

City Council Meeting

March 19, 2020

Victor, ID

Victor City Council met in emergency session in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 32 Elm Street at 7:00 P.M. Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Mayor & Council: Will Frohlich, Molly Absolon, Emily Sustick, Amy Ross and Stacy Husling all called in via conference phone. Staff: Michelle Smith. Olivia Goodale called in.

Extension of Emergency Declaration Addressing COVID-19 Pandemic. Olivia Goodale made staff comment regarding the purpose of an emergency declaration for the city during the COVID-19 pandemic, and that this is an extension from the public health disaster emergency declaration that was initialized by the county and establishes this for the City of Victor only. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sustick and seconded by Councilwoman Absolon to approve Resolution R532, A Resolution of the City of Victor extending the public health disaster emergency declaration to coordinate response and protective actions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 through 11:59 P.M. on April 30, 2020 or unless sooner modified, extended, or terminated. Mayor Frohlich called for a roll call vote. Councilwoman Ross- In Favor, Councilwoman Sustick- In Favor, Councilwoman Husling- In Favor, Councilwoman Absolon- In Favor. The motion carried.

Emergency Ordinance, An Emergency Ordinance to Limit Gatherings and to Restrict Dining at Restaurants and any Self-Serve Food to Immediately Preserve and Protect the Public Health, Safety, and Welfare; Declaring an Emergency, and Providing for an Effective Date and Time for Termination. Olivia Goodale made staff comment regarding a state wide conference call and that the governor will not be addressing this issue and left it up to each city to make this decision. City staff and Mayor feel like this needs to be addressed within the city. Further discussion was made regarding closing hotels, airports, and Airbnb. A motion was made by Councilwoman Absolon and seconded by Councilwoman Sustick to approve Emergency Ordinance O563, An Emergency Ordinance to limit gatherings and to restrict dining at restaurants and any self-serve food to immediately preserve and protect the public health, safety, and welfare; Declaring an emergency, and providing for an effective date and time for termination, to direct city staff to post this document in five locations within city limits so that it may be immediately effective, and direct the city clerk to publish the ordinance in full. Mayor Frohlich called for a roll call vote. Councilwoman Ross, In Favor, Councilwoman Sustick- In Favor, Councilwoman Husling- In Favor, Councilwoman Absolon- In Favor. The motion carried.

Mayor Authority to Create and Implement Paid Leave Policy Specific to COVID-19 Pandemic. Olivia Goodale made staff comment that right now Mayor can currently approve unpaid leave for 30 days and how city staff is currently working remotely and limited access to city hall. Olivia also explained that the current PTO option is flexible and explained that they would like to have a little more flexibility with PTO specifically for the COVID-19 pandemic. A motion was made by Councilwoman Husling and seconded by Councilwoman Absolon to grant Mayor Frohlich authority to create and implement a paid leave policy in specific response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Frohlich called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried.

Mayor and City Administrator Spending Authority. Olivia Goodale made staff comment regarding the current policy for Mayor and the City Administrator to spend \$2500.00 without Council approval and explained that there is a need to increase the amount to help with grants, and projects throughout the city, and that this doesn't allow for Mayor and the City Administrator would not be allowed to combine or go above the budgeted amount that is allowed. A motion was made by Councilwoman Husling and seconded by Councilwoman Absolon to increase the spending authority of the Mayor and City Administrator to \$5,000 each going forward. Mayor Frohlich called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried.

Mayor Disbursement Authority. Olivia Goodale made staff comment regarding the purpose of this item to help get the disbursements approved until we can reestablish regular meetings. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sustick and seconded by Councilwoman Husling move to grant Mayor Frohlich the authority to approve the disbursements until the regular city council meeting schedule is re-established. Mayor Frohlich called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried.

Operational Update and Discussion of Items Relating to COVID-19 Pandemic. Olivia Goodale made staff comment giving an update on our emergency response phase and the meetings that are being held daily. Currently the city is monitoring news and updating social media that is changing at an hourly rate. The city is currently looking to technology based virtual meetings, public education, and possibly outreach for a stay in your own communities, and Airbnb and hotel statues, discussion on current playground, public bathrooms and are currently use at your own risk, and how sales tax, late fees waived and how the city can help local businesses. No action was taken.

Adjourn. A motion was made by Councilwoman Absolon and seconded by Councilwoman Sustick to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Frohlich called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:18 A.M.

ATTEST:

Michelle Smith
Michelle Smith, City Clerk

City of Victor

Will Frohlich
Will Frohlich, Mayor

