

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**City of Rapid City, South Dakota**  
**6:00 P.M., Sunday, March 22, 2020**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Rapid City Common Council met in Special Session in Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 22, 2020.

Those following members were present: Mayor Steve Allender, Council persons Ritchie Nordstrom, John Roberts, Gregg Strommen, Laura Armstrong, Chad Lewis, Lance Lehman, Becky Drury, Bill Evans and Darla Drew. Those absent: None.

Staff members present included: Finance Officer Pauline Sumption, City Attorney Joel Landeen, Police Chief Karl Jegeris and Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Biegler.

**NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS** - Item 1-2

Many members of the public addressed the council on item 2. Those speaking in opposition to the ordinance were Matthew & Alexis Sullivan, Joelle Eagle Horse, Steve Wynia, Jonathan Williams, Michael Calabrese, Mike Namtredt, Curt Small, Deborah Martinez; Ramona Herrington; Kate Thomas; Gena Parkhurst; Kevin Kuehn; Scyller Borglum; Julie Frye-Mueller; Tina Mulally; Karl Koth; Mike Mueller; Dan Mulally on behalf of Chris Johnson; Gary Drewes; John Daly; Henry Plummer; Isaiah Johnson; Leroy Marnolejo (BH Vending); and Aaron Johnson.

Those speaking in favor of the ordinance were Jennifer Albertson; Mark Urban; Erik Clayborn; Jason McCulley; Andrea Rosenburg; and Annie Loyd

In addition, Sumption read in emails from the following for those citizens requesting such prior to and during the public comment period. All comments supported the ordinance unless otherwise indicated: Mary Pembroke; Heather Sazama; John & Gail Gregor; Tracey Decker; Jacob Schouten; Nicole Musfelt; Jerry & Rebecca Curry; Robert VandeVenter; anonymous (2); Carol Waider; Jean Bloomgren; Jeanne Simon (opposed); Openside7; Cassidy Stalley; Erin Anderson; Michelle Macrander; Jay Waldner; Carol Huether; Fran Apland; Robbie Murchison; Gina Nelson; Kristy Lane Nemetz; Mike Oster (opposed); Mike Ray; Dr. Mike Doerr; Nick Anderson; Jess Holland; Trent Nelson; Brent David; Holly Knox Perli; Roy Ulrich; Kambra Dietz; Tessa LaHaie; Hannah Furchner; Charlie Schlumpberger; Kaley O'Connell; Benjamin Klinkel; and Johnny Sundby.

Motion by Drury, second by Lehman & carried to approve Resolution 2020-022 An Emergency Resolution to Repeal the Moratorium on Telephonic or Electronic Meetings and Any Other Previous Resolutions on the Subject Allowing the City to Rely Fully on the Provisions for Meetings under State Law.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-022**  
**AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION REPEALING THE MORATORIUM ON TELEPHONIC OR**  
**ELECTRONIC MEETINGS AND ANY OTHER PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS ON THE SUBJECT**  
**ALLOWING THE CITY TO RELY FULLY ON THE PROVISIONS FOR MEETINGS UNDER STATE LAW**

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2004, the City Council passed a resolution which placed a moratorium on holding City Council meetings by teleconference; and

WHEREAS, the Council subsequently passed Resolution 2013-045 which allowed the City Council to hold telephonic meetings only in the case of emergencies; and

WHEREAS, SDCL Chapter 1-25 already provides rules for public bodies such as the Rapid City Common Council to hold meetings via teleconference and electronic means; and

WHEREAS, the ability to conduct meetings via teleconference or other electronic means has improved greatly since 2004; and

WHEREAS, the frequency and general acceptance of remote meetings has greatly increased since 2004; and

WHEREAS, with the public health emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the recommendation that all people engage in the practice called social distancing, the City Council has reconsidered the wisdom of its previous restrictions on the use of teleconference or electronic meetings.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Rapid City, that any and all previous resolutions regarding the conduct of public meetings by the City Council, or any other City bodies, via teleconference or other electronic means are hereby repealed. It is the intent of the City Council that any public meetings where a member, or members, of the body participate remotely be governed solely by any applicable state laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the City of Rapid City, that due to the fact that a national and statewide emergency has been declared and one of the primary recommendations to combat this emergency is to practice social distancing and limit person to person contact, this resolution is considered necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the City of Rapid City and shall be effective immediately upon publication thereof.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2020.

CITY OF RAPID CITY  
s/Steve Allender  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
s/Pauline Sumption  
Finance Officer  
(SEAL)

Ordinance 6412 (CC032220-02, An Emergency Ordinance to Addressing a Public Health Crisis by Implementing Certain Measures which have been Deemed Necessary to Slow the Community Spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). Motion by Lewis, second by Nordstrom and carried, with Roberts & Lehman voting no, that Ordinance 6412 be placed upon its first reading and the title was fully and distinctly read and second reading set for Friday, March 27, 2020.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, motion by Armstrong, second by Drury & carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2020

CITY OF RAPID CITY

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Finance Officer

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Mayor

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