

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS  
HELD IN THE CITY HALL 4301 CITY POINT DRIVE  
APRIL 6, 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 April 6, 2020 Special Meeting of the North Richland Hills City Council is hereby called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Present at City Hall:

Oscar Trevino, Mayor  
Rita Wright Oujesky, Mayor Pro Tem

Present via conference call:

Tito Rodriguez, Associate Mayor Pro Tem  
Suzy Compton, Place 3  
Mason Orr, Place 4  
Mike Benton, Place 5  
Scott Turnage, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem  
Tim Welch, Place 7

Staff present at City Hall:

Paulette Hartman, Deputy City Manager  
Alicia Richardson, City Secretary

Staff present via conference call:

Mark Hindman, City Manager  
Maleshia B. McGinnis, City Attorney

**A.1 INVOCATION**

Council member Rodriguez gave the invocation.

**A.2 PLEDGE**

Council member Rodriguez 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**

There were no requests to speak from the public.

## **B. GENERAL ITEMS**

### **B.1 DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 22 ARTICLE II, SECTION 22-32 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES AND TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION \* 418.018 DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

#### **APPROVED**

Director of Public Safety Jimmy Perdue informed City Council with the action of the governor and county officials, the city's declaration needs to be updated.

Mr. Perdue highlighted the following updates.

- Declaration language is updated to reflect this is the fifth amendment and language reflecting the county's modified language;
- Sections 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 remain unchanged;
- Section 9, to the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they must at all times maintain social distancing and minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household and All persons may leave their residences only for essential travel, essential activities, essential critical infrastructure, to provide or perform essential governmental functions, to operate essential businesses, to operate a business that provides essential services all as defined in Section 18, or for essential services as defined in Order GA-14, in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC");
- Section 10, all public or private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited, except as otherwise provided herein. Nothing in this declaration prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit, nor does it prohibit any gathering expressly permitted by Order GA-14;
- Section 11, remain unchanged;
- Section 12, ; non-essential businesses may continue minimum basic operations as defined in Section 18, as long as the business strictly adheres to the following: (1) minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household; (2) maintain social distancing; (3) utilize remote teleworking to the greatest extent possible; and (4) minimize the number of employees needed to operate at a basic level;
- Section 13, all licensed health care professionals shall postpone all surgeries and procedures that are not immediately medically necessary to correct a serious medical condition of, or to preserve the life of, a patient who without immediate performance of

the surgery or procedure would be at risk for serious adverse medical consequences or death as determined by the patient's physician. Provided, however, that this prohibition shall not apply to any procedure that, if performed in accordance with the commonly accepted standard of clinical practice, would not deplete the hospital capacity or the personal protective equipment needed to cope with the COVID-19 disaster;

- Sections 14, 15, 16 and 17, remain unchanged;

- Section 18c (a-c), (1) minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household; (2) maintain social distancing; (3) utilize remote teleworking to the greatest extent possible; and (4) minimize the number of employees needed to operate at a basic level:

- a. The minimum activities necessary to maintain the value of the business's inventory or equipment, including to process payroll and employee benefits, maintain the premises and the security of the premises, equipment or inventory, including the care and maintenance of livestock or animals;

- b. IT or other operations that facilitate employees working from home; and

- c. Perform in-store repair services performed by employees or contractor in a store or facility closed to the public;

- Section 18e (Xiii-Xiv), funeral homes, crematoriums and cemeteries may operate but must follow CDC guidelines. Social distancing is required; weddings may be held, but not more than 10 people may be present at any one time. Social distancing is required, also referencing the Texas Attorney General's guidance for houses of worship during the Covid-19 Crisis: "guidance from the CDC currently recommends that if a community is experiencing substantial community spread of COVID-19, then the houses of worship in that community should cancel all in-person gatherings of any size. But if a community is experiencing moderate to substantial spread, then the CDC recommends a reduction of activities in coordination with local health officials, possible smaller gatherings incorporating social-distancing measures, cancelation of activities with 10 or more people when high-risk populations attend in person (including those over 65 and those with underlying medical conditions) and use of creative means to deliver faith-based services. For more information, houses of worship should consult CDC guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/guidance-community-faith-organizations.html>." For updates about the level of community spread, visit [www.TarrantCounty.com](http://www.TarrantCounty.com)."

- Section 19, remain unchanged;

- Section 20, That this declaration hereby suspends the permitting requirements of Section 54-178(c) of the North Richland Hills City Code of Ordinances regarding the parking of motor homes or trailers used for human occupancy on private property, so long as the placement of such motor home or trailer does not encroach any public right-of-way or limit traffic visibility. Such motor home or trailer shall be parked in a driveway, and shall not block any portion of any street or alley. This section shall not operate to suspend any other provision of Section 54-178 of the City Code of Ordinances, except as provided for herein.

Council and staff discussed the declaration continuing through April 30, 2020.

\*Administrative correction - minutes reflect authority provision to be Texas Government Code Section 418.018, correct section number is 418.108, revised minutes on April 30, 2020.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM WRIGHT OUJESKY TO APPROVE AND CONTINUE THE FIFTH AMENDED LOCAL DECLARATION OF DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ISSUED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS UNTIL APRIL 30, 2020.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.**

**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 6:26 p.m.

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Oscar Trevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Alicia Richardson, City Secretary