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COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020

The Columbia City Council will conduct a Virtual Meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. using Video Conferencing Technology. The Virtual Meeting will be streamed online at www.columbiasc.gov or www.youtube.com/user/ColumbiaSCGovernment. For additional meeting information, visit www.columbiacitysc.igmp2.com. You may also register at this site to post comments about items on the agenda. Comments posted about specific agenda items will be read during the Public Comment segment of the meeting. For questions regarding the meeting portal, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (803)545-3043 or cityclerk@columbiasc.gov.

The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

The Honorable Sam Davis, District I ■ The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, At-Large

The Honorable Howard E. Duvall, Jr., At-Large ■ The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., District II

The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann, District IV ■ The Honorable William Brennan, District III

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

1. Ordinance No.: 2020-044 An Emergency Ordinance extending the temporary suspension of operating procedures of City Council Meetings and City Boards and Commissions Meetings

RESOLUTION

2. Resolution No.: 2020-059 City of Columbia Policy Statement on Social Distancing

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

3. COVID-19 Update - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

PUBLIC COMMENTS



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THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. Receipt of legal advice related to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)

Legal advice pertaining to COVID-19 and City Operations

ADJOURNMENT



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MEETING DATE: May 7, 2020

DEPARTMENT: Legal Department

FROM: *Shari Ardis, Legal Office Manager*

SUBJECT: Ordinance No.: 2020-044 An Emergency Ordinance extending the temporary suspension of operating procedures of City Council Meetings and City Boards and Commissions Meetings

FUNDING SOURCE & ORIGINAL BUDGET:

FOCUS AREAS: Innovative & High Quality Municipal Services, Planning Together

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2020-044 public attendance at meetings (PDF)

ORDINANCE NO: 2020-044*An Emergency Ordinance extending the temporary suspension of operating procedures of City Council Meetings and City Boards and Commissions Meetings*

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No.: 2020-027 enacted on March 10, 2020, the Mayor and City Council temporarily suspended the normal operating procedures of City Council meetings to allow for the Mayor and Council members to remotely participate in voting and operational procedures by telephone or other means of electronic communication, which ordinance would automatically expire on the 61st day after enactment being May 10, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No.: 2020-032 enacted on March 17, 2020, the Mayor and City Council temporarily suspended the normal operating procedures of the City of Columbia Boards and Commissions meetings to allow for the members to participate in voting and operational procedures by telephone or other means of electronic communication, which ordinance would automatically expire on the 61st day after enactment being May 17, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, SARS-CoV-2 (the Coronavirus) the virus that causes the disease COVID-19 is responsible for an outbreak that began in Wuhan, China, and continues to be a serious public health concern; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is still in the public interest to protect public health and the general welfare of the public to extend the temporary suspension of normal operating procedures of City Council and City Boards and Commissions meetings; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia is working with other government agencies in an effort to prevent the spread of the disease; and,

WHEREAS, Sec. 2-86 of the Ordinances of the City of Columbia allows for the adoption of emergency ordinances on one reading without notice or hearing by affirmative two-thirds of the members present, and shall expire automatically on the 61st day following enactment; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this __ day of May, 2020, that the City of Columbia extends the temporary suspension of the normal operating procedures of City Council and City Boards and Commissions meetings and allows for the Mayor, Council Members, Board Members and Commission Members to remotely participate in voting and operational procedures by telephone or other means of electronic communication; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this emergency ordinance to temporarily suspend the normal operating procedures of City Council and City Boards and Commissions meetings shall be terminated by the issuance of another ordinance or shall automatically expire on the 61st day after enactment of this ordinance.

Requested by:

Mayor

Mayor

Approved by:

City Manager

Approved as to form:

ATTEST:

T. A. Knox

City Attorney

City Clerk

Introduced:

Final Reading:



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MEETING DATE: May 7, 2020

DEPARTMENT: Legal Department

FROM: *Shari Ardis, Legal Office Manager*

SUBJECT: Resolution No.: 2020-059 City of Columbia Policy Statement
on Social Distancing

**FUNDING SOURCE &
ORIGINAL BUDGET:**

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2020-059 City of Columbia Policy Statement on Social Distancing v2 (PDF)

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2020-059*City of Columbia Policy Statement on Social Distancing*

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia ("Council") recognize the severe impact that business closings, stay home orders and social distancing has had on the citizens, businesses and non-profits throughout Columbia due to the COVID-19 health crisis; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognizes the importance of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Columbia and the importance of local businesses and non-profits ability to survive the impact of COVID-19 for the long-term stability and vitality of the region is to reopen businesses and bring employees back to work; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the statewide lifting of mandatory stay home orders and some restrictions on type of and how businesses may operate, the Mayor and Council would encourage citizens, businesses, non-profits and their employees to implement procedures to insure the protection of their families, employees and customers as businesses resume operations; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED this ____ day of _____, 2020, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, South Carolina that to insure the health, safety and welfare of all citizens and visitors of the City of Columbia that citizens, businesses and non-profits are encouraged to adopt and adhere to CDC guidelines (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>) and implement the following practices:

- Screening viral RNA testing, repeat testing and ongoing monitoring of employees;
- Program surveillance to include monitoring of clinical symptoms and daily temperatures of employees;
- Workplace safety measures and distancing;
- Enhanced disinfection of shared surfaces
- Appropriate use of PPE in confined areas;
- Appropriate sick-leave policy

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to remain safe we continue to work together as one community to slow the spread of COVID-19 by the continued incorporation of social distancing, personal hygiene and safety measures into our daily lives.

Requested by:

Mayor and City Council

Mayor

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City Manager

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MEETING DATE: May 7, 2020

DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

FROM: *Erika Hammond, City Clerk*

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update - The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin

**FUNDING SOURCE &
ORIGINAL BUDGET:**



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MEETING DATE: May 7, 2020

DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

FROM: *Erika Hammond, City Clerk*

SUBJECT: Receipt of legal advice related to matters covered by attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)

**FUNDING SOURCE &
ORIGINAL BUDGET:**

PURPOSE:
Legal advice pertaining to COVID-19 and City Operations