

City of Taylor
Special Called City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
March 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Video Conferencing

This meeting was called pursuant to Chapter 551, Government Code, Section 551.045(a)(b), regarding an emergency of urgent public necessity in order to take immediate action regarding public health related matters and concerns pertaining to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

This meeting was held by video conference.

Present in City Hall:

Mayor Brandt Rydell
City Manager Brian LaBorde
City Clerk Dianna Barker
Assistant City Attorney Mark Schroeder
Fire Chief Daniel Baum

Council Members attending via video: Mayor Pro-Tem Dwayne Ariola
Council Member Robert Garcia
Council Member Mitch Drummond
Council Member Gerald Anderson

Mayor Brandt Rydell declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION - Citizens who wished to address the Council were given instructions prior to the meeting on how to join the meeting or leave their comments/questions with the City Clerk. Comments/questions left with the City Clerk:

Vanessa Reese – why hasn't city been put on lockdown yet?

Anonymous - Would approve a shelter-in-place if Council goes that way. Has 2 kids that have cystic fibrosis.

Markus Reese – Seeing too many people gathering at city Park facilities. Wants city to get aggressive shutting them down. Promotes temporary boredom for long term safety.

Michelle – does city know what type of grants they will be applying for related to COVID-19? If so, how will residents know about applying for financial assistance due to the crisis (how will we get the word out)?

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

1. **Receive, consider and take any appropriate action on an update on public health related matters and concerns pertaining to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).**
Fire Chief Daniel Baum – gave a brief presentation on the current status of the COVID-19 virus.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the presentation as presented. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

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2. **Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution ratifying the Disaster Declaration signed March 16, 2020 and consenting to its continuation for a period of more than seven days.**

Assistant City Attorney Mark Schroeder – Original declaration was signed March 16th and is only good for seven days. This resolution ratifies the Disaster Declaration and extends it until April 22, 2020.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola to approve Resolution R20-12 continuing the Disaster Declaration signed on March 16th through April 22, 2020. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Consider Resolution R20-13 postponing the May 2, 2020 General and Special Election to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date.**

Assistant City Attorney Mark Schroeder – Governor Abbott issued a proclamation on March 18th authorizing political subdivisions to postpone their May 2nd election to the uniform election date November 3rd. Williamson County elections division and TISD has stated they will not hold elections in May but postpone them until November.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve Resolution R20-13 postponing the May 2, 2020 election to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45p.m.



Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dianna Barker, City Clerk