

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL/EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SYLACAUGA HELD MARCH 18, 2020

This special/emergency meeting of the City Council was called by the City Council President for consideration of certain business items as follows:

- To discuss options and formulate a plan for preparing, preventing, and dealing with the possibility of COVID-19 in the community.
- To consider and act upon any other business that needs to come before Council at this time.

MEETING AGENDA

1. Council President, Lee Perryman, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Council Members Present: Ashton Fowler, Tiffany Nix, Donnie Blackmon, Dallas Davenport, and Lee Perryman. Absent: None. Mayor James Heigl and City Clerk/Treasurer Patricia Carden were also present.
3. Invocation was given by District 3 Councilman, Donnie Blackmon.
4. Council President Perryman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. Adopt Agenda:
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to adopt the agenda was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

6. Discussion of options and actions available to assist in efforts to prepare for, prevent, and deal with the possibility of COVID-19 in the community:

Council President Perryman referenced various conversations with citizens and businesses in the community over concerns with their lack of ability to regulate or limit gatherings according to the State Health Officer and Governor Ivey's recommendations. Barry Curtis, Curtis & Son Funeral Home, commented that without some local authority from Council he has no way of telling people that they can have conventional funerals right now. After a few additional comments and brief discussion between council members, the Council President called for any related action from Council.

Resolution #24-2020 was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Read by City Clerk.

A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to suspend the rules and give immediate consideration was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

Upon unanimous consent by Council to give the resolution immediate consideration:

A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve Resolution 24-2020 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

7. There was no other business action that Council needed to consider. However, Council President asked SAFE Director, Margaret Morton, to provide an update on their services during and related to the COVID-19 situation. Morton reported that the transportation program will be limited to providing trips for essential services such as trips for medical treatments and to work. They will be providing delivery of meals to seniors who aren't able to pick them up, and will begin coordinating grocery orders and deliveries for seniors who can't get out. Transportation employees will be checking on the seniors by phone to help alleviate isolation issues that may occur while they aren't able to congregate. They are working closely with schools and Childhood Food Solutions to provide meals for children. They are also relying on people viewed as leaders in various communities around

the city to help get the word out about the services being provided and to ensure services reach those who are displaced by the pandemic.

- 8.** Having no further business to discuss,
A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to adjourn was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.

(Time of adjournment 3:33 p.m.)

APPROVED BY COUNCIL APRIL 15, 2020:



Lee Perryman, President of City Council

CERTIFICATION:

I, PATRICIA G. CARDEN, as City Clerk-Treasurer of the CITY OF SYLACAUGA, ALABAMA, do hereby certify that the foregoing document constitutes a true and correct permanent record of the action taken during a special meeting of the Sylacauga City Council held March 18, 2020.



Patricia G. Carden, City Clerk-Treasurer