



CITY OF NEWARK CITY COUNCIL

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SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

City Administration Building
6:15 p.m.
City Council Chambers

A. ROLL CALL

Mayor Nagy called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Present were Council Members Hannon, Collazo, Freitas, and Bucci.

B.1 Update on the City's response to COVID-19, Ratification of the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency by the Director of Emergency Services, and cancellation of the March 26, 2020 City Council meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO.
MOTION APPROVED**

City Manager Benoun stated that as a result of the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) spreading, Bay Area Health Officers directed a shelter in place for 3 weeks. The Health Officers hoped this would prevent the virus from spreading. The City closed all facilities starting today through Thursday and put nonessential employees on Emergency Administrative Leave. Essential services are staffed and he hoped to increase limited staffing next week. City Manager Benoun recommended canceling the March 26, 2020, City Council meeting.

City Manager Benoun stated that Governor Newsom issued an Executive Order regarding evictions and that staff would review the new law and schedule a special city council meeting if needed for local action.

City Manager Benoun stated that he issued a Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency yesterday due to the public health emergency. He recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution ratifying the Proclamation.

No one from the public came forward to speak.

Council Member Bucci moved, Council Member Collazo seconded to, by resolution, ratify the Proclamation of a Local Emergency by the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services. The motion passed, 5 AYES.

Council Member Hannon moved, Council Member Collazo seconded to, by motion, cancel the March 26, 2020 City Council meeting. The motion passed, 5 AYES. .

C. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Nagy adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.