



NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
March 23, 2020
SHENANDOAH CITY COUNCIL

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY
CITY OF SHENANDOAH

AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Meeting of the Shenandoah City Council will be held on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Shenandoah Municipal Complex, 29955 IH-45 North, Shenandoah, Texas for the purpose of considering the following:

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. CALL OF ROLL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. INVOCATION

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

5. Discussion and possible action to renew a Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency for a period of 30 days.

6. CITIZENS FORUM

Citizens are invited to speak for three (3) minutes on matters relating to city government that relate to agenda or non-agenda items. Speakers are asked to stand up and approach the podium to address Council and give their name and address before sharing their comments.

Responses to inquiries are limited by state law to a recitation of existing policy or a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry. Any deliberation or decision by Council shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda of a future meeting.

7. COUNCIL'S INQUIRY

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sect. 551.042, the Mayor and Council Members may inquire about a subject not specifically listed on this Agenda. Responses are limited to a recitation of existing policy or a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry. Any deliberation or decision shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda of a future meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Public notice is given that the City Council may elect to go into Executive Session at any time during the meeting in order to discuss any matters listed on the Agenda when authorized by the provisions of the Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from legal counsel, to discuss matters of land acquisition, personnel matters or other lawful matters that are specifically related to items listed on this Agenda. Prior to any such closed session, the Mayor, in open session, will identify the agenda item to be discussed and the Section or Sections of Chapter

551 under which the closed discussion is authorized.

Executive Session – According to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code as follows:

- i) Government Code § Sec. 551.071 and Sec. 551.087
 - Guefen Development Partners
- a) Consideration and if determined appropriate, take action resulting from the item(s) listed under Executive Session.

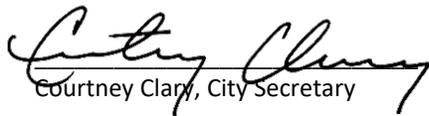
ADJOURN

The Council may vote and/or act upon each of the items listed on this Agenda. One agenda item will be discussed at a time unless logic and practical consideration allow similar topics to be considered together for purposes of convenience and efficiency. The Council may retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda, whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act.

Any discussion item on the City Council agenda permits City Council to question the involved parties or receive a presentation by the involved parties.

City Hall is wheelchair accessible. A sloped entry is available at the entrance with specially marked parking spaces available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at 281-298-5522 or Fax 281-367-2225 for information.

I certify that the attached notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at City of Shenandoah Municipal Complex, 29955 IH-45 North, Shenandoah, Texas, on the 19 day of March 2020 at: 2:38 o'clock p.m.


Courtney Clary, City Secretary





Shenandoah City Council

AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: <u>March 23, 2020</u>	ITEM NUMBER: <u>5</u>
DEPARTMENT: <u>Administration</u>	PREPARED BY: <u>Courtney Clary</u>
PRICING: _____	EXHIBITS: _____

SUBJECT/PROCEEDING:

Renewal of the declaration for State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the 30 day extension

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

On March 17, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Shenandoah declared an emergency. The Mayor's Declaration of Local Disaster expires in a period of seven days unless extended by the approval of City Council.

APPROVALS:

DEPARTMENT HEAD _____	DATE: _____
CITY ADMINISTRATOR  _____	DATE: <u>March 19, 2020</u>

**CITY OF SHENANDOAH, TEXAS
EXTENDED MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Montgomery County Judge issued an amended order affecting the occupancy of certain food and drink establishments; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Shenandoah declared an emergency pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Declaration of Local Disaster expires in a period of seven days unless extended by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, an extension of the Declaration of Local Disaster may only be continued with the consent of City Council; and

WHEREAS, City Council is of the opinion the Declaration of Local Disaster should be extended; and

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHENANDOAH, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Shenandoah, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 2. That pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue until revoked by the Mayor or City Council.

SECTION 3. That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

SECTION 4. That pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Shenandoah, Texas, emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

SECTION 5. That this declaration authorizes the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the City, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the City's rules, pursuant to Section 122.006 of the Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 6. That this declaration hereby limits the size of gatherings to not more than 10 people and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings until further notice. A "gathering" refers generally to a scheduled event or common endeavor where 10 persons are present in a confined space, room, or area. Certain businesses in the City of Shenandoah are now restricted as follows:

1. All restaurants shall cease all onsite dining operations.
2. All restaurants may continue to-go, takeout, delivery and catering operations.
3. Restaurants shall not allow any employee to report to work who is demonstrating signs of any form of sickness.
 - a) Strict handwashing and sanitizing operations must be deployed.
4. All bars or clubs shall cease operations.
5. Gyms, movie theaters, or amusement type businesses shall cease operations.
6. Events greater than 10 persons at all publicly held facilities across the City of Shenandoah shall cease.
7. Any event greater than 10 persons held at private facilities is urged to cancel.
8. Nursing homes and senior living centers should limit visitation of the public within their facilities.
9. Retail stores, private businesses, clubs or civic organizations and religious organizations to include churches, synagogues, mosques or other places of worship are urged to comply with the CDC guidelines related to 10 persons gathering in any one place or at one time.
10. Retail stores who sell groceries or medical supplies are exempt from this order.

SECTION 7. In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

SECTION 8. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 9. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

DECLARED this 23rd day of March, 2020.

M. Ritchey Wheeler, Mayor
City of Shenandoah, Texas