



City of Pflugerville

Minutes - Final - Draft

City Council

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

7:00 PM

100 East Main Street, Suite 500

Special Emergency Meeting (Telephone/Video Conference)

This notice of an Emergency Meeting is posted pursuant to Government Code §551.045. An emergency or an urgent public necessity exists because immediate action is required by the City Council to combat the recent exponential increase in the spread of COVID-19 in the City, which is a world-wide pandemic.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City Council will conduct this Emergency Meeting by telephone/video conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings to slow the spread of the COVID-19. There will be no public access to the location described above.

This Emergency Meeting Agenda, and the Agenda Packet, are posted online at <https://pflugerville.legistar.com>

This telephonic/video meeting will be hosted through WebEx.
Meeting Link: <https://pflugervilletx.webex.com/pflugervilletx/onstage/g.php?MTID=ef9a0883d9b5aefe3287d6186784e11af>

Meeting Code/Number: 146 464 3874
Dial-in number: (US toll): = +1-408-418-9388

Public comment will only be allowed via telephone/video conference at the Emergency Meeting scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. All speakers must register to speak at least 2 hours in advance of the Emergency Meeting. All public comment will occur during the Emergency Meeting under the public comment item. Speakers must call in at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the Emergency Meeting in order to speak. Written comments may also be submitted 2 hours in advance of the meeting.

To register to speak or to submit written comments, please email citysecretary@pflugervilletx.gov at least 2 hours in advance of the Emergency Meeting.

A recording of the telephone/video meeting will be made, and will be available to the public upon written request.

The meeting will be available live for viewing on PFTV on the City website:
<https://www.pflugervilletx.gov/city-government/communications/pftv>

1. Call to order

Mayor Victor Gonzales called the emergency meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Omar Peña and Councilmembers Jeff Marsh, Rudy Metayer and Mike Heath were in attendance. Councilmember Weiss entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Councilmember Jim McDonald entered the meeting at 7:08 p.m. The meeting was conducted as a telephone/video conference. City employees attending: Sereniah Breland, City Manager; Megan Santee, Assistant City Attorney; Trey Fletcher, Assistant City Manager; James Hartshorn, Assistant City Manager; Amy Giannini, Assistant City Manager; Karen Thompson, City Secretary; Jason Smith, Assistant Police Chief; Terri Toledo, Communications Director; Maggie Holman, Public Information Officer; Gwen Holford, Digital Content Web Specialist; Patricia Davis, City Engineer.

2. Public Comment

Mayor Gonzales stated that registration for public comment was taken until 5:00 p.m. and he received two written comments and there was one request to speak. He read the written comments.

Shane Gilbert, Springbrook Centre resident, wrote asking to please not mandate masks.

Susan Stewart, Picadilly Ridge resident, wrote asking to require face masks in public.

Anthony Nguyen, Greenridge resident, stated that everyone should be wearing masks but he does not agree that it should be mandatory or enforceable. He stated that it is not a state law and needs to go through the proper process to become law. He recommended that the Council lead by example and promote wearing masks, to make it a culture and to educate.

3. Discuss and consider action

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Discuss and consider action regarding immediate enforcement actions regarding requiring facemasks to combat the spread of COVID-19 in the City of Pflugerville.

Mr. Weiss entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Heath asked regarding the enforceability and the City's options; what the law allows cities to do. Mr. Marsh asked why they are discussing this since Travis County already has an order in place. Mayor Gonzales stated with the increase in cases in Travis County he thinks that the City should better support the community with some action by Council to overlay the County and the Governor's orders. Mr. McDonald entered the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Mr. Marsh asked why they were having an emergency meeting. Ms. Breland provided a graphic on the active cases in 78660 from June 4-29, 2020 and discussed with Council. Mr. Weiss stated that he would like to understand what action the Council would take beyond the Travis County order. Mayor Gonzales stated that he thinks that is up for discussion. Mr. Marsh stated that he thinks that the people that called the emergency meeting should have a policy proposal. Mayor Pro Tem Peña stated that the next Council meeting is two weeks out and if they don't want to take a position now that is fine, but they are trying to get the points across to

the citizens. Mr. Heath stated that he thinks that they need to provide leadership and he asked what they are going to do for the back to work program at the City. Mr. McDonald stated if they adopt something, they need to do it thoughtfully. He suggested an education campaign. Mr. Marsh indicated that he thinks the way this was handled promotes a scare. He stated that he thinks that the emergency meeting is inappropriate for something the County is already doing. Mr. Heath suggested a public outreach campaign. Mr. Weiss stated that he thinks the City has been successful with public communications concerning COVID. Mr. Rudy stated that he spoke with CommUnityCare Health today and they are going to close the COVID testing clinic in Pflugerville due to it being over capacity. He stated that this has him concerned. He stated he is concerned that people are not taking it seriously. There was continued discussion. Mayor Gonzales asked if there is interest in placing the subject on a future agenda. Mr. Weiss stated that all businesses in Pflugerville are under the Travis County order and that Travis County has already done all that we are allowed to do. He stated that he is not sure what more the City could do. Council discussion with Ms. Breland followed. Mayor Gonzales stated that the item up for consideration is concerning masks. He stated that it looks like the Council does not want to take action tonight but they could look at it in two weeks. There was continued discussion with input from Ms. Breland and Ms. Santee. No action was taken.

4. Adjourn

Mayor Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Thompson
City Secretary

Approved as _____ on July 14, 2020.