

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS
HELD IN THE CITY HALL 4301 CITY POINT DRIVE
MAY 4, 2020**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trevino stated in accordance with the Texas Governor's March 13, 2020 Disaster Declaration and subsequent suspension of certain Texas Open Meetings Act Provisions, this May 4, 2020 meeting of the North Richland Hills City Council is hereby called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Trevino stated that tonight's meeting will be conducted using Webex video conference in order to observe physical distancing to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Mayor Trevino conducted a roll call of City Council members to confirm the presence of a quorum.

Present via video conference:

Oscar Trevino, Mayor
Rita Wright Oujesky, Mayor Pro Tem
Tito Rodriguez, Associate Mayor Pro Tem
Suzy Compton, Place 3
Mason Orr, Place 4
Mike Benton, Place 5
Scott Turnage, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem

Absent:

Tim Welch, Place 7

Staff present via video conference:

Mark Hindman, City Manager
Alicia Richardson, City Secretary
Maleshia B. McGinnis, City Attorney
Jimmy Perdue, Director of Public Safety

A.1 INVOCATION

Council member Orr gave the invocation.

A.2 PLEDGE

Council member Orr led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

A.3 CITIZENS PRESENTATION

There were no requests to speak from the public.

A.4 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Landon Illies, Mountasia General Manager, 8851 Boulevard 26, reviewed Mountasia's tiered approach for reopening to the public. Their plan is to begin with miniature golf that will include a limited number of guests at each hole. They will provide signage for social distancing. The tiered roll-out will be followed by the batting cage, go karts and kid rides. The arcade room will be the last to open. Mr. Illies mentioned that they would keep their capacity to 125 guests. They have floor markings inside the building and signage at the front entrance/counter. They had a soft opening earlier this week. asked council to oconsider that they can open up at a tiered approach.

Mayor Trevino asked City Attorney Maleshia McGinnis how Mountasia's business is identified in the county and state orders.

Ms. McGinnis informed City Council the governor's order separates businesses into two categories--essential business or reopened business. The reopened businesses as they are defined, do not include amusement parks or similar types of facilities. Ms. McGinnis informed City Council that Mr. Illies will need to contact Texas Department of Emergency Management to receive a recommendation or designation for Mountasia's type of business to be reopened.

B. GENERAL ITEMS

B.1 CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 3644, RELATING TO THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

APPROVED

Director of Public Safety Jimmy Perdue informed City Council that Governor Abbott, on April 27, 2020, issued two Executive Orders--GA-18 and GA-19. Executive Order GA-18 supersedes any conflicting order issued by local officials in response to the COVID-19 disaster and prohibits local officials from imposing restrictions inconsistent with GA-18.

Mr. Perdue informed City Council that staff is recommending approval of Ordinance No. 3644. The proposed ordinance supersedes all North Richland Hills Declarations of Local

Disaster due to Public Health Emergency; is coterminous with the State of Disaster issued by Governor Abbott on March 13 2020, as may be subsequently extended, amended or renewed; and creates a class C misdemeanor for any person, firm, corporation, agent or employee who violates any provision of the ordinance.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM WRIGHT OUJESKY, SECONDED BY ASSOCIATE MAYOR PRO TEM RODRIGUEZ TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 3644.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 6-0.

B.2 CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 3645, ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON ALL DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATION ACTIVITIES AND DISTRIBUTION OF HANDBILLS AUTHORIZED BY THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE VII, SOLICITORS AND HANDBILLS.

APPROVED

City Secretary Alicia Richardson informed City Council with the previous action to approve Ordinance No. 3644, a separate ordinance is required to establish a temporary moratorium on all door-to-door solicitation activities and distribution of handbills. If the ordinance is approved, no new permits shall be issued for door-to-door solicitation or for the distribution of handbills. Upon expiration or termination of the moratorium, all current solicitor's and handbill permits shall be extended by the time period equal to the length of the time the moratorium is in effect, except that no handbill permit shall be extended for longer than thirty (30) days. The time period for extension shall be calculated beginning April 10, 2020.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER COMPTON, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM WRIGHT OUJESKY TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 3645, WITH THE MORATORIUM ENDING JUNE 8, 2020.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS - CITY COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION LISTED ON WORK SESSION AGENDA

Mayor Trevino announced that City Council did not convene into Executive Session.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trevino adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Oscar Trevino, Mayor

Alicia Richardson, City Secretary