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## RESOLUTION

### URGING STATE LEGISLATURE TO ALLOW ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETINGS

**WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat. §62.11(2) currently requires any Common Council calling a special meeting to give each alderperson notice of the meeting by “written notice delivered personally to each member or left at the member’s usual abode at least 6 hours before the meeting”; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Manitowoc has strived to reduce the amount of paper generated and become a more transparent local government by issuing each alderperson an iPad and City email address, providing electronic meeting information available on the City’s website, and videotaping all Council and standing committee meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Manitowoc wishes to use staff time more efficiently than delivering notices of meetings personally to alderpersons or to their residences and would prefer to use email to announce a special council meeting while still following all of the other statutes regarding notice of meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Manitowoc believes that other cities across the state would also benefit from modernizing the statute requiring personal notice to include emailed notice.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by Mayor Justin M. Nickels and the Common Council of the City of Manitowoc that the Wisconsin State Legislature be urged to revise Wis. Stat. §62.11(2) to read as follows:

(2) Time of meeting. The council shall meet at least once a month, and on the first Tuesday unless a different day be fixed by the council. More frequent regular meetings may be established by the council, and the mayor may call a special meeting by written notice delivered personally to each member or left at the member's usual abode at least 6 hours before the meeting, or by sending an email to each alderperson at their City email address at least 6 hours before the meeting. Following a regular city election the new council shall first meet on the 3rd Tuesday of April.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Scott Walker, Senator Devin LeMahieu, and Representative Paul Tittl.

INTRODUCED     **AUG 15 2016**     \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

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Justin M. Nickels, Mayor

This resolution was drafted by Kathleen M. McDaniel, City Attorney

**Fiscal Impact:**                   \$0

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**Finance Director Approval:**

**Approved as to form:**           /kmm