

**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