

I) CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mayor Mamula called the meeting of March 12, 2020 to order at 4:30pm. The following members answered roll call: Mr. Bergeron, Ms. Gigliello, Ms. Owens, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Carleton, Ms. Wolfe and Mayor Mamula.

II) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Holman stated there were no changes to the agendas. Mayor Mamula declared the agenda approved as presented.

V) DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) COVID-19 PLANNING

Mayor Mamula stated we have started discussing limiting events, including in buildings we own, and events that we sponsor in response to COVID-19 concerns.

Mr. Holman explained that the concept of social distancing is important, and suggested we make changes to control our facilities, including those for the arts. Mr. Bergeron stated it's incumbent on us to message positively if possible. Mayor Mamula stated the message is preventative at this point, and we are following along with what the rest of the country is doing right now. Ms. Wolfe stated the message that keeps coming through is that we need to work together to slow this down so the medical facilities can catch up. Ms. Gigliello stated we need to also look at the size of the facility and if limiting gatherings to 50 people is an appropriate number. Mr. Holman stated he wants Council to be on the same page on how to move forward with all of our events and programs, including recreation programs, public transportation and childcare programs. He also stated Council will be asked to take official action later in this meeting to give the power to make those kinds of decisions to Mr. Holman in an emergency situation like this.

Ms. Owens stated the childcare centers are getting direction from Public Health and the direction is 72 hours closed for a positive test, and then re-evaluating. Mr. Carleton stated it's wise to listen to CDPHE, and Council needs to empower Mr. Holman to use his best judgement for this.

Mayor Mamula stated the Town can we say no to events or classes in any of our facilities. Mr. Gallagher asked about the Speakeasy Theatre, and Ms. Haynes stated in Eagle County the 50-person cap includes movie theaters and churches, and not just Town-owned facilities. Mr. Carleton stated he thinks we should be proactive and err on the side of caution with guidance to private facilities as well. Ms. Wolfe stated we should consider giving more separation in our facilities. Mr. Gallagher stated the tougher the precautions right now, the better we might be in the long run. Mayor Mamula stated the issue is that we can easily affect some things, but we can't control private businesses. Ms. Gigliello stated the more aggressive we can be we should.

Council discussed canceling events in Town facilities that have 50 or more people until May 1, and having the Rec Center cancel all organized group programs until May 1. They also spoke about the Speakeasy and Backstage Theater, and the small classrooms in the Arts District. They also discussed developing guidance on teleworking and essential staff, and talking to the Ski Resort again. Ms. Wolfe stated she feels the grocery store isn't doing enough and we need some guidance from them.

Mayor Mamula opened public comments.

Mr. Matt Neufeld, BCA President, stated they can't necessarily turn things back on when they are turned off. He noted that if they shut down for 6 weeks they are completely shut down, and they don't know what will happen with WAVE at this point, which starts at the end of May.

There were no additional comments and public comments was closed.

VI) NEW BUSINESS

A) COUNCIL BILL NO. 13, SERIES 2020 - CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION DEALING WITH EMERGENCY POWERS TO ADDRESS COVID-19

Mayor Mamula read the title into the minutes. Mr. Tim Berry stated we don't have an ordinance detailing how the Town Manager can go forth and address this health concern without a motion by Council. He also stated our disaster definition doesn't quite fit this

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situation, which is a public health emergency. He further stated this ordinance provides a structure to allow Mr. Holman to have the power to address some things during this emergency, and page 3 of the ordinance states Mr. Holman has the power to limit the number of people in a building, and close or limit the use of any town facility for this purpose. Mr. Berry stated this is an emergency ordinance and under Charter rules this can be passed only with a super majority of affirmative votes.

Mayor Mamula opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Bergeron moved to approve COUNCIL BILL NO. 13, SERIES 2020 - CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION DEALING WITH EMERGENCY POWERS TO ADDRESS COVID-19. Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7-0.

X) OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters to discuss at this meeting.

XI) EXECUTIVE SESSION

XII) ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:10pm. Submitted by Helen Cospolich, CMC, Town Clerk.

ATTEST:

Helen Cospolich, CMC, Town Clerk

Eric S. Mamula, Mayor