

**City of Dunnellon
Special City Council Meeting**

Date: March 18, 2020
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Place: City Hall
20750 River Dr., Dunnellon, FL 34431

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Burns called the meeting to order at approximately 4:05p.m. and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Burns asked if a citizen would volunteer to open with prayer. There was none. Mayor Burns called for a moment of silence.

Roll Call

The following members answered present at roll call:

Dale Burns, Mayor, Seat 1
Bill White, Councilman, Seat 2
Anita Williams, Councilwoman, Seat 3
Valerie Hanchar, Vice-Mayor, Seat 4

Council members absent

Linda Fernandez, Councilwoman, Seat 5

Staff Present

Dawn Bowne, City Administrator
Chief Mike McQuaig, Police Department
Troy Slattery, Public Works Manager (arrived approximately 4:30 p.m.)
Lynn Wyland, Records Clerk

Legal Counsel

Andrew Hand, (attended by telephone)
Shepard, Smith, Kohlmyer & Hand, P.A.

Proof of Publication

Mrs. Wyland announced for the record the agenda for this meeting was posted on the City's website and City Hall bulletin board on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

One or more members of the same City of Dunnellon advisory board may attend this meeting and may speak to Council.

Regular Agenda

Agenda Item No. 1 – Resolution RES2020-07, COVID-19 Declaration of Local State of Emergency

Attorney Hand provided an overview of the resolution and the executive orders from the Governor. He reviewed Page 2, Section 1 of the resolution, which provides the City Administrator and the City's Emergency Management Coordinator (as defined by Section 22-32 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Dunnellon) the power and authority to order do

certain things they deem appropriate to protect the City's health, safety and welfare during the period of such emergency in whole or in part.

Attorney Hand explained effective immediately in accordance with Section 22-34(3) of the City of Dunnellon's Code of Ordinance, the Mayor of the City of Dunnellon by executive order as directed by and in conjunction with the City Council of the City of Dunnellon per this Resolution, declares a state of local emergency pursuant to Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes for an initial period of seven (7) days. He said after the necessary executive order they will basically be self-renewing.

Council and staff engaged in lengthy discussion with Attorney Hand and asked several questions which answers were provided.

Chief McQuaig discussed Marion County removing workshops from their schedule until the crisis is over. He recommended the City also discontinue workshops and only hold limited Council meetings pertaining to time sensitive matters for the time being. Chief McQuaig also suggested Council give authority to Mrs. Bowne to evaluate the crowd control at City Beach and possibly close the beach. He discussed the need for crowd control and the limitation of residents allowed to gather. He noted that for now, there is no charge for entrance to the beach.

Mrs. Bowne commented that AARP pulled their city workers due to being in the high risk category. At this time we have no staff at the beach or for cleaning/sanitizing of the restrooms.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar moved Resolution #RES2020-07 be read by title only. Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion.

Mayor Burns noted a motion was on the floor and called for a vote. The vote was taken and all members were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

Mrs. Wyland read the following into the record:

“Resolution #RES2020-07

A Resolution and Proclamation of the City of Dunnellon, Florida, Proclaiming and Declaring the Existence of State of Emergency Related to Covid-19; Executive Order Declaring State of Emergency.”

Vice-Mayor Hanchar moved Resolution #RES2020-07 be approved. Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion. The vote was taken and all members were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

Council and staff engaged in brief discussion regarding how Council can take immediate action to temporarily waive beach fees.

Chief McQuaig asked Attorney Hand if we could do this under Sec. 1 (e) of the resolution.

Attorney Hand replied yes.

Mayor Burns called for public comments on removing the fees during the emergency. There were none.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar moved to allow our City Administrator and/or EOC to take action that Sec. 1 (e) to currently remove beach fees during the emergency. Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion. The vote was taken and all members were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

Chief McQuaig said the intent would be to keep the beach open, but if it becomes over crowded, it would be necessary to close it.

Mayor Burns called for public comments. There were none.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar moved to cancel city council workshops during State of Emergency. Only hold City Council meetings for time sensitive issues.

Councilwoman Williams noted that she will be on vacation during the next council meeting. Councilman White seconded the motion. The vote was taken and all members were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar thanked staff and mayor and said she was grateful to all.

Chief McQuaig spoke on the following items:

- Capacity of building – how to determine during state of emergency. 6 feet seating.
- Mandates – Governor regulates
- Running out of food – ability – has in stock- MRE – Marion County Transit
- Residents get sick – drive thru clinic in Dunnellon – testing if meet criteria
- Marion County School Board – providing brown paper bag lunches. The schedule is on their website.
- Marion County Senior Services will continue.
- WDLN 104.9 will be broadcasting updates.

Chief McQuaig said staff is here to support our city.

Mrs. Bowne explained items regarding the Coronavirus will continue to be posted on the City's website at www.dunnellon.org.

Chief McQuaig addressed an update the Marion County Board of County Commissioners provided. Commissioner Kathy Bryant invited mayors of surrounding communities to attend. He said Mayor Burns attended this meeting. Chief McQuaig stated the news clip will be posted to Marion County's Facebook page. Mrs. Bowne said she will post the clip to the City's website.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar addressed the upcoming Ocala Marion Transportation Organization meetings of March 24th and March 25th.

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Chief McQuaig noted the Planning Commission meeting will be held Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Bowne stated there will be limited seating.

Agenda Item No. 2 – Adjourn

At approximately 5:37 p.m. Mayor Burns moved the March 18, 2020 Special City Council meeting be adjourned. Vice-Mayor Hanchar seconded. All members voted in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Attest:

Amanda Roberts, CMC
City Clerk

C. Dale Burns, Jr., Mayor

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Minutes approved at the July 13, 2020 Council meeting.