

GUNNISON COUNCIL AGENDA
MEETING IS HELD AT CITY HALL, 201 W. VIRGINIA AVENUE
GUNNISON, CO, IN THE 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Approximate meeting time: 1 hour

MARCH 16, 2020

SPECIAL SESSION

12:00 P.M.

Per Section 5.2 of the Gunnison Municipal Home Rule Charter, this Special Session was called Jim Gelwicks, City of Gunnison Mayor.

- I. Presiding Officer Call Special Session to Order: (silent roll call by City Clerk):
- II. Items for consideration at this Special Session Meeting are:
 - A. Local Disaster Emergency Declaration Regarding COVID-19
 - B. Discussion on City Facility Operations with Possible Action

III. Meeting Adjournment

The City Council Meeting agenda is subject to change. The City Manager and City Attorney reports may include administrative items not listed. Regular Meetings and Special Meetings are recorded and action can be taken. Minutes are posted at City Hall and on the City website at www.gunnisonco.gov.

Discussion Sessions are recorded; however, minutes are not produced. For further information, contact the City Clerk's office at 970.641.8140. **TO COMPLY WITH ADA REGULATIONS, PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE CITY CLERK 24 HOURS BEFORE ALL MEETINGS AT 970.641.8140.**



City of Gunnison

March 13, 2020

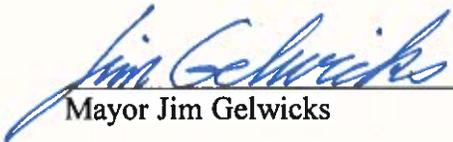
To City Clerk Erica Boucher,

Pursuant to Section 5.2 of the City of Gunnison Municipal Home Rule Charter, I, Jim Gelwicks, Mayor of the City of Gunnison, am directing you, the City Clerk, to set a Special Session meeting of City Council for 12:00 P.M., Monday, March 16, 2020, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 201 W. Virginia Avenue in Gunnison, CO, to consider the following agenda items:

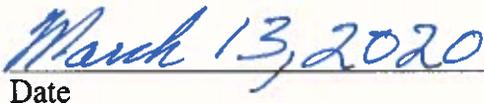
- Giving direction to the City Manager to sign a Local Disaster Emergency Declaration; and
- Giving directions to City staff on City facility operations.

I understand the meeting will be properly noticed and posted per Colorado Open Meetings Law.

Thank you.



Mayor Jim Gelwicks



Date

Memo to City Council

From: Kathleen Fogo, City Attorney

Date: 3/13/2020

Re: COVID-19 – Declaration of State of Emergency within the City

The Gunnison City Council is asked to direct City Manager Russ Forrest to execute the Local Disaster Emergency Declaration for the City of Gunnison, which is included in your packet. The action, by statute, has to be initiated by the Manager, and can only be in effect for seven (7) days, unless it is extended by further action of the Council. This declaration is unlikely to have any immediate impact, but it may assist the City in the future with financial reimbursement, and can assist in providing flexibility for further responsive action as necessary within the City.

Action Requested of Council: To direct the City Manager to sign the Local Disaster Emergency Declaration for the City of Gunnison.

CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO

LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Gunnison County, Colorado issued a local disaster emergency declaration detailing the rapid spread of COVID-19 and declarations by the World Health Organization and Governor of the State of Colorado declaring a state of emergency for the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the City adopts and incorporates the County's statements and declarations in their entirety for purposes of the City's emergency declaration; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gunnison Home Rule Municipal Charter, Section 5.9 provides that the Council shall constitute the Board of Health and Safety of the City, and its officers shall possess all powers, privileges and immunities granted to boards of health by statute.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED by the City Manager of the City of Gunnison, Colorado:

THAT, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-33.5-709, it is hereby determined and declared that the presence of the COVID-19 within Gunnison County constitutes a local disaster emergency that warrants the mobilizing of emergency response and furnishing of aid and assistance.

THAT, the Council shall be and is hereby empowered to exercise its authority as the Board of Health and Safety of the City.

THAT, this Declaration shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days unless continued or renewed by action of the City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado.

THAT, this Declaration is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Gunnison, Colorado.

DECLARED this 16th day of March, 2020, at Gunnison, Colorado at _____ p.m.

CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO

Russell Forrest, City Manager

Gunnison County, Colorado
Local Disaster Emergency Declaration

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a highly contagious virus that originated in China and has since spread to numerous countries around the world, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the virus may cause serious illness or death in certain cases, particularly where the elderly and persons with underlying health conditions contract it; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern, and on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared the virus a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of Colorado declared a State of Emergency for the State of Colorado due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Gunnison County Health and Human Services confirmed a case of COVID-19 within the county and the public health experts anticipate that, due to the contagiousness of the illness and the fact that numerous travelers from around the world visit the county, Gunnison County will continue to see cases of the virus and its transmission within the community; and

WHEREAS, as of March 11, 2020, there are 938 cases of COVID-19 in the United States;

WHEREAS, as of March 11, 2020, there are 33 cases of COVID-19 in the State of Colorado;

WHEREAS, as of March 12, 2020, there are at least 3 cases of COVID-19 in Gunnison County;

WHEREAS, in response to this Pandemic, Gunnison County has activated its Community Disease Containment Plan;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Community Disease Containment Plan, Gunnison County has activated its Emergency Operations Center, assisted with closures and lockdowns of certain public spaces and locations (such as the Gunnison Senior Care Center and the Crested Butte Community Schools), initiated County-wide screening and testing protocols, assisted the Gunnison Valley Health system with screening and testing activities; and engaged in a comprehensive public information campaign to keep citizens and visitors alike informed and safe;

WHEREAS, Gunnison County anticipates that without appropriately responding to the illness, numbers of cases within the county will rise, may result in serious illness or death for certain members of the community, and also may have the effect of interrupting the functioning of the community in terms of work attendance, school attendance, and the like; and

WHEREAS, the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovering from the impact of the ensuing event is far in excess of the county's available resources; and

WHEREAS, Colorado law provides for declaring of a local disaster emergency to assist local governments in responding to and recovering from emergency events, including epidemics; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1) “A local disaster may be declared only by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision. It shall not be continued or renewed in excess of seven days except by or with the consent of the governing board of the political subdivision”; and

WHEREAS, “The effect of a declaration of local disaster emergency is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster and emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans.” C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(2).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED by the County Manager of Gunnison County, Colorado:

THAT, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, it is hereby determined and declared that the presence of the COVID-19 virus within Gunnison County constitutes a local disaster emergency that warrants the mobilizing of emergency response and the furnishing of aid and assistance.

THAT, this Declaration shall be promptly filed with the Gunnison County Clerk and Recorder and with the Colorado Office of Emergency Management.

THAT, this Declaration shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days unless continued or renewed by action of the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado.

THAT, this Declaration is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this County of Gunnison, State of Colorado.

DECLARED this 12th day of March, 2020 at GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO at 2:45 pm.

Gunnison County, Colorado

By and through its County Manager



Matthew Birnie, County Manager



To: City Council
From: City Staff
Date: March 16, 2020
Re: Discussion on City Facility Operations with Possible Action

City Council:

Council may have a discussion on City Facility Operations and take possible action. There are no packet materials for this item.

Action Requested of Council: To discuss City Facility Operations and to take possible action.