



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

11:30 AM

Council Chambers

Addendums may be added on Friday.

A. Mayor Joe McComb to call the meeting to order.

Mayor McComb called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m.

B. Invocation to be given by Mayor Joe McComb.

Mayor McComb gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag.

Mayor McComb led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States and the Texas Flag.

D. City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta to call the roll of the required Charter Officers.

City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta called the roll and verified that a quorum of the City Council and the required Charter Officers were present to conduct the meeting.

Charter Officers: City Manager Peter Zanoni, City Attorney Miles K. Risley and City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta.

Note: Council Members Roland Barrera, Ben Molina, Everett Roy, and Greg Smith participated by video conference. Council Member Michael Hunter participated telephonically.

Present: 9 - Mayor Joe McComb, Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Rudy Garza, Council Member Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Gil Hernandez, Council Member Michael Hunter, Council Member Ben Molina, Council Member Everett Roy, and Council Member Greg Smith

- E. PUBLIC COMMENT - AUDIENCE AND PRESENTER SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND PUBLIC HEARING INPUT AT PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.** To reduce the chance of COVID-19 transmission, public meetings will be held in a manner intended to separate, to the maximum practical extent, audience and presenters from personal contact with members of Community, City Staff, and City Council. This meeting will be broadcast at cctexas.com/services/council/meeting-agendas-minutes-video. Public testimony and public hearing input for Public Comment and all items on the agenda at public meetings of the City Council should be provided in written format and presented to the City Secretary and/or designee no later than five minutes after the start of each meeting of the City Council. This testimony and/or public input shall be in accordance with the City Secretary's instructions, which shall be posted on the City Secretary's door and on the City website, and allow for electronic submission. The written public testimony shall be provided to members of City Council prior to voting on measures for that meeting. Written testimony shall be limited in accordance with the City Secretary requirements and shall be placed into the record of each meeting. This testimony shall serve as the required public testimony pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.007 and shall constitute a public hearing for purposes of any public hearing requirement under law. The meeting may be held telephonically or via videoconference. The public may participate remotely by following the instructions of the City Secretary at cctexas.com/departments/city-secretary.

Mayor McComb referred to comments from the public.

The following people submitted public comments which are attached to the minutes:

Thomas M. Moloney, 7406 Up River Road; Kate Collins, 3033 Chapel Creek Dr.; Beth Hattox; Connie Park; Anna Towns; Raquel Salas; Ryan Winterbauer; and Shawn Spears, 13629 Cactus Circle.

F. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS / UPDATE ON CITY OPERATIONS:

Mayor McComb referred to City Manager's Comments. City Manager Peter Zanoni reported on the following topics:

a. OTHER

City Manager Peter Zanoni said today's report would focus on the COVID-19 situation. He asked Director of Public Health District Annette Rodriguez to provide an update.

Director of Public Health District Annette Rodriguez presented an update on COVID-19: an indoor warehouse has been setup for public health items for the drive thrus and other events; a Biological Safety Laboratory was certified and all staff passed the proficiency testing; Nueces County has seven confirmed cases; and the laboratory will service all surrounding counties.

City Manager Peter Zanon thanked Director of Public Health District Annette Rodriguez, Public Health Administrator Dr. Dante Gonzales, and their staff for the time, attention and professionalism they have exhibited in the past couple of months. Mr. Zanon reported on the following items: 1) Seven confirmed cases in Nueces County. 2) Preventative tips for COVID-19: stay home and reduce travel; practice social distancing; wash hands with soap and water; and keep hands off of face. 3) City parks and gulf beaches remain open. 4) Public safety is the number one priority. To keep police officers healthy, CDC recommends that the police officers reduce contact in the field when able. 5) Fire Department has not made any changes. 6) Emergency Operation Center (EOC) is open on full scale activity. 7) Thanked the community and businesses for donating time or material. 8) The public can obtain information on the coronavirus through the City's website.

G. MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting of March 17, 2020.

These Minutes were postponed to March 31, 2020.

H. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

2. Corpus Christi Downtown Management District (1 vacancy)
Reinvestment Zone No. 3 Board (1 vacancy)

Mayor McComb referred to Item 2.

Corpus Christi Downtown Management
Council Member Garza made a motion to appoint Jamie Nodarse Barrera (Resident), seconded by Council Member Guajardo and passed unanimously.

Reinvestment Zone No. 3 Board
Council Member Garza made a motion to appoint James Sedwick Jr. (Downtown Management District), seconded by Council Member Guajardo and passed unanimously.

I. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:

J. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 3 - 16)

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor McComb referred to the Consent Agenda. Council members requested that Item 3 be pulled for individual consideration.

There were no comments from the Council; or written testimony from the public.

A motion was made by Council Member Garza, seconded by Council Member Guajardo, to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item 3. The

motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

- 3.** Ordinance Approving and Extending the Second Amended Order Regarding Public and Private Gatherings Ordered by the Mayor of the City of Corpus Christi Texas on March 18, 2020; providing for penalties; and declaring an emergency.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 3.

City Attorney Miles Risley presented the following information: the second amended order signed by the Mayor prohibits more than 50 people in one place for social gatherings; the order signed by the Mayor has been superseded by the governor's order which states that no more than 10 people be allowed in social gatherings; government entities and businesses will continue providing essential services; and the 10 people limit applies to "social" gatherings.

Council Members, City Attorney Miles Risley and City Manager Peter Zaroni discussed the following topics: that the orders are in place for 30 days; what is the likelihood that the County Judge will issues a shelter in place order; concerns about the economic impact to our community; the county's orders prevail if not in complete sync with the City, although the county has much more limited enforcement resources, so the county and city usually work together; clarification that the Council ratifies the Mayor's actions, not the County Judge's actions; a council member's request to ask for City Council's input on the shelter in place; the City of Dallas has issued a shelter in place order to refer to; the City and County will do what is in the best interest for our community; are there any trigger points for shelter in place and when will that take effect; that the Mayor will speak with the County Judge about shelter in place and he won't sign anything until he feels comfortable with it; being cognizant about "shelter in place" so the community won't panic buy; the ability to keep businesses open, but limit social activity; limit travel since most of the confirmed cases are due to travel; avoid travel on a voluntary basis; that the exemptions should be tailored to our community and the significance of how the specific wording in the "shelter in place" order will be conveyed; that public comments should be read aloud since they relate to this discussion; that leadership should go ahead and make their decision for shelter in place without City Council's input; and that Homeland Security has a list of what services are considered "essential".

Council Member Garza made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Guajardo. This Ordinance was passed and approved on emergency with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 032060

Consent - Second Reading Ordinances

4. Zoning Case No. 0120-04, H.I. Investments and City of Corpus Christi (District 4). Ordinance rezoning property at or near 6099 and 6101 Ennis Joslin Road from the "RS-10" Single-Family 10 District to the "ON" Neighborhood Office District. Planning Commission and Staff recommend Approval.

This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032061

5. Zoning Case No. 1219-02, Zeba, Inc. (District 3). Ordinance rezoning property at or near 4938 Moody Drive from the "RS-6" Single-Family 6 District to the "RM-1" Multifamily 1 District. Planning Commission recommends approval. Staff recommends Denial and in lieu thereof, approval of the "RS-TF" Two Family District.

This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032062

6. Ordinance amending an element of the Comprehensive Plan, specifically the City's Water Distribution System Master Water Plan for South of Oso Creek to facilitate looping of the waterline during development of Kings Landing subdivision.

This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032063

7. Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 031927, which created Reinvestment Zone Number Four, City of Corpus Christi, Texas, covering North Beach, to correct the Tax Increment Base for the Zone by replacing Exhibit D; and approving the amendments to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #4 Amended Project & Financing Plan approved by the Board of Directors of Reinvestment Zone Number Four, Corpus Christi, Texas, regarding participation of Del Mar College in the amount of approximately \$9.3 million over 20 years, and other matters relating thereto.

This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032064

8. Ordinance disannexing approximately 869.2 acres, located north of Corpus Christi Bay and west of the City of Ingleside's extraterritorial jurisdiction, from the City of Corpus Christi, Texas; adjusting the City

boundaries accordingly; providing for severance, publication, and an effective date.

This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032065

- 9.** Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 031817 by adjusting the boundary of the City's Industrial District No. 8 to include disannexed tracts; and approving Industrial District Agreement No. 103 with Occidental Chemical Corporation, Ingleside Cogeneration Limited Partnership, Ingleside Ethylene, LLC, and OXYMAR.

This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032066

- 10.** Ordinance abandoning and vacating a 20-foot wide by approximately 150-feet long (3,000 sq. ft.) utility easement out of Lots 14-19, Block 8 in Portairs Addition, located at 4462 Ayers Street. (District 2)

This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032067

- 11.** Ordinance to revise procedures and rental fees for use of Sunrise Beach RV Park camp sites effective April 1, 2020.

This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032068

- 12.** Ordinance authorizing purchase of 6.529 acres at or near 22787 Park Road 25, in Mathis Texas, near Sunrise Beach RV Park on Lake Corpus Christi, from John Antinarella in amount of \$315,000; appropriating \$315,000 from the unreserved fund balance in the Water Fund for this purpose.

This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032069

Consent - Contracts and Procurement

- 13.** Resolution authorizing a purchase of non-lethal impact guns and accessories from GT Distributors of Austin, Texas, for a total amount of \$116,729.60 for the Police Department with funding available through the FY 2020 Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032070

14. Resolution authorizing a two-year service agreement with up to two additional one-year option periods with AutoWorks Unlimited, LLC, of Corpus Christi, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$300,013.00 for installation and repairs of radios and in-car cameras in Police Department vehicles with FY 2020 funding in the amount of \$75,003.25 available in the General Fund.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032071

15. Motion authorizing a three-year supply agreement with Texan Waste Equipment, Inc., dba Heil of Texas, of San Antonio, Texas in an amount not to exceed \$1,950,000.00 for the purchase of garbage truck parts, effective upon issuance of notice to proceed, with FY 2020 funding in an estimated amount of \$325,000.00 available through the Fleet Maintenance Service Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2020-061

Consent - Capital Projects

16. Motion authorizing execution of Change Order No. 6 to the Oso Water Reclamation Plant Headworks and Lift Station project with CSA Construction, Inc. of Houston, Texas, to repair two clarifier systems that remove solids from wastewater, in the amount of \$1,477,067.05 for a total contract value of \$25,227,127.30, located in City Council District 4, effective upon issuance of notice to proceed, with funding available from the FY 2018 Wastewater Capital Improvement Program Budget.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2020-062

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (ITEM 17)

17. Zoning Case No 0220-01, Cliff Investments, Inc. (District 3). Ordinance rezoning property at or near 430 North Padre Island Drive (State Highway 358) from the "RM-3" Multifamily 3 District and "CG-2" General Commercial District to the "IL" Light Industrial District. Planning Commission and Staff recommend Approval. A $\frac{3}{4}$ favorable vote of City Council is required due to opposition by an adjacent property owner.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 17.

Director of Development Services Al Raymond stated that the purpose of the rezoning is to allow for future potential industrial use.

Director Raymond presented information on the following topics: aerial

overview; zoning pattern; and Planning Commission's and staff's recommendation.

Mayor McComb opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public.

A council member and Director Raymond discussed the following topics: the requirement for a 3/4 vote of Council was triggered because the person in opposition is the adjacent property owner, who owns 20% of the land in the notification area.

Mayor McComb closed the public hearing.

Council Member Barrera made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Hunter. The Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

M. REGULAR AGENDA:

N. FIRST READING ORDINANCES: ITEMS 18 - 19)

18. Ordinance accepting funds in the amount of \$25,409.75 from the State of Texas - Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education Account for Police Officer training; and appropriating \$25,409.75 in the Police Grants Fund.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 18.

There were no comments from the Council or the public.

Council Member Garza made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Guajardo. This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

19. Zoning Case No. 1019-01, Ed Rachal Foundation (District 1). Ordinance rezoning property at or near 2212 Morris Street from the "RS-6" Single-Family 6 District to the "CI/SP" Intensive Commercial District with a Special Permit. Planning Commission recommends denial. Staff recommends approval. (3/4 Vote is required to overrule Planning Commission's Recommendation)

Mayor McComb referred to Item 19.

Director of Development Services Al Raymond presented information on the following topics: aerial overview; zoning pattern; and Planning Commission recommends denial of the "CI/SP" Commercial Intensive District with a Special Permit (SP) and staff recommends approval of the "CI/SP" Commercial Intensive District with a Special Permit (SP).

Mayor McComb opened the public comment. City Secretary Rebecca Huerta read into the record the public comment from the following person: (NOTE: this is attached to the minutes): Carl E. Crull, 8025 Villefranche Dr.

Council Members, Director Raymond and City Manager Peter Zaroni discussed the following: if the project is abandoned, the rezoning of the site and its allowable uses could be intensive for the surrounding neighborhoods; still able to refurbish the building; and Ed Rachel Foundation and the City have been working to develop a 20-year lease with a 20-year renewal to turn the abandoned school into an office environment for the City and police department.

Council Member Roy made a motion to approve the ordinance as a "CI" Commercial District without the Special Permit, seconded by Council Member Barrera.

Council Members, City Manager Zaroni and Director Raymond discussed the following topics: the reason it is commercial intensive versus neighborhood commercial; using CI because of the flexibility without setbacks; what the intended use of the building will be; the building will be used for police officers; what additional improvements will be made to the building; if the plans in place require commercial intensive versus neighborhood commercial; the setback is to maximize the property; potential plans to expand for storage and separate entrances; and some departments such as Utilities might have some laboratory uses that are allowed in CI, but not neighborhood commercial.

This Ordinance approving the "CI" Commercial District without the Special Permit was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Nay: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

Abstained: 0

O. BRIEFINGS: (NONE)

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEMS 20 - 21)

Mayor McComb referred to Executive Session Items 20 and 21. The Council went into executive session at 1:07 p.m. The Council returned from executive session at 2:27 p.m.

20. Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.071

and Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.05 to consult with attorneys concerning legal issues related to collective bargaining matters in the Agreement(s) with the Corpus Christi Police Officers' Association and the Corpus Christi Professional Firefighters' Association.

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

21.

Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.071

and Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.05 to consult with attorneys concerning legal issues related to a Chapter 380 Economic Development Incentive Agreement with Upper Padre Partners, LP and North Padre Waterpark Holdings, Ltd., a Developer Agreement for Park Road 22 Bridge and Village Canal with Padre Island Holdings, LLC and Diamond Beach Holdings, LLC and pursuant to **Texas Government Code § 551.087** to discuss confidential commercial or financial information pertaining to the aforesaid business prospect(s) that the City seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near the territory of the City and with which the City may conduct economic development negotiations and/or deliberate possible economic development issues concerning said business prospect(s).

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

K. RECESS FOR LUNCH

The recess for lunch was held during Executive Session Items 20 and 21.

Q. IDENTIFY COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor McComb referred to Identify Council Future Agenda Items.

A council member and City Manager Peter Zaroni discussed the following items: a request from a council member to get an updated report from engineering on the status of Everhart Rd. and any other major construction projects that may be delayed due to COVID-19, along with a wastewater report on preventative maintenance.

R. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT/INPUT FORM

City of Corpus Christi

Enter either "City Council" or the name of the City Board: _____

DATE OF MEETING (mm/dd/yy): 03-19-2020

NAME: Thomas M. Moloney MD

ADDRESS: 7406 LP River Road

CITY: Corpus Christi STATE: Tx ZIP: 78409

TOPIC: COVID-19

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER (if applicable): General Public

If no agenda item is specified, then this will be considered a general public comment and not a public hearing.

Subject: COVID-19

As a physician, I strongly urge
banning all spring break related
activities without further delay.

PUBLIC COMMENT/INPUT FORM

City of Corpus Christi

Enter either "City Council" or the name of the City Board: City Council

DATE OF MEETING (mm/dd/yy): 03/20/2020

NAME: Kate Collins

ADDRESS: 3033 Chapel Creek Drive

CITY: Corpus Christi STATE: TX ZIP: 78414

TOPIC: Rural Communities

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER (if applicable): _____

If no agenda item is specified, then this will be considered a general public comment and not a public hearing.

The rural communities suffer from public isolation within typical circumstance. In the height of fear, financial insecurity, and health concern, how will the city respond to our rural communities to ensure they are being given equal access to treatment, testing, and

Norma Duran

From: Beth Hattox <bethhattox@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 5:01 PM
To: CitySecretary
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Dear Mayor McComb, please issue a stay at home order

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Dear Joe,

Please issue a stay at home order. Impose fines on those who disregard it. You can save countless lives this way.

I hope you will follow the lead of your fellow mayor in Dallas.

Sincerely,

Beth Hattox

Norma Duran

From: Connie Park <connie.park94@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 11:43 PM
To: CitySecretary
Subject: Regarding Covid-19 to Mayor and City Council

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As a citizen of Corpus Christi,
I urge you to close all nonessential businesses temporarily .
With the recent cases of the virus, it is unsafe and unethical to continue opening retail businesses at a time like this. Especially considering the fact that testing the average person is nearly impossible in the city at this moment in time. I called the covid-19 hotline and was immediately denied testing because I haven't been out of the country starting December of last year.
Frankly, this is ridiculous criteria as there are a number of positive cases in Texas alone and many untested I'm sure. Until testing is Available for everyone showing symptoms, it is reckless and bad leadership to continue nonessential businesses.
In the meantime, leadership in this city should be postponing rent, utilities, and mortgage payments during this pandemic.
Improve the testing screening process and get more people tested, until then shut down all nonessential businesses for the health of the average citizen !
Do everything you can to ease the financial burden while many are not working!
Thank you.

Norma Duran

From: Anna Towns <anatown@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 7:00 AM
To: CitySecretary
Subject: NYTimes: Italy, Pandemic's New Epicenter, Has Lessons for the World

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Italy, Pandemic's New Epicenter, Has Lessons for the World <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/21/world/europe/italy-coronavirus-center-lessons.html?referringSource=articleShare>

Please read this & shut down Corpus Christi! Let us be a model for the rest of Texas!
Anna Towns

Sent from my iPhone

Norma Duran

From: Anna Towns <anatown@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 7:05 AM
To: CitySecretary
Subject: Coronavirus Could Overwhelm U.S. Without Urgent Action, Estimates Say - The New York Times

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<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/03/20/us/coronavirus-model-us-outbreak.html>

Please read this as well. We need to be shut down!
Anna Towns

Sent from my iPhone

Norma Duran

From: Raquel Salas <salasr19@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:34 AM
To: CitySecretary
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Driscoll Children's Hospital

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I am emailing with grave concern. My daughter-in-law is RN in ER department. Sunday night a patient was brought in through ambulance as possible corona virus patient. From my understanding patient tested negative for flu and was then tested for virus. Patient is in ICU. Nurses that attended to patient were not even in proper protective equipment. They were send home and ask to return to work next day if no fever.

My concern is that the nurses that tended to the patient were not tested. Now they go back to work until test results on patient come in. In the meantime they have contact with their spouses and children and in our case grandparents.

I have contacted local news media, they are investigating, but not getting much cooperation from Driscoll.

I am hoping you can give this concern immediate attention. Unacceptable that only 20 tests have been issued to our area.

PLEASE HELP! My concern as a grandparent is for my daughter in law, son, and grandson. My daughter in law is putting her life in jeopardy for other people's children and it seems no one is looking out for her well being.p

Please Do Your Job! Put people first..economy second

Norma Duran

From: Winterbauer, Ryan <Ryan.Winterbauer@Sci-us.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:20 AM
To: CitySecretary; Joe McComb; Rudy Garza Jr; Paulette Guajardo; Michael Hunter; Everett Roy; Ben Molina; Roland Barrera [council]; Greg Smith; Gil Hernandez [Council]; maggie.turner@nuecesco.com; monica.perez1@nuecesco.com; County Judge Barbara Canales
Cc: Gonzalez, Anna C; Garcia, Alison
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Funeral Home Workers during a COVID-19 Shelter in Place Order
Attachments: ICCFA_Deathcare_Essential_Services_031920_R2.pdf
Importance: High

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Mayor Joe McComb, City Council, The Honorable Barbara Judge Canales, and staff,

In light of many Health Departments, State and other local agencies issuing various orders ranging from size restrictions of public gatherings all the way to shelter-in-place orders, the International Cemetery, Cremation, and Funeral Association (ICCFA) is requesting that all orders include deathcare professionals as an essential business.

Currently, most orders are identifying that only essential activities and businesses to be open. Included in these orders are health care operations as well as other businesses related to general health and essential infrastructure. ICCFA believes all deathcare professionals - this would include funeral homes, crematories, cemeteries, as well as the suppliers to these businesses - are related and essential infrastructure. We encourage any new orders to specifically identify the deathcare professions as an essential business and function. By clarifying that deathcare professionals are an essential business and function, it will avoid any confusion.

Properly identifying deathcare professionals will allow them to remain in a position to aid in this crisis. It is also important so they can receive needed supplies, and also have priority access to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as this crisis continues. Identifying deathcare professionals as essential public health workers also follow a recent Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response, which was issued by the US Department of Homeland Security on March 19, 2020. (<https://www.cisa.gov/publication/guidanceessential-critical-infrastructure-workforce>)

ICCFA suggests the use of the following language in any orders:

For the purposes of this Order, "Essential Businesses" means:
Deathcare Professionals and Essential Infrastructure, including licensed funeral homes, crematories, cemeteries, as well as all suppliers of funeral products to funeral service providers, which provide essential services that are critical to the health, safety and sanitation of the community.

In addition, we request your help in passing on the message regarding the 10 person maximum in public gatherings, including funeral services. Most, if not all, funeral homes now have the ability to stream services to those that cannot attend. We also have the ability to handle the burial or cremation and allow families to gather for a memorial service following this crisis. Conforming to this direction not only protects the immediate family from contracting the disease from visitors, but it also protects our staff, who will be interacting with other families.

If you have any questions, please contact the ICCFA at (703) 391-8400. Or myself personally at 832-266-9039.

Ryan G. Winterbauer

Market Manager

Corpus Christi Market

**VISION**

Recognize, understand and
embrace cultural diversity
and uniqueness.

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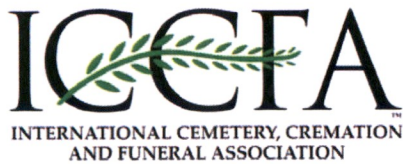
Memory Gardens Funeral Home and Cemetery

Ryan.Winterbauer@DignityMemorial.com



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March 19, 2020

State and Local Health Departments
Funeral, Cemetery, and Cremation Regulatory Agencies

Re: Inclusion of Deathcare Professionals in All COVID-19 Orders

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Deathcare Professionals and Essential Infrastructure, including licensed funeral homes, crematories, cemeteries, as well as all suppliers of funeral products to funeral service providers, which provide essential services that are critical to the health, safety and sanitation of the community.

If you have any questions, please contact us at (703) 391-8400.

Sincerely,

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TOPIC: Shelter in place

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How are we expected to shelter in place if we farm land near Tynan, Texas. The planting can't wait, and husband will have to leave everyday to go plant until finished with all acres. How will this apply to farming families in these communities?