

**MINUTES
HURST CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL EMERGENCY SESSION
FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020**

On the 13th day of March 2020, at 3:30 p.m., the City Council of the City of Hurst, Texas, convened in Special Emergency Session at Hurst City Hall, 1505 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, Texas, with the following members present:

Henry Wilson	)	Mayor
Larry Kitchens	)	Mayor Pro Tem
David Booe)	
Cindy Shepard)	
Cathy Thompson)	
Jon McKenzie)	
Clay Caruthers	)	City Manager
Clayton Fulton	)	Assistant City Manager
Rita Frick	)	City Secretary
Greg Dickens	)	Executive Director of Public Works
Sunny Patel	)	Director of Information Services
Linda Rae	)	Senior Center Director
Steve Bowden	)	Executive Director of Development
Jim Pell	)	Police Lieutenant
David Palla	)	Fire Chief
Brent Craft	)	Assistant Fire Chief
Matia Messemer	)	Executive Director of Human Resources
Kyle Gordon	)	Executive Director of Community Services
Kara McKinney	)	Public Information Officer
Shelly Klein	)	Outreach Coordinator

with the following members absent: Bill McLendon, constituting a quorum; at which time, the following business was transacted:

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

1. Consider authorizing the city manager to take any and all action necessary regarding the closing and rescheduling of city events, programs and facilities and actions necessary to address the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Hurst due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Mayor Wilson advised that the President, Governor and County Judge have issued a state of emergency. He reviewed the process of declaring an emergency and Council's authority to

ratify any declaration the Mayor might issue. He stated Council's discussion this evening is regarding various facility and program closures and expressed his belief that any related personnel issues are under the city manager authority and not Council authority. City Manager Caruthers stated he will do everything in his power to treat employees as well as possible as the Council makes determinations regarding various closures. Mayor Wilson reviewed possible facility and event closures, most specifically the Senior Center, to address the immediate health and safety of the community. Council discussed the immediate necessity to close the Senior Center, cancel all public events, and cancel programs and league play at the Recreation Center and Library, until April 20, 2020, effective midnight this evening, and if necessary to revisit after that time.

Councilmember Thompson moved to authorize the city manager to take any and all action necessary regarding the closing and rescheduling of city events, programs and facilities and actions necessary to address the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Hurst due to the coronavirus pandemic. Councilmember Kitchens seconded the motion. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: Councilmembers Kitchens, Booe, McKenzie, Thompson, and Shepard
No: None

City Manager Caruthers noted several operational items regarding Council decisions and that staff is prepared to achieve business continuity. He stated he will keep the Council apprised moving forward regarding necessary decisions and he will keep close communications with Mayor Wilson regarding activities. Mayor Wilson stated he will keep in contact with the County and declare any needed declaration.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

APPROVED this the 24th day of March 2020.

ATTEST:



Rita Frick, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Henry Wilson, Mayor