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SPRING VALLEY
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City Council
Emergency Meeting
March 19, 2020
9:00 a.m.

Tom S. Ramsey, Mayor
David Dominy
Joy McCormack

Allen Carpenter, Mayor Pro Tem
Tom Donaho
Marcus Vajdos



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CITY COUNCIL
EMERGENCY MEETING
AGENDA

Notice is hereby given of an Emergency Meeting of the Spring Valley Village City Council, as authorized by Section 551.045 of the Texas Local Government Code, to be held on Thursday, March 19, 2020, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1025 Campbell Road, Spring Valley Village, Texas.

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF MEETING BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

In accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City Council of Spring Valley Village will conduct the meeting scheduled at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2020 in the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 1025 Campbell Road, in part 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).

The meeting agenda and agenda packet are posted online at www.springvalleytx.com.

The public toll-free dial-in number to participate in the telephonic meeting is (515) 604-9507 and enter the code 665692.

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.

A recording of the telephonic meeting will be made, and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

1. CALL TO ORDER

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Ordinance Number 2020-XX - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE DECLARING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND EXTENDING THE DISASTER DECLARATION OF THE MAYOR ON MARCH 13, 2020; PROVIDING

FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Posted this 18th day of March, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

Attest: 
Roxanne Benitez, TRMC, CPM, CMCC
City Secretary

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at 713-465-8308, Fax 713-461-7969, or Email secretary@springvalleytx.com for further information.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-XX

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WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel respiratory disease named "SARS-CoV-2" that causes a disease named "coronavirus disease 2019" ("COVID-19") was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath that may result in mild to severe illness, and in some cases death; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern and advised countries to prepare for the containment, including active surveillance, early detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing, and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the identification of "community spread" cases of COVID-19 in the United States could potentially signal that transmission of the virus may no longer be limited to travel to outbreak areas or contact with travelers who have visited outbreak areas; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control ("CDC"), it is likely that at some point, widespread transmission of COVID-19 in the United States will occur; and

WHEREAS, the CDC warns that widespread transmission of COVID-19 would translate into large numbers of people needing medical care at the same time; and

WHEREAS, the CDC also warns that schools, childcare centers, workplaces, and other places for mass gatherings may experience more absenteeism; public health and healthcare systems may become overloaded with elevated rates of hospitalizations and deaths; other critical infrastructure, such as law enforcement, emergency medical services, and transportation industry may also be affected; and health care providers and hospitals may be overwhelmed; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a state of disaster due to this same public health emergency on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, given, among other things, including the CDC's guidance, there is

an ongoing risk and likelihood of COVID-19-positive patients being identified in the City of Spring Valley Village; and

WHEREAS, the City, local health agencies, and political subdivisions within the region have been working diligently to implement CDC guidelines, but now require additional tools and resources to protect the public health given the current state of the epidemic and the need for a sustained response; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Tom S. Ramsey signed a disaster declaration for the City of Spring Valley Village on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens to extend the Mayor's declaration until _____ or until terminated or modified by earlier ordinance of the City; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS:

Section 1. The facts and matters contained in the preamble to this ordinance are hereby found to be true and correct.

Section 2. Pursuant to the authority provided in Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the disaster declaration signed by Mayor Tom S. Ramsey, dated March 13, 2020 is hereby extended until _____ unless terminated or modified by an earlier ordinance of the City Council of the City.

Section 3. In the event any clause phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this Ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstances shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this Ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and the City Council of the City of Spring Valley Village, Texas, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, whether there be one or more parts.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of March, 2020.

Tom S. Ramsey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Roxanne Benitez, City Secretary