



**CLARKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
MARCH 18, 2020**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A special session of the Clarksville City Council was called to order by Mayor Joe Pitts on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 106 Public Square, Clarksville, Tennessee.

PRAYER

A prayer was offered by Councilman Jeff Burkhart; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Valerie Guzman.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Richard Garrett (Ward 1), Vondell Richmond (Ward 2), Ron Erb (Ward 3), Tim Chandler (Ward 4), Valerie Guzman (Ward 5), Wanda Smith (Ward 6), Travis Holleman (Ward 7), David Allen, Mayor Pro Tem (Ward 8), Jeff Henley (Ward 9), Stacey Streetman (Ward 10), Gary Norris (Ward 11), Jeff Burkhart (Ward 12)

MAYOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER #001

"Our nation and our world face an unprecedented event that will define our generation. COVID-19, or the coronavirus, is a serious disease that threatens everyone without discrimination. While we have the best science and scientists in the world working on prevention and a cure, we know there are certain irrefutable facts. Washing your hands helps and keeping a safe distance from others also is helpful. Protect and be kind to one another during these times. Don't trade misinformation or partial information or rumors, and if your faith is important to you, please pray for the continued safety of our community. I'm convinced it is the fervent prayers of righteous people that avail much.

Today I ask you to consider and ratify the Executive Order before you that declares a State of Emergency in our City. The Order gives some latitude to make emergency purchases, protects employees by offering them flexible work schedules, and generally allows the Mayor Office to react to circumstances that arise each day. The Emergency Order is effective through the times stated the time stated in the Order and can be renewed often. And as we've said before, this will be our finest hour."

RESOLUTION 47-2019-20 Approving and adoption Mayoral Executive Order No. 001 declaring a Local State of Emergency due to the Novel Coronavirus in order to prevent the spread of and to facilitate the containment of the COVID-19 disease

Councillady Smith made a motion to adopt this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burkhart. In response to Councilman Allen's questions, Mayor Pitts said the Order gives the Mayor the authority to renew the State of Emergency in seven day increments through April 2, 2020. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Burkhart, Chandler, Erb, Garrett, Guzman, Henley, Holleman, Norris, Pitts, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to adopt this resolution unanimously passed.

NON PROFIT AGENCY UPDATE

Councillady Guzman shared information regarding local non-profit agencies including Mana Cafe, Urban Ministries, and Community Action Agency. She asked for citizen donations of N-95 masks for use by the agency volunteers.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

ADOPTED: April 2, 2020