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CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mayor John J. Lampl II
Mayor Pro Tem Van T. Tran
Councilwoman Dorothy Dean
Councilwoman Renee S. Knight
Councilman Khoa Vuong

March 10, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mayor John J. Lampl II called the Regular Council Meeting of the Morrow City Council to order at 7:36 pm on March 10, 2020. The meeting took place in the Council Chambers of the Morrow Municipal Complex located at: 1500 Morrow Rd, Morrow, GA 30260.

Mayor Lampl asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent reflection.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval of February 25, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of February 25, 2020 Work Session Minutes
- c. Approval of February 25, 2020 Special Called Meeting Minutes
- d. Approval of the Foster and Foster Invoice in the amount of \$30,462.00

Mayor Lampl called for a motion to amend the consent agenda to approve Items b, c, and d and remove Item a. February 25, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION AND VOTE: **Councilman Vuong** made the motion, seconded by **Mayor Pro Tem Tran**. The motion passed unanimously.

MEETING AGENDA:

- I. Approval of March 10, 2020 Meeting Agenda

Mayor Lampl called for a motion to amend and approve the meeting agenda removing: Item 11.

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MOTION AND VOTE: Councilwoman Dean made the motion to amend and approve, seconded by Councilman Vuong. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Fire Chief Roger Swint and Medical Director Jim Augustine presented basic information on preparedness, transmission and prevention of the Corona Virus (COVID-19). Fire Chief Swint thanked the Mayor and Council for their proactive position by demonstrating that protecting the community is their priority. Two weeks ago Fire Chief Swint and the fire department drafted and began implementing a plan for the city. The involvement of 30 city employees; Fire Department, Police Department, City Hall and Informational Technology (IT) were instrumental in executing this plan. There were 1600 multi-lingual (English, Spanish, and Vietnamese) informational Corona Virus post cards mailed to residents within the city. The Police Department and Fire Department distributed flyers as well as multi-lingual postcards to over 30 high traffic locations throughout the city (e.g. Southlake Mall, Wal-Mart, AMC Theatres, B.C. Haynie Elementary School and Morrow Elementary School as well as to all the hotels within the city limits). The information contained on the flyers and post cards came from the Center for Disease Control and the Department of Public Health. Prevention and Awareness information specific to colleges and universities was provided to Clayton State University. Links and Information has been placed on the City's website as well as to the City's Facebook page and will be updated regularly. Internally, hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes have been placed in targeted areas in all of the City's facilities, along with awareness and prevention measures for staff members.

The Fire Department receives frequent updates from the CDC, Georgia Dept. of Health, EMS Regional Director and Clayton County Emergency Management Agency on the status and conditions and any best practices information. There is consistent communication between the Fire Department and the Medical Director on how to respond, treat and transport anyone suspected of having the Corona Virus. The Fire Department has also implemented new guidelines for employees that have become symptomatic. For the protection of the firefighters, EMT's and paramedics a new filtration system has been purchased for the SCVA masks. Isolation kits which include gowns, goggles, glasses, and masks have been placed on the ambulances. Per OSHA requirements all of the department's firefighters have completed fit testing for their N-95 masks. Best practices have been reviewed with employees for disinfecting the ambulances and equipment. A disinfecting fogger has been purchased to disinfect the ambulances, police cars, equipment and other targeted areas throughout the city's facilities. The reserve ambulance has been prepared by sealing off the area between the cab and the patient compartment. Inventory of personal isolation kits and protective kits have been increased. Fire Chief Swint noted that the department continuously trains for similar situations. Similar precautions and approaches for patient care are taken every year during flu season as in the past years with the Zika Virus, SARS, MERS, Bird Flu, H1N1, Swine Flu Ebola and new strains of Influenza. Fire Chief Swint advised that although the situation is fluid, he has ensured that the Fire Department is prepared to handle a patient with the Corona Virus or any infectious disease.

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Dr. Jim Augustine is distinguished in his field and has host of accolades and accomplishments. He serves as the Medical Director for the City of Morrow and for Fire Service Departments of Hapeville, Forest Park, Riverdale and South Fulton. **Dr. Augustine** has provides in person training to the fire department on a quarterly basis. **Dr. Augustine** has served with the City of Morrow since 2001, with a short break when he served in Washington D.C. The Corona virus species has been in scourge for many centuries. A couple of the Corona Virus species mutated and gave us the disease SARS in 2003 and then MERS. He stated that the Corona Virus- COVID-19 appeared in China around November this past year and as the disease continues to spread across the world we have to learn about the virus; what diseases it causes and what are the early symptoms. There are no treatments or vaccines for this disease as yet. **Dr. Augustine** serves with other Medical Directors in other metropolitan areas a group known as the Eagles conduct weekly conference calls. The Medical Director in Seattle shares with the group; the state of the disease in the Seattle region, public safety repercussions as well as their public education programs as it relates to the disease. **Dr. Augustine** congratulates the City implementing the public education program so quickly.

The basic elements of a respiratory spread disease on a scale of diseases it is relatively puny, very easy to disable it. Most of our sanitizer materials work effectively on it. The disease spreads in droplet but not so effectively in other ways. He stated that this bug has not evolved within the American population, to date very harmful to the general populous. China and the rest of the world have provided information regarding the clinical characteristics of people who are sick with the virus. No one under the age of 10 has died from the virus yet and even been real sick from the virus. In America, this winter there has been a terrible run with RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus), the Children's Hospitals have been very busy treating children. Unfortunately, there have been some RSV and Influenza related deaths. This year has been a bad year for Influenza A and B strains. The year started off with Influenza B strain and then moved into the Influenza A strain, with the A strain we do not have very good vaccines for the H3N2 version. In moving into the new COVID virus the new challenge is that many of the hospitals are full of influenza patients and many services have been very busy. Medical staff, hospitals, public safety entities have been up to date and working on prevention and treatment of viral diseases. The cycle on the COVID virus is running every 12 hours. There has been in the tests that fairly accurate diagnose the disease due to technical reasons. Better understanding of the virus will improve when more tests are available. The basic elements for dealing with an upper respiratory disease is noted the information the City distributed to the citizens and businesses. The bug is killed effectively by using soap and warm water, avoid touching your face, don't touch anything that you don't have to, when you are sick stay home and don't expose other people, cough into an elbow or into a Kleenex and dispose of it and clean any area that you know are public areas know to be touched. In the last couple of days with the repeat of the cycle of the larger number of patients across the United States, death rate goes up in the elderly population because the elders have not been exposed to this bug in the past and therefore do not have the immunity built to resist the infections from it. In groups of 20; 0-20 essentially no disease and no deaths, 20-40 a little higher; particularly if you have an underlying medical problem, 40-60, 60-80, 80 and older- the disease becomes a life threatening disease. **Dr. Augustine** congratulated the City on its proactive approach to educate the public and to continually update the information through website, Facebook and other means of effectively communicating with the citizens. **Councilwoman Knight** asked the projected timeline of the COVID -19 crisis. **Dr. Augustine**

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advised that it is unknown. Viral outbreaks can peak and be done within 12 weeks or continue a longer term cycle as H1N1 did in 2009. The 80% number is the 80% of known cases and there are of no doubt thousands to millions of unknown cases. The Corona virus does not have a reputation for causing serious illness. The information provided by China was that 80% of people who tested positive had very mild illness or no symptoms at all. About 15% became ill enough that required treatment and about 5% had significant illness. China notes a 70% recovery rate. **Councilwoman Dean** asked what advice could be provided on handling currency. **Dr. Augustine** advised that currency has a certain amount of add on material; bacteria, fungus, molds or viruses. He advised that virus do not like to live outside to the body and that there will not be a lot of viral species found on currency and if it was found it would have a short lifespan. **Mayor Lampl** inquired on recommendation from a calm or planning point. **Dr. Augustine** responded that in the news there has been mention of a containment strategy and a mitigation strategy. Containment is difficult when you can't pick out the people who are sick with the virus. Someone will exhibit symptoms very mild symptoms within 5 days of exposure; which can consist of a sore throat, dry cough and a runny nose, he noted that most people do not have a fever at the beginning. The people who have gotten sick will become very ill within 8 days and at that point they will have traveled and come in contact with others with no idea that they were ill. **Dr. Augustine** explained the cycle of Influenza and how Influenza vaccines are developed. **Councilwoman Dean** inquired if there was a know origin of the disease. **Dr. Augustine** advised that disease originated from a market in Wuhan, China and that there is a disagreement as far as which animal it came from. **Councilman Vuong** inquired on how long does the virus last outside of the body. **Dr. Augustine** advised that it is believed to be a couple of hours; he stated that those with respiratory disease or heart disease have the most difficulty with the virus. A resident inquired on how are patients with the virus treated. **Dr. Augustine** advised that antibiotics are made for bacteria and currently there are no effective antiviral agents for this virus. Supportive care is provided to the patients; hydration, oxygen, breathing moisture and nutrition if the patient is unable to do so on their own. He noted that Atlanta Hospitals have begun limiting visitors of hospital patients. A resident inquired how the disease is spreading so quickly, she was concerned when you used the keypad at the local Wal-Mart. **Dr. Augustine** advised by cough, sneeze and touch. He stated that you are more likely to see other forms of life the on the machines and encouraged everyone to use hand sanitizer or wear gloves. Someone inquired on the lifespan of the disease in the body once someone has contracted it and you are immune thereafter to this particular strain of the virus. **Dr. Augustine** stated that it is believed that the actual clinical course is approximately 14 days and typically lifelong immunity. A resident requested clarification on reports that she heard on television. **Dr. Augustine** advised that the information she received concerning the virus surviving outside of the body for 3-4 days is not true and that several steps are taken if someone picks up the virus from a hard surface. It is believed that the patient is infectious when they show symptoms. A resident inquired on how to prevent children from passing the virus on to an older person. **Dr. Augustine** recommended having children cough or sneeze in a controlled area, he advised children do not like to wear masks, and that it is important to distance yourself from the child. A resident inquired who should wear a mask. **Dr. Augustine** responded that if there is only 1 mask place it on the sick person. A resident inquired if someone is susceptible to the disease should wear a mask when they go. **Dr. Augustine** explained that it is more a social signal that says stay away from me and it is a reminder to the person of the precautions to take. **Councilwoman Dean** inquired with Chief Swint if someone calls 911 how is the call handled. Chief Swint advised

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that Clayton County 911 operators ask a series of pertinent questions related to the Corona virus and will relay the information to the fire department in which they will determine how to approach a patient. He noted that the Fire Department has taken measures to protect themselves when responding to patients for an assessment by reducing the number of personnel who actually make contact with patient.

City Council Comments:

**Councilwoman Knight
Councilwoman Dean
Councilman Vuong
Mayor Lampl**

Public Comments:

**Resident 1
Resident 2
Resident 3
Resident 4
Resident 5
Resident 6**

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SANITATION ORDINANCE:

1. First reading of Sanitation Ordinance 2020 - 03

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2020-03 AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN A STOP SIGN AT PLEASANT VALLEY AND PINECREST.

Mayor Lampl called for a motion for approval of Resolution 2020-03.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilman Vuong made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tran. The motion passed unanimously.

2. First Reading of Ordinance 2020-02 to amend the Fee Schedule to include rental fees for the pavilion, the community room, and the welcome center.

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3. APPROVAL OF MATCH FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,190 FOR THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT FOR THE EXHAUST EXTRACTION SYSTEM AND THE FACE PIECE TESTER AND AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR LAMPL TO EXECUTE THE GRANT APPLICATION AND ANY RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FOR THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE PROCESS.

Mayor Lampl called for a motion to approve match funds in the amount of \$5,190.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilwoman Dean made the motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Vuong. The motion passed unanimously.

4. AUTHORIZE CHIEF CALLAWAY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH RAINBOW CONNECTION CHILD ADVOCACY AND ASSESSMENT CENTER (CAAC)

Mayor Lampl called for a motion to authorize Police Chief Callaway to execute the agreement with Rainbow Connection Child Advocacy and Assessment Center (CAAC).

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilwoman Knight made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Dean. The motion passed unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF THE JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND PAY CLASS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER AND THE EVENTS AND TOURISM COORDINATOR.

Mayor Lampl called for a motion to approve the Job Descriptions and Pay Class for Economic Development Manager and the Events and Tourism Coordinator.

MOTION AND VOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Tran asked to require a four-year degree. Mayor Lampl called for a motion to approve the job descriptions adding the requirement for a four-year degree or equivalent experience. Mayor Pro Tem Tran approved the motion, seconded by Councilman Vuong. The motion passed unanimously.

6. APPROVAL OF THE TRI SCAPES, INC. BID FOR THE JESTER'S CREEK PHASE III CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$927,327.11.

Mayor Lampl called for a motion to approve the TriScapes, Inc. bid for the Jester's Creek Phase III construction in the amount of \$927,327.11.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilwoman Dean made the motion, seconded by Councilman Vuong. The motion passed unanimously.

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GENERAL COMMENTS:

City Council Comments:

Councilwoman Dean

Mayor Lampl

Public Comments:

Clayton County Probate Judge Pam Ferguson

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Lampl called for a motion to adjourn the March 10, 2020 Regular Meeting and to complete the Council work session agenda.

MOTION AND VOTE: **Councilman Vuong** made the motion to adjourn the March 10, 2020 meeting and to continue the Council work session in the board room, motion seconded by **Mayor Pro Tem Tran**. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lampl adjourned the March 10, 2020 Regular Meeting at 8:41pm.

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Approved this 24th day of March 2020.

Attest

CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA



Andrea Yates, City Clerk



John J. Lampl, Mayor

