



# MINUTES

## SPECIAL FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL, 206 S. MAIN STREET  
NINTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

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Friday, March 13, 2020 - 5:30 p.m.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Knox H. White

2. **ROLL CALL**

The following members of City Council were in attendance: Mayor Knox White, John DeWorken, Lillian Flemming, Ken Gibson, Wil Brasington, Russell Stall, and Dorothy Dowe

3. **PRESENTATION CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE PLAN**

City Manager John McDonough commented on the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak sweeping the nation and the world and introduced a presentation, as located in City Council's agenda packet, provided by Department Directors regarding proposed action plan recommendations in conducting municipal business.

Doctors from the PRISMA Healthcare System addressed the COVID-19 outbreak, encouraged the community to respond as a collective body, and offered two free virtual sites for speaking with physicians.

Parks and Recreation Director Marlie Creasey-Smith referred to closing the Greenville Zoo and the Community Centers. Councilmembers expressed their concern in halting the afterschool programs beginning Monday, March 16, while Greenville County Schools were still scheduled to be open. Department Directors and Councilmembers offered to assist in contacting the parents of the 140 children attending those programs.

Councilmember DeWorken thanked staff for its efforts in putting together the action plans and the presentations.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. An Emergency Ordinance to temporarily suspend the normal operating procedures of City Council Meetings, to authorize the City Manager to develop and enact a plan in order to ensure continuity in the delivery of government services in light of the COVID-19 outbreak, and matters related thereto  
*(Presented by City Attorney Michael Pitts)*

Councilmember Brasington moved, seconded by Councilmember DeWorken, to approve first and final reading.

Councilmember Brasington asked if there needed to be further action regarding how the Boards and Commissions operate, Mr. Pitts stated the Ordinance covers that concern.

Councilmember Dowe asked if the Planning Commission scheduled for March 19 needed to be canceled. Mr. Pitts responded there are applications which require a public hearing by a date certain.

Mayor White asked if the March 23 meeting is still scheduled, and Mr. McDonough responded it is, adding there are plans for the IT Department to provide public access to view and call into the meeting.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**5. ADJOURN.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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KNOX H. WHITE, MAYOR

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LORI O. SONDOV, CMC  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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