

EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO
7500 WEST 29TH AVENUE, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

March 13, 2020

Mayor Starker called the properly noticed **Emergency Special City Council Meeting** to order at 1:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Upon the advice of the City Attorney, Councilmembers and the public may attend by telephone.

Zachary Urban	Judy Hutchinson	Amanda Weaver	Leah Dozeman
Rachel Hultin	Korey Stites	Janece Hoppe	Valerie Nosler Beck

Notice: Amanda Weaver and Valerie Nosler Beck attended via phone

Also present: Community Development Director, Ken Johnstone; Deputy City Clerk, Robin Eaton; City Attorney, Gerald Dahl (via Phone); Director of Administration, Allison Scheck; other staff, and interested citizen.

Item 1. Confirmation of emergency.

Mayor Starker entered into the record a copy of the Mayor's request for emergency special meeting and notice of emergency special meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Hoppe that pursuant to Charter Section 5.2(b), to confirm that an emergency exists such as to permit this emergency special meeting, seconded by Councilmember Urban, motion carries 8-0.

Item 2. Cancellation of all or some of the following meetings:

March 16, 2020 Council study session

Motion by Councilmember Hoppe to cancel study session, seconded by Councilmember Urban.

Discussion followed on items to include: Public participation at future meetings, transparency, on-line communications, schools, and social distancing.

Motion carried 8-0

March 23, 2020 regular Council meeting

Motion by Councilmember Hoppe to postpone the regular City Council meeting of March 23 until March 30, 2020, seconded by Councilmember Stites.

Motion by Councilmember Dozeman to amend the original motion to postpone the March 23, 2020 regular Council meeting to March 30, 2020 and authorize the Mayor to further postpone if necessary, seconded by Councilmember Urban, motion carried 8-0

Original motion as amended, carried 8-0

March 20 and 21, 2020 Council strategy retreat

Motion by Councilmember Hoppe to cancel and reschedule as soon as possible the March 20 and 21, 2020 Council strategy retreat, seconded by Councilmember Urban, motion carried 8-0

Item 3. Additional actions deemed necessary by the Council in light of the grave emergency posed to public health and safety by the Covid-19 virus and declared pandemic

Mr. Johnstone gave a brief summary of the conscious effort to make additional cleaning supplies available to both staff and the customers that came into the city facilities. Also including a step up in sanitizing surfaces during the nightly cleaning, telecommuting by staff, website updates and communications.

He listed the city buildings that will also be closing, those to include the Recreation Center, the Anderson Building, and the Active Adult center which will be prominently displayed at those locations. These buildings will be closed until further notice.

Discussion followed on items to include: Notices of local closings be put on bulletin boards, creating lists so people can sign up, renting construction sign boards, city workers pay, senior resource center and feeding the children at schools.

Request for Consensus by Councilmember Hoppe to direct staff to create a notification process including but not limited to one or all the ideas generated during discussion, such as "notify me" subscription list, sign board, hand bills at the grocery stores, posted notification on the doors of the closed facility's. All members were in consensus.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.



Robin Eaton, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON March 30, 2020



Janeece Hoppe, Mayor Pro Tem

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