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Minutes
Special Emergency City Council Meeting
3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 2020
City Council Chambers
City Hall, 101 Main Street, Forney, Texas 75126

Emergency Statement: With the COVID-19 Disaster Declaration in the State of Texas and proclamation of waiver of the provisions of the Texas Elections Code, an unforeseeable situation has been created that requires immediate action by the City of Forney in order to provide notice to the Kaufman County Elections Division. (Tex. Gov't Code §551.045)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Penn called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Present were Mayor Mary Penn, Mayor Pro Tem Shaun Myers and Council Members Mike Thomas and Derald Cooper. Council Members Robbie Powers, Kevin Moon and David Johnson were absent. Also present was City Manager Tony Carson.

Mayor Penn read the following Statement:

Earlier today, Governor Greg Abbott announced an executive order aimed at containing the spread of COVID-19, otherwise known as the coronavirus. The executive order also limits social gathering to 10 people, prohibit eating and drinking at restaurants and bars while allowing takeout, closes gyms, ban people from visiting nursing homes except for critical care and temporarily closes schools. The executive order will be effective at 11:59 p.m. Friday through midnight April 3.

In addition to these limitations set by the executive order, the City of Forney will be closing all parks effective at 8 a.m. on Friday. The parks will remain closed until further notice. These decisions are extremely difficult because of the effects they will have on small businesses in our City; however, they are needed to stop the ongoing spread of the virus.

Finally, I would like everyone to know that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has information for those in search of guidance on what to do and how to prepare for coronavirus. For more information about the CDC, please visit www.cdc.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation from myself and the Council.

II. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Discuss and consider action on a proclamation from the Office of the Governor suspending provisions of the Texas Election Code to allow the City to postpone the 2020 local election to be held on May 2, 2020 until November 3, 2020.**

Mayor Penn asked for a motion to postpone the 2020 local election to be held on May 2, 2020, to November 3, 2020. Council Member Thomas made the motion and Mayor Pro Tem Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 ayes and 3 absent [Powers, Moon and Johnson].

52 Mayor Penn then asked for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Thomas made a motion to
53 adjourn at 3:06 p.m. and was Council Member Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed
54 by a vote of 4 ayes and 3 absent [Powers, Moon and Johnson].
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56 **PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORNEY,**
57 **TEXAS, this _____ day of _____, 2020.**
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61 **ATTEST:**

Mary Penn, Mayor

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Dorothy Brooks, City Secretary

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