

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BURNET
CITY OF MARBLE FALLS

On this the 2nd day of July 2020 the City Council convened in special session at 2:00 pm via telephone conference in accordance with the Order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, in response to COVI-19, with notice of meeting giving time, place, date, and subject having been posted as described in Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

PRESENT:

John Packer	Mayor
Richard Westerman	Mayor Pro-Tem
Craig Magerkurth	Councilmember
Celia Merrill	Councilmember
Reed Norman	Councilmember
Rene Rosales	Councilmember
Dave Rhodes	Councilmember

ABSENT: None

STAFF:

Mike Hodge	City Manager
Caleb Kraenzel	Assistant City Manager
Christina McDonald	City Secretary
Patty Akers	City Attorney
Mark Whitacre	Chief of Police
Russell Sander	Fire Chief
Kacey Paul	City Engineer
Christian Fletcher	EDC Executive Director
Glenn Hanson	Assistant Police Chief
Erin Burks	Downtown Coordinator
Angel Alvarado	Director of Human Resources
James Kennedy	Director of Public Works

VISITORS: Alex Copeland (Daily Trib), Kay Zagst, Becca Schafer, Dr. Jules Madrigal, Nikki Truhan, Kevin Naumann, Robyn Richter, Jeff Sellers, Craig Crosgray, Leanne Risberg, and approximately 32 other participants on Zoom

- CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Packer called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm and announced the presence of a quorum via roll call.
- REGULAR AGENDA**
 - (a) Discussion and Action on Resolution 2020-R-07B consenting to the extension of the Declaration of Local Disaster Executed by Mayor John Packer on March 19, 2020 and amended on June 29, 2020 until July 13, 2020 at 11:59 pm Central Standard**

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Time. Dr. Madrigal gave an update on the COVID-19 cases in Burnet County and stated that 99% of the cases had not been wearing face coverings. Dr. Madrigal stated that a recent A&M study indicates that wearing face coverings helps keep the virus from spreading at a distance. Dr. Madrigal also stated that wearing face coverings is an effort to keep businesses open.

Councilmember Rhodes stated he had a challenge with mandating people wear face coverings.

Mayor Packer allowed for citizen comments. The following individuals commented on the proposed Resolution.

Kay Zagst stated that she supported the mandate of requiring face coverings. Becca Schafer and Sara Featherling also spoke in favor of the resolution.

Jeff Sellers and Craig Crosgray both spoke against the mandate. Mr. Sellers stated he believed the mandate is against his constitutional rights.


After more discussion, Councilmember Merrill made a motion to act favorably on Resolution 2020-R-07B. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Councilmember Rhodes made a motion to approve the Resolution, with an amendment that face coverings were not required, but highly recommended. Councilmember Norman seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Pro-Tem Westerman and Councilmembers Rhodes, Norman and Magerkurth.


NAYS: Mayor Packer, and Councilmembers Rosales and Merrill

3. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, Councilmember Merrill made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Norman. The special meeting was adjourned at 2:56 pm.



 John Packer, Mayor

ATTEST:



 Christina McDonald, TRMC
 City Secretary