



The City of Liberty
City Council
Emergency Meeting
~ Minutes ~

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Dianne Tidwell
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Wednesday, April 8, 2020

12:00 PM

City Hall Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

THIS MEETING WAS HELD USING THE VIDEO CONFERENCE TOOL, ZOOM, DUE TO THE COVID-19 DISEASE.

Present by Video Conference: Council Members Huddleston, Beasley, Simonson, Arnold, Smith and Thornton.

Present in the Conference Room: Mayor Carl Pickett, City Manager Tom Warner, City Attys. Chris Jarmon and Naomi Herrington, Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary, Public Works Director Damon Jones, City Attorney Brandon Davis, and Adm. Asst. April Gilliland.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Carl Pickett	Mayor	Present	
Diane Huddleston	Mayor ProTem	Present	
Dennis Beasley	Council Member	Present	
Libby Simonson	Council Member	Present	
David Arnold	Council Member	Present	
Chipper Smith	Council Member	Present	
Neal Thornton	Council Member	Present	
Tom Warner	City Manager	Present	
Chris Jarmon	Asst. City Manager	Present	
Naomi Herrington	Asst. City Manager	Present	
Dianne Tidwell	City Secretary	Present	
Brandon Davis	City Attorney	Present	

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Physically present in the room was the Mayor, City Manager, Asst. City Managers, City Secretary, City Attorney and Public Works Director.

Mayor Pickett welcomed those members of the public that joined the Zoom Meeting. There

were no comments from those members of the public.

II. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Resolution 2020-7

Consider approval of a Resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds related to the COVID-19 Disease.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Tom Warner addressed matters relating to the COVID-19 Disease and possible quarantine issues. Mr. Warner spoke to the need for a quarantine unit for the Fire and Police Department employees to isolate them from family if exposed while on the job. Cost for rental of a unit, which could house two (2) individuals, for sixty (60) days is \$24,000. Mr. Warner also requested pre-approval for COVID-19 related expenses up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), from the Cambridge Fund.

A motion was made to approve the Resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$24,000 for the quarantine unit and approval for additional COVID-19 related expenditures up to \$100,000, to be paid from the Cambridge Fund.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Libby Simonson, Council Member
SECONDER:	Dennis Beasley, Council Member
AYES:	Pickett, Driggers, Beasley, Simonson, Arnold, Smith, Thornton

B. Executive Session

Tx. Gov. Code §551.074 - Personnel Matters.

To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

At 12:22 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the open meeting and opened the Executive Session as authorized above.

C. Reconvene into Regular Session

At 12:51 p.m., Mayor Pickett adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened the open meeting.

1. Resolution 2020-8

Consider a Resolution approving action to be taken, on personnel matters, as discussed in the Executive Session.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

A motion was made to authorize the City Manager to schedule split shifts for City employees, to provide hazard pay at his discretion, and to close the Liberty Municipal Golf Course until the Disaster Declaration for COVID-19 has ended.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Libby Simonson, Council Member
SECONDER:	David Arnold, Council Member
AYES:	Pickett, Driggers, Beasley, Simonson, Arnold, Smith, Thornton

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Pickett adjourned the video conference meeting at 12:55 p.m.

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Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary