



## **MINUTES**

**Of A**

### **SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 23, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Longview, Texas, met in a Special Called Session, March 23, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. via teleconference.

**I. Call to Order** – Mayor Andy Mack called the meeting to order.

**II. Roll Call** - Mayor Andy Mack presided and gave the roll call to confirm all members of the City Council.

Members present were:

Andy Mack  
Ed Moore  
Nona Snoddy  
Wray Wade  
Kristen Ishihara  
David Wright  
Steven Pirtle

Staff members present were:

Keith Bonds, City Manager  
Angie Shepard, City Secretary  
Jim Finley, City Attorney

**III. Citizen Comment**

There were no citizens requesting to speak.

#### IV. Action Items

- A. Consider an Ordinance postponing the General Election to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2020, for the purpose of electing a member of the Longview City Council for District 3 to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date –**

Angie Shepard, City Secretary requested the Council to consider an Ordinance to postpone the District 3 General Election until November 3, 2020. Due to the Covid-19 public health crisis, the governor has authorized all political subdivisions holding a general or special election on May 2, 2020, to postpone that election until November 3, 2020, a scheduled uniform election date. In a statement March 18, 2020, "I strongly encouraged local election officials to take advantage of these waivers and postpone their elections until November" said Governor Abbott.

MOTION: Council Member Moore made a motion the following Ordinance be approved:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, POSTPONING THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FOR CITY COUNCIL VOTING DISTRICT NO. 3 TO THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020, UNIFORM ELECTION DATE; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A JOINT ELECTION CONTRACT FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020, ELECTION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS APPROVED COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

SECOND: Council Member Pirtle seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

Such Ordinance is No. 4261 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

- B. Consider an Ordinance consenting to the continuation and renewal of the declaration of local disaster proclaimed for the City of Longview by the Mayor on March 16, 2020, and any matters incidental or related to said declaration – Dr. Andy Mack, Mayor.**

MOTION: Council Member Ishihara made a motion the following Resolution be approved:

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SECOND: Council Member Snoddy seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

Such Ordinance is No. 4262 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

#### **XIV. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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Angie Shepard  
City Secretary

