

CITY OF RENO
CALLED EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
72 HOUR NOTICE IS REDUCED BASED ON URGENT PUBLIC NECESSITY
4:30 P.M. MARCH 16, 2020
160 BLACKBURN STREET, RENO CITY HALL

MINUTES

Statement of Urgent Public Necessity: A city that experiences an emergency or an urgent public necessity may conduct a meeting without providing the 72-hour notice requirement that is generally required to conduct a meeting under the Open Meetings Act. An emergency or urgent public necessity exists only if immediate action is required because of: (1) an imminent threat to public health and safety; or (2) a reasonably unforeseeable situation. See Tex. Government Code §551.045(b). The sudden relocation of a large number of residents from the area of a declared disaster to a governmental body's jurisdiction is considered to be a reasonably unforeseeable situation for a reasonable period immediately following the relocation. *Id.* at §551.045(e).

- I. Call to Order. City Secretary Tricia Smith called the phone conference meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.
- II. Roll Call. Council members present: Brandon Thomas, Amanda Willows, Patricia Wood and Stacey Nichols. Also present, Mayor Bart Jetton, Mayor Pro Tem Joey McCarthy, City Attorney David Hamilton and City Secretary Tricia Smith taping the minutes.
- III. New Business; Discuss/take action:
 - a. City Public Offices: 1) Safety of the work place environment. Safety of the work place environment. National Health Disaster regarding Corvid-19 (Corona) virus and recommendations of the Center for Disease Control regarding limitations on crowd size and non-essential meetings. City Council decided to lock the doors to city hall to minimize the spread of the virus. The doors to City buildings will remain locked until further notice. Mayor Jetton passed a proclamation of disaster. The City Council approved the disaster proclamation that was signed on March 15, 2020.
- IV. Adjourn. City Secretary Tricia Smith adjourned the at 4:35 P.M.

Bart Jetton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tricia Smith, City Secretary