



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2020  
8 :30 A.M.**

**MINUTES**

Members Present: Jonathan Elmore, Mayor  
Brian Fisher, Mayor Pro Tem  
Lionel Laratte, Commissioner  
Lisa Shortell, Commissioner  
Dee Merriam, Commissioner

Staff Present: Patrick Bryant, City Manager (by phone)  
Paul Hanebuth, Asst. City Manager  
Stephen Quinn, City Attorney  
Rebecca Long, Communications Manager  
Gina Hill, City Clerk

Item #1 Meeting Called to Order

Item #2 Adoption of Agenda

- Commissioner Shortell moved to adopt. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconds.  
All ayes.

Mayor Elmore gave instructions for those watching the meeting live on Facebook as well as those wanting to ask questions via teleconference call.

Item #3 **Resolution Affirming Temporary Public Meeting Policy**

- Commissioner Laratte moves to adopt. Commissioner Merriam seconds.  
All ayes.

Mayor Elmore reads the policy attached to this resolution. Commissioner Merriam takes issue with using the word "indefinitely". Commissioner Laratte said he was not concerned. City Manager Bryant felt that this is a unique situation and the wording only means that the amount of time for these restrictions is unknown. City Attorney Quinn offered that reversing this policy would only require another meeting like this one. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher pointed out that no one wants these changes to last any longer than they have to. Mayor Elmore agreed.

Item #4 **Resolution Affirming Temporary Public Event Policy**

- Commissioner Shortell moved to adopt. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconds.  
All ayes.

Mayor Elmore and Commissioner Laratte said this seems like a reasonable step to take.

Item #5      **Resolution Affirming Temporary Suspension of Municipal Court**

- Commissioner Laratte moved to adopt. Commissioner Merriam seconds. All ayes.

City Attorney Quinn said the state has suspended all court activities.

Item #6      **Resolution Affirming Temporary Change to Sanitation Procedures**

- Mayor Pro Tem Fisher made a motion to approve. Commissioner Laratte seconds. All ayes.

Commissioner Shortell suggested thinking ahead in case sanitation cannot be collected at all at some point. City Manager Bryant offered that he has been thinking about various scenarios. He listed the ways these changes have been communicated to the public and said there are also plans to distribute a hardcopy to each residence. Commissioner Laratte asked if there could potentially be any changes to police services. Assistant City Manager Hanebuth said that public works staff did have masks and that all employees have been asked to minimize contact with the public. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher spoke about the reasoning behind this change in service. He added that some people who are elderly and/or don't have access to a computer should reach out for help since many neighbors would be willing. Commissioner Merriam suggested compiling information on residents willing to help others on the city website. Discussion followed and it was agreed that Mr. Fisher would coordinate with members of the community. Again, Ms. Merriam felt the word "indefinitely" should be avoided in official documents. Mr. Fisher asked if the city could regularly update the public so the end of these changes could remain a topic of discussion. Mr. Bryant responded that anytime there is a BOMC meeting, these policies can be revisited.

Resident Israel Korn called in and suggested educating the public more about social distancing and other protective measures as opposed to curtailing services. Mr. Hanebuth explained that the goal was to reduce contact with other people and it's difficult for employees to not engage with the public when approached. Ms. Shortell added that these measures now could prevent a complete shut down of sanitation down the road. Mr. Korn asked if public areas were being sanitized. Mr. Bryant said normal sanitation procedures are still practiced as long as supplies last. Mr. Korn ended by asking if leaders could get creative to help local businesses. Mr. Fisher said it would be difficult for city government to do that but he offered some suggestions for individuals and families who want to support them.

Item #7      **Resolution Affirming Temporary Personnel Compensation Policy**

- Commissioner Shortell moved to adopt. Commissioner Merriam seconds. All ayes.

Mayor Elmore said that taking care of employees is critical.

Item #8 Public Comment

Commissioner Merriam asked the public for feedback regarding this temporary method for conducting meetings.

Item #9 Adjournment

- Commissioner Laratte moves to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconds. All ayes.

APPROVED THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2020

  
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Jonathan Elmore, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Gina Hill, City Clerk