MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
MARCH 30, 2020

The Niceville City Council met in special session at 5:00 PM, March 30, 2020 via telephone conferencing due to COVID-19. All members of the Council used call in procedures except for Mayor Pro Tem Henkel who was present to preside over the meeting. Also present were City Manager, Lannie Corbin; City Clerk, Dan Doucet; Steven Rausch, the Deputy Clerk and Finance Director, Technology Department, Jessie Mason and 5 visitors in the audience. Everyone attending the meeting in person maintained social distancing. Pro Tem Henkel called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING

Roll Call: Nodjomian-here; Alley-here; Boudreaux-here; Schaetzle-here- Henkel-here; Powell-here (by phone).

Opening Comments - Mr. Lannie Corbin, City Manager

City Manager opening comments:

Mr Corbin stated that we established an Emergency Management Team and we plan to meet everyday at 9:00AM. We have the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Public Works Director and Steven from the Finance Department who is here tonight. We also had Danielle Holley attend who is the Human Resources Director. We coordinate with each department head and find out if all the employees are doing well. We also update all of our employees thru their supervisors the latest information on this virus. In addition, we keep them up to date regarding leave time and other guidance received from the Federal and State levels, etc.

Ordinance 20-03-02 - An Emergency Ordinance of the City of Niceville, Florida, recognizing a national, state and local State of Emergency due to COVID-19; declaring a State of Emergency within the City of Niceville, Florida; providing for and adopting emergency regulations to address preparation management and mitigation of the COVID-19; authorizing the City Manager to serve as Director of Emergency Management; providing for authority; providing for findings of fact; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances or provisions; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. (First Reading - Emergency Enactment)
Mr Doucet read Ordinance 20-03-02 by title. Councilwoman Boudreaux moved approval. Councilman Nodjomian seconded. Councilman Nodjomian stated he had only one question making reference to the Ordinance being on first reading. Would there be a second reading since his understanding is that Emergency Ordinances only require one reading. Attorney Powell stated that is correct. We are required to revisit the ordinance within 60 days and make a determination if the emergency still exists. Mr Doucet pointed out that although the title of the ordinance does not cover that the Mayor Pro Temp acts as the alternate Director of Emergency Management in cases where the City Manager is unable to do so. Attorney Powell stated that we did not cover every detail in the ordinance in that Department Heads would coordinate various required actions with the City Manager and in his absence the Mayor Pro Temp. Discussion followed. Mayor Pro Tem Henkel asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak regarding this item. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaeztle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Nodjomian-yes; Alley-yes. Motion passed.

Ordinance 20-03-03 - An Emergency Ordinance of the City of Niceville, Florida, providing for the rescheduling of special municipal election scheduled for April 14, 2020 to July 21, 2020 because of a national, state and local State of Emergency due to COVID-19; providing for authority; providing for findings of fact; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances or provisions; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. (First Reading - Emergency Enactment)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 20-03-03 by title. Councilwoman Boudreaux moved approval stating stated that she agreed with the decision to postpone the Election. Councilman Nodjomian seconded. Discussion followed. Mayor Pro Tem Henkel asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak regarding this item. Attorney Powell stated that it would be appropriate to ask each Council Member if they would individually state that they are in agreement with rescheduling the election. Mayor Pro Tem asked each Council member to respond accordingly. Councilman Schaeztle stated he was in agreement; Councilwoman Boudreaux stated she was in agreement; Councilman Nodjomian stated he was in agreement; Councilwoman Alley stated she was in agreement; and Mayor Pro tem stated he was in agreement as well. Mayor Pro Tem Henkel stated that this ordinance according to the City Attorney would requires only one reading to enact, however will be reviewed within 61 days to determine if the emergency still exists. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaeztle-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Nodjomian-yes; Alley-yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Pro Tem Henkel stated that there are 5 visitors in the audience and asked if they wanted to come forward and speak. No one spoke for or against. Councilman Nodjomian stated that since we are still in session he wanted to advise that the Youth Advisory Council was scheduled for a Mock Debate on April 15, 2020. He stated
because of COVID-19 that event has been postponed until sometime in the future. Instead they will meet at 6:00PM just prior to the City Council Meeting on April 14, 2020 using Zoom conferencing.

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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