



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** April 27, 2020
SUBJECT: Discuss suspending the requirement under City Code of Ordinances, Section 2-63(a), to hold regular meetings at 7:00 p.m.
PRESENTER: Alicia Richardson, City Secretary

SUMMARY:

This item is to suspend the requirement under the City Code of Ordinances that requires regular City Council meetings to begin at 7:00 p.m. for the duration of the Declaration of Local Disaster due to Public Health Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Section 2-61 of the City Code of Ordinances, Rules of Procedure, provides that any rule may temporarily be suspended by unanimous vote of all members of the City Council present at the meeting.

Section 2-63(a) provides that regular meetings of the City Council shall be held on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise officially established by the City Council.

The Mayor has issued, a Declaration of Local Disaster due to Public Health Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic, and the City Council has correspondingly extended the Declaration. During the COVID-19 pandemic, staff is recommending the regular meetings of the City Council begin at 6:00 p.m., until such time as the Declaration of Local Disaster expires.

RECOMMENDATION:

To suspend the requirement under Section 2-63(a) of the City Code of Ordinances to hold regular meetings at 7:00 p.m. for the duration of the Declaration of Local Disaster due to Public Health Emergency issued by the Mayor of the City of North Richland Hills due to the COVID-19 pandemic.