



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY APRIL 2, 2020

CITY COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Set Agenda – Anyone Not on the Agenda can be Placed Under Open/Misc.
4. Virtual Meeting Test
5. Adoption of Emergency Declaration
6. Open/Misc.
7. Adjourn.

If interested in joining the meeting virtually, click on the link below:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/166343942?pwd=cFRjNE1IZDF2ak1MaWhLQ1BYUWtNUT09>

CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MINNESOTA
MAYORAL AND CITY COUNCIL DECLARATION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Independence ("Mayor and City Council") finds that the following local emergency ("Emergency") exists in the City of Independence, Minnesota ("City"):

1. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization determined that the COVID-19 outbreak constitutes a pandemic. On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national state of emergency as a result of the pandemic.
2. On March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-01 declaring a state of peacetime emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic in Minnesota. The Governor's Executive Order along with this Declaration triggers activation of the City's emergency management plan and enables the City to exercise its emergency powers.
3. The spread of COVID-19 in the United States and Minnesota has raised serious public health concerns and resulted in a great deal of uncertainty. Much remains unknown about the virus and how it spreads.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 12.29 authorizes the Mayor to declare the existence of the Emergency, to invoke necessary portions of the City's emergency operations plans, and to potentially authorize aid and services in accordance with interjurisdictional agreements; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 12.37 authorizes the City, acting through its governing body, to: (1) enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat the disaster by protecting the health and safety of persons and property and by providing emergency assistance to the victims; and (2) exercise the powers vested by that section in the light of the exigencies of the disaster without compliance with time-consuming procedures and formalities otherwise prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council finds that the Emergency is sudden and could not have been anticipated, and that this situation threatens the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the community and threatens the provision and delivery of city services as a result of the Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council finds that the Emergency poses the risk of and may cause catastrophic loss of public health, safety, and welfare if not immediately addressed.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor and City Council of the City of Independence, Minnesota, I declare that a Local Emergency exists effective from March 13, 2020 in the City of Independence, Minnesota.

This declaration invokes any of the City's emergency operations plans or otherwise validates said plans invoked upon Governor order. The portions that are necessary for response to and recovery from the Emergency are authorized, including but not limited to all appropriate community containment and mitigation strategies. To the extent normal state laws and city policies and procedures impede an efficient response or compliance with federal and state directives and recommendations, the City Administrator, Emergency Manager, and their designees are authorized to suspend compliance with those laws, policies, and procedures and to take those actions necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. A special, emergency city council meeting may be held via telephone, in accordance with state laws and pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 13D.021, to extend this declaration.

Dated: April 2, 2020.

Marvin Johnson, Mayor
City of Independence, Minnesota