



Special Called City Council Meeting

Official Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2020

CITY HALL 2 PARK PLAZA

7:00 PM

Official Minutes

The public is advised that the following minutes are not a verbatim transcription of business presented at the Council Meeting of the date shown; but are a synopsis of pertinent information. The public is further advised that the tapes recorded at said meeting are a matter of public record and are available to be heard at the City of Alpharetta's Clerk's office during normal business hours.

Please note that, due to ongoing efforts to encourage "social distancing" in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was conducted virtually using Zoom Meetings. This platform will allow for the public and media to attend the meeting just as they could any other regular City Council Meeting but do so from a computer or telephone.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- *Mayor Gilvin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.*

II. ROLL CALL

- **Council Members**

- o Mayor Jim Gilvin
- o Mayor Pro Tem Donald F. Mitchell
- o Jason Binder
- o Ben Burnett
- o John Hipes
- o Dan Merkel
- o Karen Richard

- **Staff**

- o Bob Regus, City Administrator
- o Sam Thomas, City Attorney
- o James Drinkard, Asst. City Administrator
- o Erin Cobb, City Clerk
- o Peter Sewczwicz, Director of Public Works
- o Morgan Rodgers, Director of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- o Tom Harris, Director of Finance
- o Kathi Cook, Director of Community Development
- o John Robison, Director of Public Safety

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Council Meeting Minutes (Meeting of 3/23/2020)

B. Financial Management Report: Month Ending February 29, 2020

- On a monthly basis, the Finance Department prepares detailed revenue and expenditure statements for all city operating funds (including prior-year comparisons for the General Fund).
- In addition, this report includes:
 1. Detailed capital project report including life-to-date activity;
 2. Payments \$5,000 and greater;
 3. Purchase orders with an estimated cost between \$5,000 and \$50,000; and
 4. Status of current year bids/RFPs.

❖ Council Member Merkel offered a motion to approve the consent agenda

- The motion received a second from Council Member Binder
- The motion was approved unanimously (7-0)

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration Of An Emergency Ordinance: Directing Residents To Shelter In Place; Directing Certain Persons To Isolate And Quarantine; Prohibiting All Non-Essential Travel; Prohibiting All Gatherings Of Ten Or More Persons; Closing All City Facilities To The Public With Certain Exceptions; Establishing The Closure Or Modified Operation Of Certain Businesses; Providing For Small Business Assistance; And For Other Purposes

- City Attorney, Sam Thomas, came forward to present this item.
- This is a special emergency meeting of the Alpharetta City Council for the purpose of considering an ordinance responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. This meeting and ordinance are in response to a revised shelter-in-place order from the Fulton County Department of Health.
- On Monday, March 23, 2020, the State of Georgia Department of Public Health (the "DPH") issued an Amended Administrative Order for Public Health Control Measures regarding COVID-19 (the "DPH Order") thereby directing certain persons to isolate, quarantine, or shelter in place.
- The Fulton County Board of Health (the "BOH") on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 issued a Declaration and Ratification of Public Health Emergency within Fulton County due to the threat and impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic and order of closure or modification of certain business activities countywide to minimize direct human contact and an addendum thereto (collectively, the "BOH Order") thereby commanding the closure or modified operation of non-essential and essential businesses throughout Fulton County and further commanding all gatherings within Fulton County be limited to fewer than ten (10) people.
- On Tuesday, March 31, 2020, the Fulton County Board of Health issued its Administrative Order for Public Health Control Measures related to COVID-19, directing all residents of Fulton County to shelter in place.

- If COVID-19 continues to spread in the Metropolitan Atlanta area, it may tax, strain, and overly burden public health, safety, welfare personnel, facilities, and equipment to result in unnecessary injury and death.
- Based upon the information available from the CDC, the DPH, and the BOH, to protect life, health, property, and public peace, it is necessary to ensure that the largest possible number of residents of the City of Alpharetta shelter in place, self-quarantine, and/or self-isolate in their place of residence.
- The deadline for submission of the registration and payment of the administrative fee, occupational tax, and/or regulatory fee, under Section 42-65 of The Code of Alpharetta, Georgia (the "Code") shall be extended to June 30, 2020.
- The monthly reporting requirements and excise tax payment deadlines, under Chapter 4 of the Code related to the sale of alcoholic beverages, for the calendar months of February 2020, March 2020, and April 2020 are extended to June 30, 2020.

Public Comment

- See attached
- ❖ Council Member Merkel offered a motion to adopt an emergency ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Alpharetta, Georgia under section 2.23 of the charter of the City of Alpharetta, Georgia declaring a state of emergency in the City of Alpharetta, Georgia during the public emergency of the novel coronavirus disease 2019 global pandemic; directing residents to shelter in place; directing certain persons to isolate and quarantine; prohibiting all non-essential travel; prohibiting all gatherings of ten or more persons; closing all City Facilities to the public with certain exceptions; establishing the closure or modified operation of certain businesses; providing for small business assistance; and for other purposes
 - The motion received a second from Council Member Hipes
 - The motion was approved unanimously (7-0)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- See attached

VII. REPORTS

- No Reports

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ With no further business to discuss or items to be heard, Mayor Gilvin adjourned the meeting at 7:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin Cobb, City Clerk