

March 23, 2020

The Emergency Called Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Madison was held Monday, March 23, 2020 at 5:30 PM at the City of Madison Public Safety Building Meeting Hall, located at 160 N. Main Street, Suite 400. Present were the following: Mayor Fred Perriman; Mayor Pro Tem Richard Blanton; Council Members Chris Hodges, Carrie Peters-Reid, Eric Joyce and Ed Latham; City Manager David Nunn; and Attorney Carter via teleconference. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Perriman.

Legal Matters

Ordinance - Declaration Of A Local State Of Emergency Related To Covid-19

Elected officials and staff discussed the press conference with Governor Kemp that took place at 5:00 PM, prior to the meeting, in which he ordered at risk individuals to shelter in place, bars/night clubs, restaurants and businesses who cannot abide by the 6 ft. distancing rule. Carter said the city can move forward with more strict regulations. Council discussed how the city should move forward and reviewed the State of Emergency ordinance modeled from Athens-Clarke County.

Carter said the ordinance will declare a State of Emergency and suggested adjusting Article X. Elected officials then reviewed the list of essential and non-essential businesses outlined in the proposed ordinance. Included in the discussion were restaurants, retailers, parks and grocery stores. It was determined that restaurants will be limited to carry out only and parks will be closed to team activities.

Blanton moved to approve the ordinance for declaration of a local state of emergency related to COVID-19 as presented with the change made to effective time of March 24, 2020 at 12:00 PM through 11:59 PM on April 6, 2020 and with added language that parks will be closed to team activity or contact sports, and only open for passive walking, and fewer than 10 or more people gathered at one time. Hodges second. Approved, vote unanimous (5:0).

Public Comment

Todd Bowen asked if manufacturers will be closed. Nunn said no.

Karen Wibell asked for clarification for retailers regarding doing business by appointments only. Hodges said that is currently being discouraged.

Mark Ginsberg (sp?) asked if restaurants are to switch to carry out only. Nunn said yes.

Jeff Hood suggested clarifying that the ordinance only applies to residents of the City of Madison.

Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Perriman adjourned the called meeting.

Approved: _____
Fred Perriman, Mayor

Attest: _____
Ashley Hawk, City Clerk

Date: _____