family communities, nursing homes, senior living, and assisted living.

In general, I believe the total runs for Downriver over the last month have decreased, as the COVID Virus has scared individuals from dialing 911 in fear of going to the hospitals. Perhaps this isn't the case for the City of Riverview and perhaps it's due to the 4 property types noted above. Given the decrease in runs through the rest of Downriver, I believe Mutual Aid has the capacity to assist Riverview during these times, if a decision to wait until later in the year to address the special assessment should be considered. Also a Safe Grant was discussed that would cover the cost of fire fighters salaries for 3 years. Should the City apply for the grant and then determine the total cost needs to be assessed? Why assess the tax payers now when there is a potential to cover some of the costs with the grants.

If the City absolutely feels the need is urgent and that it can't wait until all the grants are received, the crisis and the state of emergency are under control, and the stay is lifted by the Governor for certain businesses to reopen, then I'd like to suggest that the City consider truly creating a "District", not the Entire City, but a District, whereby the increase in the cost of the fire departments budget is passed on to the properties that have caused the need for the increase in runs over the year, the multifamily housing, assisted living, nursing centers and senior housing, somewhat of a use tax. The entire City is already assessed by way of the general budget for approximately 1.5 million dollars, the proposed increase of nearly \$500,000 or approximately 25% of the entire new budget, should be passed to a District that is specific to the use of the respective property. Whereby the increase in the budget for the full time fire fighters' benefits would be paid by the district that is made up of the 4 property uses noted above, defining multifamily units in excess of the number of units as defined by Council.

Again, I am in support of full time firefighters and I understand the desire for quality people who need to provide for their families and need full time benefits. However, as a former banker, I have spent the last six weeks taking calls from businesses and individuals pleading for direction and assistance, expressing what they consider desperation. I believe this is not the time to assess tax payers, it is a time when businesses and people are in need of financial assistance.

Thank you for reading this appeal.

Best Regards,

Lisa Kaiser and Frank Concessi

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MAYOR SWIFT: Those are the letters we received. I see a lot of hands Councilman Trombley.

COUNCILMEMBER TROMBLEY: Yes, mayor ,we pretty much covered every one of those questions on all the letters, but I wanted to address the last two from Ms. Kaiser and Frank Concessi and the one

before that from Mr. Hagen. If you read the first sentence, I don't think that they understand, and I'm not being mean or anything, but they say firefighters we're hiring firefighters. We're not hiring fire fighters we're hiring paramedics/fire fighters. Second, the debt that you already talked about, if we don't continue this on it just goes away we can't save the money as the months go on. And third, I believe the City Manager Doug said this earlier, that it's an average cost that the residents are already paying, but it's an average cost of \$100. If we did nothing and took that debt away, we're going to be getting back \$8.50 a month according to my calculations--I rounded it off. \$8.50 a month which is two pizzas that you order from the restaurant two McDonald meal. I know that doesn't sound great, but when you're putting somebody's life on the line it could be mine, it could be any resident out there or any child out there for \$8.50 that is already there, I think we need this because like you said mayor we've been having a hard time putting people in those positions and we've got an outside contractor right now covering that position. We want our own people to cover that position and um I'm I'm in full support of this our community is mostly a senior community. Ah, we addressed the apartments and the senior apartments of what people should pay. It all boils down to \$8.50 a month. There's no increase that you're going to see on your tax bill, because it's already there. We're just sliding it from one to the next. If we don't do that, it just goes away. I think I've kinda give a synopsis of what we talked about. I'm sure there's more out there that people want to say.

MAYOR SWIFT: And there is and I can agree that the timing is not the best but it's never a good time. And just because the timings not real good doesn't mean the problem is going to go away. So Councilman Towle, I see you had your hand up.

COUNCILMAN TOWLE: Yes, Frances Christian makes the comment that we're hiring additional fire fighter paramedics. We're trying to fill open positions that we haven't been able to fill in about the last year and a half. We're not expanding the department we're just trying to fill in vacancies.

MAYOR SWIFT: Right yeah, it's not new people--they're part-time or they'll be full-time, but it's not an expansion and it's not additional people. We're just trying to get the basic requirement filled.

MAYOR SWIFT: Somebody else had their hand up earlier too Councilman Norton.

COUNCILMAN NORTON: Thank you your honor, I would just like to let the residents know the reason why I'm for this. I'm for this because, number one, I'm new—Councilwoman ONeil and myself started in November and as soon as we got involved with city council there were a lot of times that we received emails or text messaging with the lack of manpower at the fire station. Sometimes only one fire fighter at the fire station. Like Councilman Trombley said, it works out to a little bit around \$10 that it costs. I think we as council have failed because this has been talked about way before November when there was two new councilmembers, but they have communicated through a public safety committee that you have to physically go there and sit and listen. I wasn't aware about of all of this until I got on council or to be actually honest I started going to the public safety committee in June but you know they're held at 3:00. If there wasn't the Covid virus going around, it wouldn't be virtual and the thing is this you know this has been talked about for many, correct me if I'm wrong Councilwoman Blanchette, Mayor, Councilwoman or Councilman Towle, that has been on it you guys have been on it and talking on it, but you know that's probably something good with the corona virus that has come out. These open meetings anybody can log on and watch, but this isn't something that we just started talking about in November.

MAYOR SWIFT: Right, and I'll just add that I was originally part of the public safety committee is it's not like we haven't been doing anything for two years. We've been aware of the problem for about that amount of time and it's been progressively gotten worse and we've tried several different things to adjust the problem and clearly they just didn't work. We tried increasing the pay and made some other changes trying to figure out some best solution. So at the period of time, the last thing you want to do is to take on the added cost of a full-time fire fighters in the in the fire department. We knew that it would be an increased cost and we did our best to avoid that but just got to a point where we couldn't. So we had to address it this way, and I think this was a recommendation a while ago. We're just now around to addressing that and this is was from the public safety committee's point of view back when I was on. This was the best chance for success as opposed to some other things that we tried. Councilman Towle.

COUNCILMAN TOWLE: I just wanted to point out the public safety committee--we had a contract in place. We couldn't change classifications without reopening negotiations. Where currently our contract expires this year, so that's where the full time is coming in. Prior to that we didn't even have that classification that was an additional we couldn't even address at that time without opening contract negotiations.

MAYOR SWIFT: Thank you, any other councilmember. Okay, I will oh Councilman Workman.

COUNCILMAN WORKMAN: It boils down to public safety--we need to protect the community and I don't think that 10-15 dollars a month--20 dollars a month is too much to protect the community. That's my feeling and that's where I stand. I support it 100 percent.

MAYOR SWIFT: Thank you, Councilwoman Blanchette, did you raise your hand?

MR. DRYSDALE: Let me unmute her.

MAYOR SWIFT: Okay.

COUNCILWOMAN BLANCHETTE: No.

MAYOR SWIFT: Okay, any other comments from council? Then I will look for a motion to adjourn the public hearing.

MR. PENTIUK: It's close...

MAYOR SWIFT: Okay, who made that? Motion by Councilman Trombley, supported by Councilman Norton, any discussion?

Roll Call:

Councilmember O'Neil: Yes

Mayor Swift: Yes.

Councilmember Towle: Yes.

Councilmember Trombley: Yes.

Councilmember Workman: Yes.

Councilmember Blanchette: Yes.

Councilmember Norton: Yes.

The public hearing closed at 8:46 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Mayor asked if anyone wanted to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Councilmember Trombley, seconded by Councilmember Blanchette, that the Consent Agenda be Approved as follows:

- Authorize Execution of Letter of **Agreement** and **Professional Services Agreement** for Audit Services with **Plante & Moran, PLLC**.

<u>Services</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>2023/24</u>
Basic Audit Fee	\$64,700.00	\$69,050.00	\$70,400.00	\$71,850.00	\$73,300.00
F-65 Preparation	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
*Single Audit	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total	\$75,200.00	\$76,550.00	\$77,900.00	\$79,350.00	\$80,800.00

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Councilmember Workman, seconded by Councilmember Blanchette, that a resolution to Revise **Charges** at the **Riverview Land Preserve** be Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-11
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATES FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES
FOR THE RIVERVIEW LAND PRESERVE

WHEREAS, the City Council periodically establishes disposal and service rates and charges for the Riverview Land Preserve by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Land Preserve Administrative Team comprised of the City Manager, City Attorney, Director of Solid Waste and Finance Director, has reviewed the proposed rates and concur therewith; and

WHEREAS, the Land Preserve Committee has reviewed the service rates and charges outlined in this resolution and recommended same for consideration by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverview, Michigan as follows:

The City Council hereby approves the following rates for disposal and services at the Riverview Land Preserve:

(a) Contract customer disposal rate schedule:

<u>Tonnage per Calendar Month</u>	<u>Price per ton</u>
Less than 500 tons	\$17.50 - \$25.00
500 – 1,000 tons	\$16.50 - \$22.00
1,001 – 2,500 tons	\$16.00 - \$20.00
2,501 – 5,000 tons	\$14.50 - \$19.00
5,001 – 7,500 tons	\$14.00 - \$18.00
7,501 – 10,000 tons	\$13.50 - \$17.00
10,001 – 12,500 tons	\$13.00 - \$16.50
12,501 – 15,000 tons	\$12.50 - \$16.00
More than 15,000 tons	\$12.00 - \$15.00

(b) Special waste disposal for special waste approved for disposal by resolution of the City Council.

Minimum of \$8.00 per ton or a minimum of \$8.00 per cubic yard.

Minimum of \$35.00 for approved containers less than three (3) cubic yards in size.

(c) Management of cover material, road material, uncontaminated and inert material, and Alternate Daily Cover (ADC) materials, with a minimum load size of ten (10) cubic yards.

<u>Material Type</u>	<u>Price per Unit</u>
Cover material, road material	\$0.00 - \$10.00 per ton or \$0.00 - \$8.00 per cubic yard
Uncontaminated or inert material	\$0.00 - \$10.00 per ton or \$0.00 - \$8.00 per cubic yard
Alternate Daily Cover (with approved sample test results)	\$3.30 - \$10.00 per ton or \$1.50 - \$10.00 per cubic yard

(d) Event project waste disposal

Disposal charges for event projects in which waste is generated for a specific duration, generally not exceeding two (2) years, that arise from a single waste generating type of event or project.

Minimum of \$13.50 per ton or a minimum of \$8.00 per cubic yard.

(e) Construction and demolition, industrial and commercial waste disposal

Minimum of \$14.50 per ton or a minimum of \$8.00 per cubic yard

(f) Large and bulky items (in addition to regular disposal charges)

Items that require special handling due their large size and/or shape.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Disposal Rate</u>
Mattresses & Box Springs	minimum of \$15.00 per item
Large Appliances	minimum of \$50.00 per item
Boat/Mobile Home	minimum of \$15.00 per foot
Hot Tub	minimum of \$175.00

(g) Prepaid disposal (Gate Rate-Non-Contracted Customers)

<u>Vehicle Type</u>	<u>Disposal Rate</u>
Automobile	minimum of \$35.00
Van and pick-up truck	minimum of \$50.00
Other vehicle types or vehicles with trailers	minimum of \$50.00 with a minimum charge per load of \$75.00.

Prepaid pricing for high volume customers shall not be less than \$14.50 per ton and subject to the administrative review process set forth in the most current Council Policy.

(h) Clean wood management

<u>Material Type</u>	<u>Management Rate</u>
Tree logs, limbs, brush, wood products	\$17.00 - \$30.00 per ton
Tree stumps	\$25.00 - \$35.00 per ton
Mixed tree stumps and other wood	\$20.00 - \$30.00 per ton
Pallets and non-treated, uncontaminated wood	\$20.00 - \$25.00 per ton
Wood chips	\$0.00 - \$5.00 per ton
The minimum charge per load is	\$15.00

(i) Service charges and fees

Monthly invoices of less than \$100.00: minimum processing fee of \$15.00.
 Checks returned due to non-sufficient funds or other reasons: minimum charge of \$40.00.
 Fuel surcharge as allowed by contract: \$0.00 - \$2.50 per ton or \$0.00 - \$1.50 per cubic yard.
 Environmental recovery fee as allowed by contract: \$0.00 - \$2.50 per ton or \$0.00 - \$2.00 per cubic yard.
 Contract customer minimum charge per load: \$32.00.
 Unloading Assistance/Dig-Out/Clean-Up/Special Handling charge: minimum of \$200.00 per hour, with a minimum charge per occurrence of \$15.00.
 Administrative recovery fee – amount equal to direct costs associated with copies and reports requested by customers to be billed at cost plus a fee of three (3.00) per cent to ten (10) per cent of cost.
 Weight Only Fee per occurrence of \$20.00.
 Special waste review fee: minimum charge of \$25.00.
 Credit or debit card transaction fee: minimum of one (1) per cent of the transaction amount.

(j) Non-local prepaid waste

Waste generated outside of the counties of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Monroe but not including special waste.

Minimum of \$12.00 per ton.

Non-local prepaid waste acceptance requires the completion of the administrative review process and approval of the Land Preserve Committee.

(j) Discounted pricing

Pricing may be discounted to customers in cases where delivered waste material may be removed for recycling, reuse or other management techniques that reduce the amount of material that will be disposed. Any discounted pricing shall result in net pricing consistent with the pricing schedules and guidelines contained herein.

The City Council further authorizes the following terms and conditions for waste disposal and services:

All disposal rates will be established within the pricing ranges and charges set forth in the Riverview Land Preserve rate schedules and as required by contract. Disposal rates shall require the written authorization of the Director of Solid Waste and City Manager.

All fees and surcharges imposed by the State of Michigan and Wayne County are included, as applicable, in the disposal charges. Future increases or additions to Michigan, Wayne County, or other governmental fees and surcharges, are authorized to be added to the disposal charges as they become effective.

All volumes of waste, cover material, road material, clean wood and uncontaminated or inert material shall be recorded and reported to the City Council monthly.

This resolution shall be effective on the first day of the week after adoption by the Riverview City Council.

AYES: Mayor Swift, Councilmembers Blanchette, Norton, ONeil, Towle, Trombley, Workman
NAYS: None.
EXCUSED: None.
ADOPTED this 4th day of May, 2020.

ATTEST:

Andrew M. Swift, Mayor

I, Cynthia M. Hutchison, duly authorized City Clerk of the City of Riverview, do hereby certify the above Resolution is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Riverview City Council at their regular meeting of May 4, 2020.

(S E A L)

Cynthia M. Hutchison, City Clerk

ADMINISTRATION:

None.

ORDINANCES:

None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion to Councilmember Trombley, seconded by Councilmember Blanchette, to **Recess** into **Closed Session** for the Purpose of discussing the City Attorney’s Written Opinion on **Collective Bargaining** for the **Fire Department**.

Carried unanimously.

The Meeting recessed at 9:04 p.m.

The Meeting reconvened at 10:21 p.m.

Roll Call: Mayor Swift, Councilmembers Norton, ONeil, Towle, Trombley, Workman

Excused: Councilmember Blanchette

Motion by Councilmember ONeil, seconded by Councilmember Workman, to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager and Authorize **Option 2** to be paid to those employees **who are not working fulltime** or a period of time until the stay at **home executive order expires** as further set forth in the letter from the City Attorney.

Carried unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Norton, seconded by Councilmember Trombley, that meeting be adjourned.

Carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Andrew M. Swift, Mayor

Cynthia M. Hutchison, City Clerk