

AMARILLO CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDER OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR ISSUED MARCH 16, 2020.

A REGULAR SESSION OF THE AMARILLO CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020 AT 1:00 P.M., CITY HALL, 601 SOUTH BUCHANAN STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBER ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF CITY HALL, AMARILLO, TEXAS BY VIDEO CONFERENCE (IN ORDER TO ADVANCE THE PUBLIC HEALTH GOAL OF LIMITING FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS ALSO CALLED "SOCIAL DISTANCING" TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)). THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE LOCATION DESCRIBED ABOVE.

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INVOCATION: Sean Vokes, Hillside Christian Church

PUBLIC ADDRESS

(For items on the agenda for City Council consideration)

AGENDA

1. City Council will discuss or receive reports on the following current matters or projects.
 - A. Review agenda items for regular meeting and attachments;
 - B. Coronavirus Update;
 - C. Parks Master Plan Update; and
 - D. Request future agenda items and reports from City Manager.

2. **NON-CONSENT ITEMS:**
 - A. **CONSIDERATION RESOLUTION – DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND CONTINUING THE MAYOR’S THIRD AMENDED DECLARATION OF DISASTER:**
(Contact: Bryan McWilliams, City Attorney)
This resolution allows for the renewal of the Mayor’s Third Amended Declaration of Disaster for the City of Amarillo, Texas and continues the local state of disaster pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code.

3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
City Council may convene in Executive Session to receive reports on or discuss any of the following pending projects or matters:
 - 1) Section 551.072 - Discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, sale, or value of real property and public discussion of such would not be in the best interests of the City's bargaining position:
 - (a) Discuss property located within the Southwest Quadrant of the City of Amarillo.

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Posted this 1st day of May 2020.

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Amarillo City Council Agenda Transmittal Memo



Meeting Date	May 5, 2020	Council Priority	
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Department	Legal	Contact Person	Bryan McWilliams
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Agenda Caption
CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. _____

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO CONFIRMING AND CONTINUING THE MAYOR'S THIRD AMENDED DECLARATION OF DISASTER.

Agenda Item Summary
This Resolution allows for the renewal of the Mayor's Third Amended Declaration of Disaster for the City of Amarillo, Texas and hereby continues the local state of disaster pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code.

Requested Action
Approval of Resolution

Funding Summary
N/A

Community Engagement Summary
N/A

Staff Recommendation
Staff recommends approval as presented

RESOLUTION NO. 05-05-20-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO CONFIRMING AND CONTINUING THE MAYOR'S THIRD AMENDED DECLARATION OF DISASTER; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath, and can range from mild to severe illness; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a state of emergency related to the outbreak of COVID-19 and urged citizens to practice social distancing protocols; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbot declared a state of emergency related to the outbreak of COVID-19 and suspended multiple state statutes and rules to promote social distancing protocols; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Local Health Authority and the City of Amarillo Public Health Department received confirmation of two cases of COVID-19 in the City of Amarillo; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020 at 7:15 PM the Mayor of the City of Amarillo issued a Declaration of Disaster, pursuant to her authority under Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to state law the Amarillo City Council renewed and continued the Mayor's Declaration of Disaster on March 24th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020 at 9:00 AM the Mayor of the City of Amarillo issued a First Amended Declaration of Disaster, pursuant to her authority under Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to state law the Amarillo City Council renewed and continued the Mayor's First Amended Declaration of Disaster on March 31st, 2020 continuing it until 11:59 PM, April 14th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to state law the Amarillo City Council renewed and continued the Mayor's First Amended Declaration of Disaster on April 14, 2020 continuing it until 11:59 PM, April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 24th, 2020 the Mayor of the City of Amarillo issued a Second Amended Declaration of Disaster, pursuant to her authority under Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to state law the Amarillo City Council renewed and continued the Mayor's Second Amended Declaration of Disaster on April 28th, 2020 continuing it until 11:59 PM, April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 29th, 2020 the Mayor of the City of Amarillo issued a Third Amended Declaration of Disaster, pursuant to her authority under Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Amarillo City Council has determined that it is necessary to renew and continue the state of local disaster to promote and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of citizens.

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

SECTION 1. (i) That the City Council consents and renews the Mayor's Third Amended Declaration of Disaster for the City of Amarillo, Texas and hereby continues the local state of disaster pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code; and

(ii) Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this renewal and continuation of the declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary; and

(iii) Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this renewal and continuation of the declaration of a local state of disaster continues the activation of the city emergency operations plan and that the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration is hereby authorized and that all appropriate preparedness and response aspects of the plan are continued; and

(iv) That the use of all available resources of the City of Amarillo that are reasonably necessary to cope with the disaster are hereby authorized; and

(v) To the extent permitted by law, any local ordinance or administrative rule prescribing the procedures for conduct of City business or any local ordinance or administrative rule that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster, including any local ordinance or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement which would impede the City's emergency response necessary to cope with this declared disaster, are hereby suspended, but only for the duration of this declared disaster and only for that limited purposes; and

(vi) That pursuant to Section 418.108(g) of the Government Code, the Mayor of the City of Amarillo may control ingress to and egress from a disaster area within the incorporated limits of the City of Amarillo and control the movement of persons and occupancy of premises in that area; and

(vii) Pursuant to Section 122.006 of the Health and Safety Code, the City of Amarillo may adopt rules to protect the health and safety of persons in the municipality, including quarantine rules to protect residents against communicable disease.

SECTION 2. That should any part of this resolution conflict with any other resolution, then such other resolution is repealed to the extent of the conflict with this resolution.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall be effective on and after its adoption.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED this 5th day of May 2020

Ginger Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Frances Hibbs, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan McWilliams, City Attorney