

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
City of Rapid City, South Dakota
5:30 P.M., Monday, November 30, 2020

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Rapid City was held at City Hall, 300 Sixth Street, in Rapid City, South Dakota on Monday, November 30, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.

The following members were present: Mayor Steve Allender and the following Alderpersons: Pat Jones, Greg Strommen, Laura Armstrong, Jason Salamun, Ritchie Nordstrom, Lance Lehmann, Bill Evans; Darla Drew; John Roberts (by phone) and Ron Weifenbach.

Staff members present included: Finance Director, Pauline Sumption, City Attorney Joel Landeen, Police Chief Don Hedrick, Fire Chief Jason Culberson, IT Director Jim Gilbert, Communications Coordinator Darrell Shoemaker and Administrative Coordinator Heidi Weaver.

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion was made by Jones, second by Weifenbach and carried to adopt the agenda.

Suspend the Rules

Motion was made by Weifenbach, second by Roberts to suspend the public meeting rules. Weifenbach clarified that he wanted council to be able to speak past their normal five minutes. Roll call vote was taken; and the motion carried 8-2 with Evans and Drew voting no.

NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS – Items 1-3

NON-CONSENT ITEMS – Item 1-3

There were no speaker request forms handed out. Mayor Allender requested that each person state their name and then speak. Each speaker had up to three minutes to talk. Approximately 57 people spoke on the topic. Most of the speakers were against the mandate and approximately six speakers were for the mandate. After the public spoke, Mayor Allender and each council member spoke as well. In addition, it was noted that 348 public comments had been attached to the agenda.

Mayor Allender read in item (No. CC113020-01) Approve Ordinance 6454, AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE WEARING OF FACE COVERING IN INDOOR PUBLIC SPACES TO SLOW THE COMMUNITY SPREAD OF NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19). Motion was made by Nordstrom, second by Drew to approve. After further discussion a substitute motion was made by Weifenbach, second by Jones to approve Ordinance 6454 except remove “houses of worship” and have signage posted that says masks are required or masks are optional. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried 9-1, to pass Ordinance 6454 with the new proposed language with Roberts voting no.

Mayor Allender read in item (No. CC111920-02) Approve Ordinance 6453 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS TO SLOW THE COMMUNITY SPREAD OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19). Motion was made by Lehmann, second by Armstrong to table this item. A roll call vote was taken and Motion carried 10-0.

Mayor Allender read in item (No. CC113020-03) Approve Resolution AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS TO SLOW THE COMMUNITY SPREAD OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19). Motion was made by Jones, second by Salamun to table this item. A roll-call vote was taken and motion carried 10-0.

ADJOURN

Mayor Allender said a second reading would take place at the next council meeting on December 7, 2020. There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, motion was made by Lehmann second by Weifenbach and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

Finance Director
(SEAL)

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Mayor