

City of Keller City Council

# **Meeting Minutes**

#### Tuesday, March 24, 2020

### SPECIAL MEETING 7:00 P.M.

In accordance with Order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020 and March 19, 2020, the Keller City Council will conduct the meeting scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 by telephone conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called "social distancing") to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). There will be no public access to the location described above. A recording of the telephonic meeting will be made, and will be available to the public.

## A. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Pat McGrail

Mayor Pat McGrail called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The following City Council Members were presen by teleconference: Mayor Pat McGrail Council Member Mitch Holmes Mayor Pro Tem Sean Hicks Council Member Sheri Almond Council Member Beckie Paquin Council Member Tag Green Council Member Chris Whatley

The following City staff members were present: City Manager Mark Hafner, City Secretary Kelly Ballard, City Attorney Stan Lowry, Director of Public Services Trina Zais, Director of Community Services Cody Maberry, Director of Administrative Services Aaron Rector, Police Chief Brad Fortune, and Fire Chief David Jones.

#### **B. PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

The public will be permitted to offer public comments telephonically as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting. Speakers will be required to state their name and address prior to making comments.

Mayor Pat McGrail anounced that due to public health and safety concerns the possibility for a May election date with early voting in April is no longer a viable option.

Mr. Armin Mizani, 896 Randol Mill Avenue expressed his graditude towards the City, City

Council, and City staff regarding the response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

Mr. Justyn Jaworski, 300 Woodland Trail, expressed his concerns and asked for clarification regarding the City's response to the Public Health Emergency.

# C. NEW BUSINESS

1. <u>Consider a resolution of the City Council of the City of Keller, Texas, postponing the</u> <u>General Election called for May 2, 2020, for the offices of Mayor, City Council Place 5, and</u> <u>Place 6, until November 3, 2020, or an earlier date as authorized by the Governor of the</u> <u>State of Texas, establishing procedures for the postponed election; and providing an</u> <u>effective date.</u>

#### Attachments: Resolution\_Postpone Election 3.24

City Manager Mark Hafner presented the options for the May 2, 2020 General Eleciton. Currently the date that the City could hold this election would be November 3, 2020, but it is recommended to provide for an earlier date, if approved by the Governor.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Sean Hicks, seconded by Council Member Beckie Paquin, to approve Resolution No. 4222 postponing the General Election called for May 2, 2020, for the offices of Mayor, City Council Place 5, and Place 6, to November 3, 2020, unless an earlier date, occurring after May 2, 2020, but before November 3, 2020, is authorized by the Governor of the State of Texas, in which case the General Election originally scheduled for May 2, 2020, shall be held on such earlier date.

The motion carried unanimously.

Notice is hereby given on March 24, 2020 at 12:00 P.M., that the following discussion item will be added to the City Council meeting scheduled for March 24, 2020:

2. <u>Receive and discuss updates on the Public Health Emergency Declaration.</u>

City Manager Mark Hafner and Fire Chief David Jones discussed updates relating to the Public Health Emergency and the City's response. Fire Chief Jones explained that the City of Keller follows the direction of Tarrant County regarding Public Health. Discussion was held regarding closures and enforcement of the declaration.

#### D. ADJOURN

Mayor Pat McGrail adjourned the Special City Council Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor

City Secretary