



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
March 31, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Aldерwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Post 1, Chairman
Aldерwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Aldерwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Aldерman Detric Leggett, District 2
Aldermen Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Aldерman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice Chairman
Aldерwoman Dr. Estella E. Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem
Aldерman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

OTHERS PRESENT:

Interim City Manager Patrick C. Monahan
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Assistant City Manager Health Lloyd
Deputy Assistant to the Mayor Marty Johnston
Director of Public Communications Nick Zoller
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

The Special Called Meeting was held at 3:00 p.m. via a Conference Call (1-425-436-6365=Access Code 109735). The invocation was offered by Alderman Palumbo.

Opening Remarks by Mayor Johnson:

Mayor Johnson gave an update of the coronavirus in Chatham County. He gave a brief update of the press conference today. Mayor Johnson recommended changing the call days to Mondays and Thursdays with the continued regular meeting schedule of City Council.

City Manager Monahan gave an update on the hand sanitizers, face mask, and thermometers for City staff.

Aldermen gave comments in the round-robin fashion:

- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz – suggested to continue the daily calls until the end of the week or until the next Council Meeting. After all remarks, she agreed with the Monday and Thursday meetings unless there is an emergency situation.
- Aldерwoman Gibson-Carter – concerned with the sanitation staff riding three people to a truck with no mask. Agrees with the suggested meeting times. She would like to know if the health care industry is being monitored for masks and sanitizers.
- Aldерwoman Miller Blakely – concerned with high-rise buildings maintaining sanitation precautions. City yard maintenance workers are working with mask that



are non-effective. She asked Mayor Johnson to define the next level of emergency. She wants whatever is best for Council pertaining to the meetings.

- Alderwoman Lanier – she agrees with the Monday and Thursday meetings provided the issue does not increase. She has concerns with individuals that have symptoms but cannot find a place to get tested.
- Alderman Leggett – thanked the City Manager for all his support. He agrees with the Monday and Thursday meetings.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan – she is agreeable to the Monday and Thursday meetings. Suggested a few public service announcements of the social distancing. She asked Mayor Johnson if there is a way to pinpoint the latest virus cases.
- Alderman Palumbo – thanked the staff. Suggested the City partner with the County on recycling pickups. He agrees with the Monday and Thursday meetings.
- Alderman Purtee – he agrees with the Monday and Thursday meetings.

Closing:

Mayor Johnson reported that he will be on a call tomorrow with the White House staff in reference to the pandemic.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Initials: _____