



Notice of Emergency Meeting

City of Hemet City Council
City Council Chamber

450 E. Latham Ave., Hemet, California 92543

Teleconference Number: (888)585-9008, when prompted dial: 768-176-038

Monday, March 16, 2020 – 8:00 a.m.



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March 14, 2020

To Whom it May Concern:

I, Russ Brown, Mayor of the City of Hemet, do hereby call an Emergency Meeting of the City Council, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.5. The City Council will meet on **Monday, March 16, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.** at the City of Hemet Council Chamber located at 450 E. Latham Ave., Hemet, CA 92543 and by teleconference using the following number: (888) 585-9008 and room number: 768-176-038, for the following items:

- 1. Consideration of a Resolution Proclaiming the Existence of an Emergency Situation and Local Emergency Due to the Worldwide Spread of COVID-19; and**
- 2. Consideration of such other emergency actions the City Council decides to consider pursuant to Government Code section 54954.2.**

Sincerely,


Russ Brown, Mayor

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I, Clay James, Deputy City Clerk for the City of Hemet, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing notice for the March 16, 2020 Emergency City Council Meeting was posted on March 14, 2020 at City Hall, located at 445 E. Florida Ave., at the Council Chamber located at 450 E. Latham Ave., and on the City's website.

Time:

Clay James, Deputy City Clerk



CITY OF HEMET
Hemet, California
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-018

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEMET, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION AND LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE WORLDWIDE SPREAD OF COVID-19.

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 54956.5 authorizes the City Council to hold emergency meetings on shortened notice to address emergency situations as determined by a majority of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 54954.2 permits the City Council to take actions not listed on the agenda, where deemed necessary by a majority of the Council to address emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code 8630, et seq., and Chapter 26 [Civil Emergencies] of the Hemet Municipal Code empower the City Council to declare and proclaim a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, from January 2020 to March 2020, COVID-19 spread throughout the world, with over 114,000 confirmed cases of individuals contracting COVID-19, and over 4,000 confirmed cases of individuals dying from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom of the State of California declared a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 (Corona Virus Disease 19); and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside proclaimed the existence of a local emergency for all of Riverside County in response to the outbreak of the COVID-19 in California and in Riverside County; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) publicly
2 characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and
5 Prevention (“CDC”) had confirmed 938 cases of COVID-19 in the United States, with
6 29 cases resulting in death, with thirty-nine (39) jurisdictions reporting cases,
7 including California; and

8 **WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020 the President of the United States imposed
9 certain travel bans and limitations in response to COVID-19; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020 Governor Newsom of the State of California
12 issued Executive Order N-25-20 in a further effort to confront and contain COVID-19
13 that among other things suspended certain provision of the Ralph M. Brown Act
14 providing local agencies with greater flexibility to hold meetings via teleconferencing;
15 and

16 **WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, the Valley Wide Park & Recreation District
17 has closed specific facilities and limited activities; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United declared a
20 National Emergency due to the continue spread and the effects of COVID-19; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the State of California and numerous Counties, School Districts
22 and other local government agencies, as well as private entities, have announced the
23 cancellation or postponement of all events where social distancing cannot be
24 reasonably achieved; and

25 **WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Superintendent of the Hemet Unified
26 School District has suspended regular classes and school activities from Monday,
27 March 16, 2020 through Friday, April 3, 2020; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Hemet
2 reasonably anticipates that it will be required to utilize its resources and to take action
3 to limit the spread of COVID-19 within the territorial jurisdiction of the City in or to
4 provide for the safety of persons in the City of Hemet, and provide for continuity of the
5 essential services provided by the City of Hemet; and
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7 **WHEREAS**, the City of Hemet is actively providing support to those impacted
8 by COVID-19 and cooperating with county and federal agencies in their response to
9 the pandemic; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the City of Hemet reasonably anticipates both asking for mutual
11 aid from, and providing mutual aid to, other communities who are addressing the
12 spread and effects of COVID-19 and, both of which will need to utilize the physical,
13 personnel, and financial resources of the City of Hemet.
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15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
16 **CITY OF HEMET, CALIFORNIA HEREBY ORDERS AND DIRECTS AS FOLLOWS:**

17 **Section 1.** That the above recitals are true and correct and based thereon,
18 hereby finds that the spread and potential further spread of COVID-19 constitutes a
19 situation that severely impairs the public health and safety within the City of Hemet
20 and constitutes conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property
21 within the City of Hemet.
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23 **Section 2.** That, as authorized in Government Code Sections 8630 and
24 54956.5 and Chapter 26 of the Hemet Municipal Code and based on the foregoing,
25 an “emergency” as defined in Government Code section 54956.5(a) and Hemet
26 Municipal Code section 26-2 and a “local emergency” as defined in Government
27 Code section 8558(c) hereby exists within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of
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Hemet and is deemed to continue to exist, and shall be reviewed at least once every 60 days, until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Hemet.

Section 3. That the City Council will utilize, to the extent reasonably feasible and appropriate, the ability to conduct its council meetings via teleconferencing and other electronic means to permit councilmembers and members of the public to adopt social distancing to the greatest extent possible while still proceeding with the efficient handling of the City’s business, in compliance with California Executive Order N-25-20.

Section 4. That the City Manager, as the Director of Emergency Services, is hereby authorized to exercise his powers and duties as provided in section 26-6 of the Hemet Municipal Code and pursuant to the Disaster Preparedness Plan.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of March 2020.

Russ Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Clay James, Deputy City Clerk

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State of California)
County of Riverside)
City of Hemet)

I, Clay James, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Hemet, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted at an Emergency Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hemet on the 16th day of March, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members:
NOES: Council Member:
ABSTAIN: Council Member:
ABSENT: Council Member:

Clay James, Deputy City Clerk