



WAYZATA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Agenda

Wayzata City Hall Community Room, 600 Rice Street
Thursday, March 19, 2020

1:00 PM - SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **New Business**
 - a. Consider Adoption of Resolution 12-2020 Extending the Mayor's Declaration of Local Emergency for Purposes of Minnesota Statutes Sections 12.29, 12.37 AND 13D.021
5. **Adjournment**

Meeting Rules of Conduct:

Turn in white card for public forum and blue card for agenda item

Give name and address

Indicate if representing a group

Limit remarks to 3 minutes

Members of the City Council and some staff members may gather at the Wayzata Bar and Grill immediately after the meeting for a purely social event.

All members of the public are welcome.

Upcoming Meetings:



City of Wayzata City Council Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: March 19, 2020

AGENDA ITEM: 4.a

TITLE: Consider Adoption of Resolution 12-2020 Extending the Mayor's Declaration of Local Emergency for Purposes of Minnesota Statutes Sections 12.29, 12.37 AND 13D.021

PROPOSED MOTION: To Adopt Resolution 12-2020 Extending the Mayor's Declaration of Local Emergency for Purposes of Minnesota Statutes Sections 12.29, 12.37 AND 13D.021

PREPARED BY: Jeff Dahl, City Manager

REVIEWED BY: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff recommends adoption of the attached resolution declaring a local state of emergency in order to assist the City of Wayzata's efforts in combating the effects of the COVID 19 pandemic.

FINANCIAL OR BUDGET CONSIDERATION:

Adoption of the resolution will help the City recoup potential future reimbursement funds on expenditures related to the COVID 19 pandemic.

BACKGROUND:

Within the past week, the Federal Government, State of Minnesota, and Hennepin County have all declared variations of emergencies due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Due to the unprecedented threat to public health, the City has since scaled down operations, cancelled public meetings, closed most City facilities, and has had to limit hours/encourage remote working.

In addition to related looming economic hardships, the City has and will continue to spend unbudgeted dollars in order to combat the pandemic, protect the health of its employees and public, and maintain City services.

As the pandemic continues to evolve rapidly, the City will likely need to take action quickly, to protect public wellbeing, rather than waiting to adhere to public meeting timelines.

Staff will provide an update of its Continuation of Operations Plan as well as detailing how each department is preparing. Also, the City Attorney will be in attendance to answer questions regarding the declaration.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 12-2020 Emergency Declaration

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2020

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND EXTENDING
THE MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY UNDER MINNESOTA
STATUTES SECTIONS 12.29, 12.37 AND 13D.021.

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, Mayor Ken Willcox signed and filed a City of Wayzata Local Emergency Declaration on the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019, commonly known as COVID-19 or the coronavirus, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Wayzata supports and agrees with the Mayor's Declaration of Local Emergency, and further finds that the emergency will last for more than three (3) days.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Wayzata, Minnesota as follows:

- A. The Council adopts, supports, and consents to the Mayor's March 18, 2020 City of Wayzata Local Emergency Declaration, and the findings therein; and
- B. The Council declares the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 to be a current health pandemic and emergency pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Sections 12.29, 12.37, and 13D.021; and
- C. The Council declares this state of Local Emergency shall continue in effect until there is federal or state action declaring an end to the state of emergency related to Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 for an area that includes the City, or a subsequent action by the Council is taken to terminate the Local Emergency.

Adopted by the Wayzata City Council this March 19th day of March, 2020.

Ken Willcox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey Dahl, City Manager

ACTION ON THIS RESOLUTION:

Motion for adoption:

Seconded by:

Voted in favor of:

Voted against:

Abstained:

Absent:

Resolution adopted.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Wayzata, Minnesota, at a duly authorized meeting held on March 19, 2020.

Kathy Leervig, City Clerk
SEAL

Exhibit A:
MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

CITY OF WAYZATA
LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION BY MAYOR KEN WILLCOX

WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019, commonly known as COVID-19 or the coronavirus, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death is a new strain of virus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Center for Disease Control has identified the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19, and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota has had an increasing number of positive test results for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the U.S constitutes a National Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz declared a Peacetime State of Emergency to authorize any and all necessary resources to be used in support of the COVID-19 response; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Hennepin County declared a local emergency in response to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Disease Control and Prevision and the Minnesota Department of Public Health recommend that any individual with confirmed COVID-19 should remain under home isolation precautions until the risk of secondary transmission to others is thought to be low; and

WHEREAS, the necessary resources to respond to and recover from this pandemic will exceed those available within the City, and additional resources will be needed from outside the City, including from county, state, and federal sources; and

WHEREAS, the City will need operational flexibility to respond to and recover from this pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE, MAYOR KEN WILLCOX, OF THE CITY OF WAYZATA DECLARES, REQUESTS, AND DIRECTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Under the authority given in Minnesota Statutes Sections 12.29 and 12.37, declares that a local emergency exists within the City of Wayzata, effective March 18, 2020, with all the powers and responsibilities attending thereto as provided by Minnesota Statutes Chapter

12 (Emergency Management) and Wayzata City Code Chapter 204 (Emergency Management).

2. Directs the City Manager to review with City staff all City operations, proceedings, events, staff and material expenditures, and resources that can and should be adjusted or suspended, or to enact emergency regulations and expenditures to support vital City operations and the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Wayzata during the pandemic.
3. Directs that most City facilities be closed to the general public effective March 18 2020, and that all communication with City employees in those facilities shall occur by telephone, mail, or electronic means.
4. Directs that the City Manager requests and coordinates appropriate aid and resources from the surrounding jurisdictions and the State of Minnesota, as needed.
5. Declares, under the Open Meeting Law, Minnesota Statutes 13D.021, that in-person meetings of the City Council and other City boards, authorities, and commissions, are not practical or prudent because of the pandemic and the emergency declared by the Governor.
6. Requests that the City Council convene as soon as possible to discuss and consent to this declaration, including its duration for a period of time deemed prudent.
7. Orders that this declaration be given prompt and general publicity on the City's website and press releases, and that it be filed promptly by the City Clerk.

Declared this 18th Day of March, 2020



Ken Willcox,
Mayor of the City of Wayzata