

6:00 P.M.
Special City Council Meeting

Council Chambers

1. Opening Items.

Subject :	1.01 Council Reference Materials
Meeting :	Mar 17, 2020 - City Council Special Meeting
Category :	1. Opening Items.
Access :	Private
Type :	Discussion, Information
Subject :	1.02 Call To Order
Meeting :	Mar 17, 2020 - City Council Special Meeting
Category :	1. Opening Items.
Access :	Public
Type :	Procedural

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Mayor Hernández will call the meeting to order.

Subject :	1.03 Pledge of Allegiance
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Access :	Public
Type :	Procedural

Public Content

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

2. Action Items.

Subject :	2.01 Emergency Declaration in Response to COVID-19
Meeting :	Mar 17, 2020 - City Council Special Meeting
Category :	2. Action Items.

Access : Public

Type : Action

Public Content

The Council will discuss and consider an emergency declaration in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. They may pass any Resolutions or Ordinances that may be needed.

File Attachments

[CollegePlace_EmergencyDeclaration_Final.-Final.update.pdf \(84 KB\)](#)

3. Closing Items.

Subject : 3.01 Adjournments

Meeting : Mar 17, 2020 - City Council Special Meeting

Category : 3. Closing Items.

Access : Public

Type : Action

Recommended Action : Motion to adjourn the meeting



Office of the Mayor
Norma L. Hernández

CITY OF COLLEGE PLACE
625 South College Avenue
College Place, WA 99324

**CITY OF COLLEGE PLACE
EMERGENCY DISASTER DECLARATION: COVID-19 OUTBREAK
RESOLUTION No. 20-009**

March 17th, 2020

A DECLARATION of an emergency,

WHEREAS, a disaster has been declared in City of College Place at 6 p.m. on March 17th, 2020 and, assistance is needed; and

WHEREAS, on January 31st, 2020, the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public emergency for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) beginning on January 27th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on February 29th, 2020 a patient was transported by ambulance from Umatilla County into Walla Walla County and hospitalized with a presumptive positive case of Novel Corona Virus 2019 (COVID-19), and Walla Walla County Department of Community Health, after further testing, was able to confirm the COVID-19 diagnosis in coordination with the Washington State Department of Health and the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

WHEREAS, on March 13th, 2020 the Walla Walla County Board of Commissioners declared a disaster pertaining to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-COV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the CDC identifies the potential health threat by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as “high”, and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States; and

WHEREAS, under the above referenced conditions there is substantial likelihood of risk of health of the citizens of College Place; and

WHEREAS, in the judgement of the undersigned, extraordinary measures are required to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of College Place's residents and may go beyond the capability of local resources; and

WHEREAS, the conditions stated above constitute an emergency for the City of College Place, necessitating activation of the City of College Place Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) and the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 38.52.070 and CPMC 2.64 (Ordinance No. 18-017).

NOW THEREFORE, I, Norma L. Hernández, Mayor, declares as follows:

Section 1. There is a Declared Emergency in and to the City due to the incident.

Section 2. Pursuant to the emergency declared at Section 1, all emergency powers and authority set forth in RCW 38.52.070, COOP, and CPMC 2.64 are hereby invoked, (including without limitation to the right to enter into contract, employ temporary workers and incur obligations without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law, except mandatory constitutional requirements).

Section 3. City Departments are authorized to enter into contracts and incur obligations with City Council approval necessary to combat this emergency, protect the health and safety of persons and property, and provide emergency assistance to the victims of this disaster.

Section 4. Citizens and businesses are highly encouraged to donate N-95 rated masks to our first responders (police and fire).

Section 5. The City will closely adhere to Walla Walla County Department of Community Health/State of Washington Department of Health rulings and guidance pertaining to this disaster.

Section 6. The City will waive late fees and utility shutoffs for individuals that are impacted by COVID-19 virus for the months of March & April at which time the situation will be evaluated again. The City may require affected account holders to provide proof of quarantine and/or illness in the form of a medical provider note or other as directed by the City.

Section 7. That the City Administrator, upon the recommendation of the Human Resources Manager, is hereby authorized to adjust any personnel policies related to leave time, other benefits or terms and conditions of employment as are reasonably related to provide sufficient staffing during the term of the emergency.

Section 8. That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to close City facilities as is reasonably required to protect the health of the public and employees of the City.

Section 9. That the Mayor may cancel meetings of any board or commission to which the Mayor appoints members. Any such cancellation shall automatically extend such deadlines for required actions by such board or commission as is specified in the cancellation notice.

Section 10. That any regular or special meetings of the City Council may be conducted at the call of the Mayor or two Council members via electronic means including audio or video conference. Such meetings may be held, providing such notice to the public and media as is reasonable under the circumstances, and providing access to the public including a means for public participation. All such meetings shall be considered “emergency meetings” under the law. During this period of emergency, Council Rules are hereby modified to require an affirmative vote of the majority of a quorum present, electronically or physically, at the meeting for the passage of any council bill or to provide policy direction.

Section 11. The Mayor and City Administrator are authorized to request all available state and federal assistance necessary to respond to this emergency.

Section 12. Authorizes the City Administrator and/or designee to participate in the Unified Command meetings of Walla Walla County Community Health & Emergency Management Departments.

Section 13. The Mayor, upon consultation with the Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Walla Walla County Community Health Director as conditions arise, can issue an Executive Order to further regulate practices of our local business community and associates thereof to prevent acts or inactions which endanger public's health and safety, (e.g. anti-hoarding, price gouging prohibitions)

Section 14. This Declaration and Order shall terminate at midnight following the 90th day after the date below unless extended or terminated earlier by the Mayor of the City of College Place.

PASSED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of College Place, Washington, this 17th day of March, 2020.

Attest:

Norma L. Hernández, Mayor

Carolyn Holm
Deputy City Clerk