

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Danny Dunagan, Zack Thompson, George Wangemann, Sam Couvillon, Juli Clay
TELECONFERENCE: Barbara Brooks
STAFF PRESENT: Bryan Lackey, Angela Sheppard, Abb Hayes, Denise Jordan

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and served as the presiding officer.

NOTICE OF MEETING:

City Attorney Abb Hayes stated the meeting was called with less than 24 hours' notice due to the special circumstances and emergency declared by the City of Gainesville related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The emergency conditions related to COVID-19, which involve public safety and the preservation of property and public services, allow the meeting to occur by teleconference, and means are being afforded for the public to have simultaneous access to the meeting.

TELECONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT:

City Attorney Abb Hayes stated Council Member Brooks was participating via teleconference.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mayor Dunagan read the following statement:

I have served the City of Gainesville since 2006 and lived here my entire life, but the impact of the coronavirus COVID-19 on our community, and this country is unlike anything you or I have experienced before.

We are truly living in unprecedented times, leaving many of us faced with circumstances for which there is no handbook. What we do know, is that an emergency exists within our city because of the COVID-19 pandemic, threatening the safety and wellbeing of our citizens and workers.

With this in mind, and after conferring with healthcare professionals, Council and I have made the decision to issue a shelter-in-place order that establishes additional measures to guide residents and businesses through this global health crisis. It's our hope this action will slow the spread of COVID-19, giving healthcare workers and first responders – everyone on the front lines – the best chance at managing growing caseloads.

Under these new requirements, we want our citizens to remain at home, if at all possible. However, our citizens can continue activities deemed essential to the health and safety of themselves and their household. Businesses and organizations engaged in essential services are also allowed to continue operating, but must follow precautions set forth by healthcare professionals and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including the practice of social distancing. Individuals employed in essential functions may continue working as long as they're healthy.

We thank those who, up until this point, have complied with directives set forth by state and federal governments, and followed CDC guidelines. We also appreciate our residents and businesses that have listened to previous requests by this Council to stay at home, leaving only for essential purposes.

We are in this together – and we will get through this, together.

City Manager Bryan Lackey clarified today's action is very similar to action taken in other jurisdictions. The restrictive provisions take place at midnight tonight and stay in place until the Council votes to dissolve the resolution.

RESOLUTION:

Business Resolution 2020-16

Further Provisions Related to the Declaration of Emergency Due to COVID-19

Motion to adopt the resolution as presented.

Motion made by Council Member Clay

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

Votes favoring the motion: Dunagan, Thompson, Wangemann, Couvillon, Brooks, Clay

ADJOURNMENT: 10:04 AM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk