



**Special Meeting City Council Special
Meeting
Monday, March 23, 2020
6:00 PM**

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AGENDA

BE IT KNOWN that the **CITY COUNCIL** of the City of Richwood will meet in **City Council Special Meeting** on **Monday, March 23, 2020** at **6:00 PM** at 1800 N. Brazosport Blvd., Richwood, TX 77531 at the Richwood City Hall in the Council Chambers with the following agenda:

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF MEETING BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

In accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City Council of Richwood will conduct the meeting scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2020 in the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 1800 Brazosport Blvd N., in part by telephone conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called "social distancing") to slow the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The meeting agenda and agenda packet are posted online at www.richwoodtx.gov.

The public dial-in number to participate in the telephonic meeting is **1(872)240-3311** and enter access code **296-490-645**.

The public will be permitted to offer public comments telephonically as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.

A recording of telephonic meeting will be made, and will be available to public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

Please contact Kirsten Garcia, City Secretary, with any issues logging in 979-265-2082 option 3.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

All public comments will be subject to the following rules: all speakers will be permitted to speak no longer than 3 minutes; all speakers will only be permitted to speak once; speakers cannot defer their 3 minutes to another speaker; the first five individuals who sign up for the public comment section will be permitted to speak

IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- A. Discuss and consider a resolution extending the disaster declaration issued by
Mayoral Proclamation on March 17, 2020 in response to COVID-19, a public

health emergency, an any matters related thereto.

V. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

VI. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS & REPORTS

VII. MAYOR'S REPORT

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council may go into Executive Session on any item listed on the Agenda in accordance with Section 551.071 of the Government Code (attorney-client privilege).

I, Kirsten Garcia, do hereby certify that I did, on _____ at _____ p.m., post this notice of meeting on the bulletin board at 1800 N. Brazosport Blvd., Richwood, TX, in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Law.

Kirsten Garcia, City Secretary
City of Richwood

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RESOLUTION NO. 20-R-6

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHWOOD, TEXAS, EXTENDING THE MAYORAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER AN ADDITIONAL 30 DAYS, ENDING APRIL 23, 2020.

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, and declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization;

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath and, in some cases, the virus has caused death;

WHEREAS, prudence dictates that extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City of Richwood (the "City"), including the quarantine of individuals, groups of individuals and occupied structures and, additionally, including compelling individuals, groups of individuals, or occupied structures to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott and Brazoria County have declared a local disaster due to public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor issued an initial Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster on March 17, 2020, and subsequent thereto, the President of the United States, in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, recommends social gatherings be reduced from fifty (50) to ten (10) persons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHWOOD, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. That a local state of disaster due to public health emergency is hereby declared for the City, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code. This Resolution supersedes and revises, in its entirety, the Mayoral Declaration made, March 17, 2020.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster due to public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the effective date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the City.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this resolution of a local state of disaster due to public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity, and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

SECTION 4. That this resolution authorizes the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the City, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the City's rules, pursuant to section 122.006 of the Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 5. That this resolution hereby limits the size of gatherings to not more than ten (10) people and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings until further notice. A “gathering” refers generally to a scheduled event or common endeavor where ten (10) persons are present in a confined space, room, or area. The City Council of the City, and its necessary attendees, shall be exempt from this restriction for scheduled public meetings, whether a regular, work session, special or emergency meeting.

SECTION 6. That this resolution hereby authorizes the use of all lawful enforcement.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 23rd day of March 2020.

Steve Boykin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kirsten Garcia, City Secretary