

CITY OF PATERSON

NOTICE OF MEETING WITHOUT 48-HOUR ADVANCE PUBLISHED NOTICE, AS AN EXCEPTION TO THE ORDINARY ADVANCE-NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PATERSON SCHEDULED A MEETING FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021 AT 5:30 PM, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 155 MARKET STREET, THIRD FLOOR, PATERSON, NEW JERSEY.

The meeting was conducted in-person, with attendance by the general public permitted, but limited by all applicable pandemic-related in-person capacity limitations. The meeting was broadcast on the City of Paterson Youtube channel, and/or Channel 77 (Cablevision), and/or Channel 32 (Verizon), but remote participation was replaced with participation via the aforementioned in-person attendance.

The ordinary notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, codified in pertinent part at N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(d) and N.J.S.A. 10:4-9(a), would require this Notice to be published no later than 5:30 PM on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. However, it was necessary to call this meeting pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-9(b) because of a “matter of such urgency and importance that a delay for the purpose of providing adequate notice would be likely to result in substantial harm to the public interest,” N.J.S.A. 10:4-9(b)(1), to be addressed by the following:

1. DISCUSSION OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, AS A SUCCESSOR TO THE CITY OF PATERSON BOARD OF HEALTH, ADDRESSING COVID-19, AND URGENT LOCAL RESPONSE THERETO, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO VACCINATION

NO FORMAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN

The said “matter of such urgency and importance” that, if delayed, “would be likely to result in substantial harm to the public interest,” N.J.S.A. 10:4-9(b)(1) is that the effectiveness of local response to the COVID-19 pandemic can materially affect the health of Paterson residents, thus providing reason for the Municipal Council as a successor to the City of Paterson Board of Health to evaluate local pandemic response.

On Wednesday, March 3, 2021, the meeting was called, after which notice was given by posting at City Hall, 155 Market Street, by filing it with the City Clerk, and by sending the notice by fax or e-mail to the Herald News, the Record, and other newspapers used for Public Notices as required by N.J.S.A. 10:4-9(b)(3).

Other than a **SHORT PUBLIC PORTION** required by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(a), this meeting without 48-hour advance published notice was limited to discussion of the above-described matter, without formal action via Resolution or Ordinance.

DATED: March 3, 2021

**FLAVIO RIVERA, COUNCIL PRESIDENT
SONIA GORDON, CITY CLERK**