

CITY OF SMITHVILLE

March 23, 2020

SPECIAL CALLED EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING

This meeting was held due to an Imminent Threat to Public Health and Safety caused by the increased spread of the COVID-19:

Present: Mayor Scott Saunders Jr, Councilmembers, Bill Gordon, Joanna Morgan, Sharon Foerster, Cassie Barrientos, Jason Hewitt, and City Manager Robert Tamble.

**Open Meeting:** Call to order: Mayor Saunders called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. This meeting was Facebook live-streamed.

Discussion: Any updates the City Council and Citizens need to be made aware: Robert gave an update on the COVID-19 pandemic, what the City has done and will do to keep the Citizens of Smithville protected.

Discussion and Action on a Resolution for the Declaration of Disaster caused by the COVID-19: Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the Resolution for the Declaration of Disaster. Councilman Gordon Seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on a Resolution postponing May 2, 2020, General Election to November 3, 2020: Councilwoman Barrientos made a motion to approve a Resolution postponing May 2, 2020, General Election to November 3, 2020. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on Temporary Decision-Making of the City Personnel Policy Manual as a Response to COVID-19: Robert Tamble would like to have temporary authority to make changes to the personnel manual to permanently add two weeks sick time (80 Hours) to all full-time employees account and one week (40 Hours) sick time to all part-time employees account. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to allow the City Manager to temporary make decisions on the City Personnel Policy Manual as a Response to COVID-19. Councilwoman Barrientos seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Saunders read his statement about COVID-19 and how important it is to Stay Home.

**Adjourn: 6:21**

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Scott Saunders Jr., Mayor

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Jennifer Lynch, City Secretary