

PLANO CITY COUNCIL

WILL CONVENE INTO A SPECIAL CALLED SESSION AT 5:30 P.M., May 5, 2020, VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE IN COMPLIANCE WITH VERNON'S TEXAS CODES ANNOTATED, GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 551 (OPEN MEETINGS ACT), AS FOLLOWS:

This Council Meeting will be held via videoconference. The City Council will participate remotely via videoconference. The facility will not be open to the public.

Members of the public are entitled to participate remotely via broadcast by webinar at the following URL location (registration is required by 2:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting):

https://plano.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1DJLIQHAS0-bJQDJq5Xvcg

The meeting will be live streamed on Plano's website at www.planotv.org for those wanting to watch the meeting but not address the Council.

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Call to Order

Special Called Session

- I. Consideration of a Resolution to provide the City Manager authority related to personnel, procurement, public meetings and City Code and policy decisions necessary for issues that arise during the duration of the state and federal emergency declarations related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and providing an effective date.

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, during Special Called Sessions, agenda items will be discussed and votes may be taken where appropriate. The City Council may convene into Executive Session to discuss posted items in the session as allowed by law.

A Resolution of the City of Plano, Texas, providing the City Manager authority related to personnel, procurement, public meetings and City Code and policy decisions necessary for issues that arise during the duration of the state and federal emergency declarations related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan, China; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump declared a State of National Emergency for the United States of America on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott declared a statewide public health disaster; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that during the pendency of the federal and statewide public health disaster, the City Manager is authorized to make decisions related to personnel, procurement, public meetings and City Code and policies to address issues that arise related to the COVID-19 emergency as set out herein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLANO, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION I. The City Council hereby finds that while in a state of disaster, there is a public purpose in maintaining the City workforce and ensuring continuity in staffing while continuing the City's services but recognizing that certain facilities and/or operations may need to be temporarily closed or suspended and/or certain personnel may encounter disaster related events that prevent them from working at full capacity intermittently during the public health emergency. The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to make any staffing and compensation related decisions necessary to adapt to the rapidly changing environment created by the public health emergency to meet the objectives stated herein and authorizes the expenditure of City funds to accommodate same. Any expenditure of funds beyond that approved in the FY19-20 budget will come to the City Council for ratification at a City Council meeting, though the expenditure may be made prior to City Council ratification due to the public health emergency.

SECTION II. The City Council hereby finds that while in a state of disaster, immediate procurement may be necessary to preserve and protect public health and safety, and authorizes the City Manager to purchase goods or services as necessary for ratification by the City Council at a later date as long as the procurement is in compliance with state law requirements.

SECTION III. The City Council hereby finds that a public necessity exists to authorize the City Manager, while in a state of disaster, to determine whether it is difficult for a quorum of the members of boards and/or committees of the City to meet in person based on public health and safety concerns related to the pandemic. If such a determination is made, boards and/or committees will be authorized to conduct their public meetings via telephone or video conference if allowed by law. The City Manager is hereby authorized, at his discretion, to exclude the public from in person attendance at board and/or committee meetings to preserve the public health if allowed by law.

SECTION IV. The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to temporarily waive any City Code regulations or City policies that are difficult or impossible to comply with during the state of disaster as long as it is not inconsistent with state law.

SECTION V. For purposes of this resolution, the state of disaster referenced herein shall refer to any time period for which a disaster declaration is operative for the City of Plano, the State of Texas, and/or the United States of America for the emergency related to COVID-19.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED THE 5th DAY OF MAY 2020.

Harry LaRosiliere, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Lisa C. Henderson, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Paige Mims, CITY ATTORNEY