

City Council Special Meeting (Tuesday, March 17, 2020)

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PRESENT: Mayor Norma L. Hernández
Council Michael Cleveland, Loren Peterson, Melodie Selby, Heather Schermann, Byron
Members Trop
Council
Member via Jerry Bobbit
phone
Staff Administrator, Mike Rizzitiello;
Deputy City Clerk, Carolyn Holm;
Liz Jesse, Walla Walla County Emergency Management Department
Director;
ALSO PRESENT Meghan DeBolt, Walla Walla County Community Health Director (via
phone)
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Marge Nyhagen
City Attorney, Rea Culwell

1. Opening Items.

Procedural: 1.02 Call To Order

Mayor Hernández called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Procedural: 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 1.04 Excuse absence of Council Member Nyhagen

2. Action Items.

Action: 2.01 Emergency Declaration in Response to COVID-19

Mr. Rizzitiello presented the Emergency Declaration in response to COVID-19 informing we are working to cover all basis and align with the County. The conditions stated in the Resolution 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). Discussion ensued.

Council Member Selby made a motion to approve the Emergency Declaration in Response to COVID-19. Second by Council Member Trop and the motion passed 7-0.

Liz Jesse, Walla Walla County Emergency Management Director advised they continue to work with Washington State Emergency Management who has formed Unified Command with Washington State Department of Health for resource ordering. She communicated there are shortages everywhere throughout the state, and they are working hard to overcome ordering issues. Prioritization is given to EMS. She communicated the Governor had just signed a bill freeing up emergency funds this afternoon and the situation is continually evolving. She reiterated the need for us to communicate with our Legislators to put pressure on them to free up grant funding instead of loans. Make our voices heard. Discussion ensued.

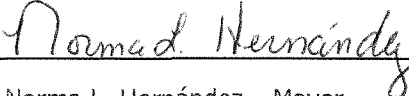
Meghan DeBolt, Walla Walla County Community Health Director communicated anyone coming from another country is under 14 day home isolation. If they are fever free after 14 days they are released from home isolation. They do their best to cover everyone but the duty is on the individual to notify the Community Health Department.

3. Closing Items.

Action: 3.01 Adjournments

**Council Member Schermann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.
Second by Council Member Peterson and, with no objection, the meeting adjourned.**

Approved:



Norma L. Hernández – Mayor

Attest:



Carolyn Holm – Deputy City
Clerk

The foregoing minutes are the official record of the City Council meeting that occurred March 17, 2020. Further detail may be obtained by reviewing the actual audio recording made during this session.