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## SPECIAL MEETING

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO, IS TO BE HELD IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 405 W. 3<sup>RD</sup> ST., ON MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020; TO START AT 9:00 A.M.

### A. CALL TO ORDER

### B. INTRODUCTION

#### 1. ROLL CALL

Hon. Sandra Whitehead, Mayor  
Hon. Brendan Tolley, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Hon. Paul Baca, Commissioner  
Hon. Randall Aragon, Commissioner  
Hon. Amanda Forrister, Commissioner

#### 2. SILENT MEDITATION

#### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### C. PUBLIC COMMENT

### D. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/ZONING

1. Discussion/Action: Consideration of Resolution 33 19/20 pertaining to a back to work plan for the City of Truth or Consequences. City Manager Madrid

### E. ADJOURNMENT

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# CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

## AGENDA REQUEST FORM

MEETING DATE: May 4, 2020

Agenda Item #: D.1

**SUBJECT:** Discussion/Action: Consideration of Resolution 33 19/20 pertaining to a back to work plan for the City of Truth or Consequences.

**DEPARTMENT:** City Clerk's Office

**DATE SUBMITTED:** May 1, 2020

**SUBMITTED BY:** Angela A. Torres, City Clerk-Treasurer

**WHO WILL PRESENT THE ITEM:** City Manager Madrid

**Summary/Background:**

This Resolution is to consider a back to work plan to allow businesses to re-open in progressive degrees and timing in the City of Truth or Consequences.

**Recommendation:**

Approval of Resolution No. 33 19/20.

**Attachments:**

- Resolution No. 33 19/20

**Fiscal Impact (Finance):** TBD

**Legal Review (City Attorney):** Yes

**Approved For Submittal By:**  Department Director

**Reviewed by:**  City Clerk  Finance  Legal  Other: -

**Final Approval:**  City Manager

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Resolution No. 33 19/20 Ordinance No. -

Continued To: - Referred To: -

Approved  Denied  Other: -

File Name: CC Agendas 5-4-2020



## **RESOLUTION NO. 33 19/20**

### **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A GET BACK TO WORK PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Truth or Consequences City Commission met upon notice of meeting duly published on May 4, 2020, at 9:00 A.M. in the City Commission Chambers, 405 W. 3rd Street, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico 87901 via teleconference; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the Governor of New Mexico issued Executive Order 2020-04, in response to an outbreak of a novel coronavirus identified as COVID-19, declaring a state of public health emergency under the Public Health Emergency Response Act and invoking powers under the All Hazards Emergency Management Act and the Emergency Licensing Act; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the declaration of a public health emergency, the Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Health has issued several Public Health Emergency Orders, including the Order of March 23, 2020, in which the Secretary defined essential business and ordered that all “non-essential” businesses, including non-profits, reduce their in-person workforce by 100%; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 6, 2020 the Secretary amended the March 23, 2020, Order and ordered that all “non-essential” businesses, including non-profits, close “office spaces, retail spaces, or other public spaces” of the businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 6, 2020, the Governor of New Mexico issued Executive Order 2020, which among other actions, extended the declaration of a public health emergency until May 1, 2020, unless rescinded or extended; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of New Mexico extended Executive Order 2020 until May 15, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, in rural areas, small businesses are the primary, and sometimes the sole, provider of essential goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the blanket closure of small businesses deemed “non-essential” has had a significant impact on those businesses and continues to have, and the local economy in general; and

**WHEREAS**, data related to COVID-19 shows that the virus has impacted different areas in New Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, Sierra County has a low number of confirmed cases; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Truth or Consequences appears to be positioned to allow businesses to re-open in progressive degrees and timing; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, THAT IT IS HEREBY ADOPTING THE FOLLOWING AS ITS GET BACK TO WORK PLAN:**

The following safe practices shall be followed as appropriate:

1. Continue social distancing of six feet while working, shopping, and all other times possible.
2. Employees of business establishments should wear masks. Businesses have the right to require customers to wear masks.
3. Gatherings of 10 persons or more are prohibited.
4. Sanitation supplies and/or facilities should be available at all businesses.
5. Vulnerable individuals should continue to stay at home.
6. Non-essential travel should be prohibited.

Specifically:

- a. Previously closed Bars, Restaurants and Bowling Centers may operate at Fifty percent (50%) of capacity as designated by the New Mexico State Fire Marshal. Distances between tables/barstools less than six feet is prohibited.
- b. Previously closed Retail Stores may operate at Twenty percent (20%) of capacity as designated by the New Mexico State Fire Marshal.
- c. Medical facilities may operate at full (100%) capacity while maintaining safe distancing and sanitizing requirements.
- d. Personal service businesses such as Cosmetologists, Barbers, Manicurists, etc. may service customers on a one to one basis. No waiting areas will be permitted.
- e. Recreational facilities may open if they are able to follow safe distancing requirements. This includes outdoor courts, swimming pool (swimming pool capacity at fifty percent (50%). This also includes Indoor Recreational activities such as Movie Theaters and Senior Activity Centers.
- f. The Civic Center shall remain closed to public events and gatherings of ten (10) persons or more are prohibited.

This Resolution shall go into effect commencing May 16, 2020 unless otherwise superseded by an Executive Order from State Authority.

This Resolution may be amended by the City Commission in its discretion.

**PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 4th day of May, 2020.**

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**Sandra Whitehead, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Angela A. Torres, City Clerk-Treasurer**