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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. 3RD 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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Resolution No. 35 19726 - Ordinance No. -

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File Number: CC Agenda 5-1-2009



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Order 2020, which among other actions, extended the declaration of a public health emergency until May 1, 2020, unless rescinded or extended; and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.

Sandra Whitehead, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela A. Torres, City Clerk-Treasurer