

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

March 23, 2020

SHENANDOAH CITY COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor M. Ritchey Wheeler at 7:00 p.m. City Council members present, Councilmember McLeod, Councilmember Bradt, Councilmember Gristy, Councilmember Fletcher and Councilmember Raymaker. City Administrator Kathie Reyer, City Secretary Courtney Clary, City Attorney William Ferebee, Police Chief Raymond Shaw, Communications Manager Debbie Pilcher, and IT Manager Chris Grizzaffi were also present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. CALL OF ROLL

Mayor Wheeler stated for the record that all members were present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. INVOCATION

Mayor Wheeler gave the 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.

COUNCILMEMBER FLETCHER MADE A MOTION TO RENEW A MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR A PERIOD OF 30 DAYS, COUNCILMEMBER GRISTY SECONDED.

COUNCILMEMBER FLETCHER MADE A MOTION TO RENEW A MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR A PERIOD OF 30 DAYS WITH THE AMENDMENT THAT THE DECLARATION BE REVISED TO INCLUDE A DATE OF EXPIRATION, COUNCILMEMBER GRISTY SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

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6. CITIZENS FORUM

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.

Mayor Wheeler stated for the record that there were no citizens wishing to speak.

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.

Councilmember McLeod applauded City staff and State and County Officials. He encouraged everyone to follow the orders put in place by local leaders. Councilmember McLeod also requested a future agenda item regarding a CVB advertising campaign to bring customers into Shenandoah businesses.

Councilmember Bradt stated that he too would like citizens to adhere to guidelines provided by local leaders.

Councilmember Gristy thanked the staff for providing information to Council and residents.

Councilmember Fletcher thanked City staff and police officers for their hard work. He urged residents to remain calm, to take appropriate precautions and advised that the goal of new orders in place was to slow the spread of the virus. Councilmember Fletcher also asked residents to help neighbors that may need assistance and to contact the City if something needs to be reported. He also asked that residents rely on recommended sources for COVID-19 information

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rather than social media. Councilmember Fletcher closed by thanking Mayor Wheeler for his leadership and guidance in dealing with an unprecedented life event.

Councilmember Raymaker stated that he looked forward to the future when the economy would be able to get back up and running.

Mayor Wheeler stated that SPD will have seven patrol units out patrolling while working through ongoing changes in the City due to orders and that officers would be using the AOR program to contact senior residents to provide them with COVID-19 information. Mayor Wheeler asked residents to follow guidelines in place and to help neighboring senior residents.

Mayor Wheeler stated that he would remain in contact with Judge Keough and Gordy Bunch to receive local updates and share information for a unified plan and added that he felt Judge Keough was doing a great job in his decision making for the area.

Mayor Wheeler asked staff to explore potential rebate programs for Shenandoah hotel occupants to use in the City to drive customers into Shenandoah restaurants along with any tax deferral options for sales and property taxes.

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.

Mayor Wheeler recessed the regular meeting at 7:18 p.m.

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

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- a) Consideration and if determined appropriate, take action resulting from the item(s) listed under Executive Session.

Mayor Wheeler reconvened the regular meeting at 7:56 p.m. and stated for the record that no action was taken in executive session.

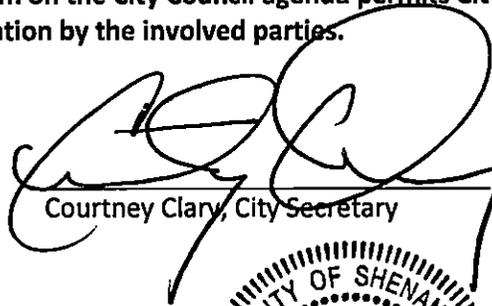
There being no further business, Mayor Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

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.

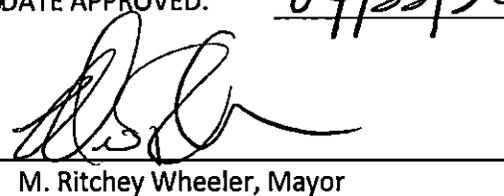
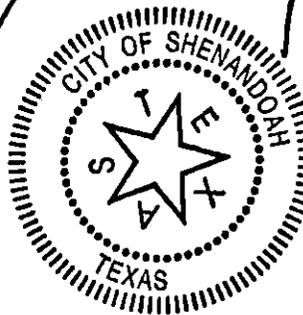
SUBMITTED BY:



Courtney Clary, City Secretary

DATE APPROVED:

04/22/2020



M. Ritchey Wheeler, Mayor