

Mayor and Council Emergency Meeting

Teleconference

March 23, 2020

4:30PM

Minutes

1. Call to Order: Mayor Hallman called the Emergency Meeting to order at 4:30PM via teleconference.

2. Roll Call:

Mayor Alan Hallman

Alderman at Large Mike Rast

Councilman at Large Travis Horsley

Councilman Ward I Mark Adams

Councilman Ward II Chloe Alexander

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.I Consideration and Action on Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency for the City of Hapeville and Directing that There be a Temporary Prohibition on large Public Assemblages, Events, or Gatherings within the City of Hapeville in Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic

MOTION: Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve the resolution, Councilman Horsley seconded. Discussion: Mayor Hallman said he is inclined to close off outdoor equipment because the virus is being transferred via plastic and metal. Councilman Alexander said that other cities have staff to sanitize throughout the day. Mayor Hallman said the goal is to keep parks open to allow for a place to go to get out of the house. Councilman Adams agreed with keeping the parks open and at a minimum have staff to sanitize at least once a day.

Alderman Rast asked is the language the language regarding curfew. Is it a part of this resolution? City Manager, Tim Young apologized for the delay of the newly revised resolution that had been sent out that afternoon. City Attorney, Andy Welch said the revised resolution has more language about the virus and it uses what GMA has recommended. Mr. Welch said the curfew language had been removed as he doesn't know if the Governor is going in that direction.

Councilman Horsley said he is inclined to pass the resolution that was in the agenda last Friday. Mayor Hallman can do an executive order. Councilman Adams said that Dr. Del Rio implied that the Governor will come out with stricter guidelines.

Councilman Horsley asked the following: whether home exemptions would be extended, public hearings during public meetings, and enforcement for non-compliance. He asked if this last into the following months, how would the three public hearings for the budget process take place.

Alderman Rast suggested carving out hair stylist and barbers, stating a small exemption by hair appointments only, one person in shop and operator wear protective gloves if this goes on a number of weeks. Councilman Adams asked how do we ensure the stylist is wearing PPE when

there is a shortage. Would we recommend one stylist too? Councilman Alexander said the federal government recommendation is 10. Councilman Adams said as long as 10 people at a time.

Mayor Hallman said Mayor Bottoms has allowed alcohol to go and wanted to see how Council felt about it. He is looking for a way for restaurants to make up for lost revenue, but he is not advocating a free for all. City Attorney, Lajuana Ransaw confirmed that it's unopen beer and wine and not mixed drinks. Councilman Horsley said he is fine with that.

Mayor Hallman said he agrees with Councilman Horsley about approving the resolution included in the agenda packet.

Councilman Horsley asked is the budget public hearing allowed to be teleconference. Mr. Welch said this is uncharted territory. Mr. Welch asked Mrs. Patel was there a termination date for the resolution. Mrs. Patel stated there is no termination date because the situation is evolving. Mr. Welch said the City can look into technology for having public hearings. Mayor Hallman said he supposed a properly advertised meeting with teleconference with video would be allowed by the state. We can visit that as we get closer. We can continue to work with Liberty to check on streaming. East Point joined via Facebook. We can make sure streaming is where it needs to be.

Mr. Welch said the right thing to do is to adopt the version included in the agenda packet. He said for Mrs. Patel and Mrs. Ransaw to look at section one and two to see if that's not language wanted in this resolution. We can address after hearing more from the state and then ratify by Council after having another emergency meeting. Mrs. Patel stated that subsection E has a catch all but can specify more in that section.

MOTION: Councilman Horsley amended the motion to include an exemption for hair stylist and barbers to have five stylists per five customers, making max 10 people; parks remain open with sanitizing daily Monday through Friday; allow for curbside pick-up for alcohol; and include the statement Mr. Welch read; Councilman Adams seconded. Councilman Alexander asked what is the plan to get the information out to the businesses and residents and what would the start date be. Mrs. Patel said the effective date of the resolution is Tuesday, March 24th at 9PM. Mayor Hallman said once it is finalized, can get printed copies out by law enforcement and fire to the businesses. Motion carried 4-0.

3.II Consideration and Action to Authorize the Mayor to Sign Deed for 800 Doug Davis Drive

MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the deed, Councilman Alexander seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

3.III Consideration and Action Roof Repair at 3266 Dogwood Drive

MOTION: Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve the roof repair at 3266 Dogwood Drive, Councilman Adams seconded. Discussion: Councilman Adams asked would this not have been something caught earlier. Mr. Young said no, as the City was trying to keep a low profile of the purchase. Councilman Alexander said with everything happening, how safe is it for workers to complete these types of projects. Councilman Horsley mentioned the order of the Governor concerning building construction. Motion carried 4-0.

4. **ADJOURN** – Alderman Rast made a motion to adjourn at 5:31PM, Councilman Horsley seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Hallman, Mayor

Crystal Griggs-Epps, City Clerk