LEGAL NOTICE
A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee convened at 12:00 p.m. on March 23, 2020 in the Courtroom of the Municipal Building with Mayor Warren L. Gooch presiding.

INVOCATION
The invocation was led by Councilmember Derrick Hammond.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Councilmember Kelly Callison.

ROLL CALL: Upon roll call, the following councilmembers were present: Councilmember Kelly Callison; Mayor Pro Tem Rick Chinn (via telephone); Councilmember Jim Dodson; Mayor Warren Gooch; Councilmember Derrick Hammond; Councilmember Charles J. Hope, Jr. and Councilmember Ellen Smith.

Also present were Mark Watson, City Manager (via telephone); Ken Krushenski, City Attorney; and Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk.

THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS WERE TAKEN:

Amended and approved the following:
A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING A MAYORAL EXECUTIVE ORDER DATED MARCH 23, 2020 DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF, AND TO FACILITATE THE CONTAINMENT OF, THE COVID-19 DISEASE.

Approved the following:
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE CITY MANAGER’S MANAGEMENT OF EMERGENCY LEAVE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AS AUTHORIZED IN POLICY NUMBER F-378, SECTION 2.4.1 OF THE CITY’S ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING VARIOUS EMERGENCY MEASURES BY THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE IN RESPONSE TO THE IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS INCLUDING THE SUSPENSION OF DISCONNECTION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF UTILITY CUSTOMERS FOR UP TO 90 DAYS AND THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH AID TO DISTRESSED FAMILIES OF APPALACHIAN COUNTIES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $100,000 TO ASSIST CITY OF OAK RIDGE RESIDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE VIRUS WITH PAYMENT OF THEIR UTILITY BILLS.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LOCAL HOTELS REGARDING ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEE STAYS.

Discussion was held on the following:
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON CITY OPERATIONS BY CITY MANAGER AND SENIOR STAFF
DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A SCHEDULE FOR ONGOING AND FUTURE SPECIAL MEETINGS.

ADJOURNMENT: 1:41 p.m.

Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk
CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE