



March 20, 2020  
Special Meeting  
Resolution 20-

**MOTION:**

**SECOND:**

**RE:** Approving Meeting by Electronic Communication Means Under Virginia Code §2.2-3708.2

**ACTION:** APPROVED: Ayes: 0; Nays: 0

Fredericksburg City Council has convened in this special meeting conducted by electronic communication means under the authority of Virginia Code §2.2-3708.2. The purpose of this resolution is to state the basis for conducting the meeting under this authority, and to record City Council's approval of same.

On March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia in response to the continued spread of novel coronavirus, or COVID-19. COVID-19 spreads from person-to-person, transmitted via respiratory droplets, and can be spread from an infected person who does not have symptoms to another person. No current vaccine or known treatment options exist at this time. It is unclear at this time when it will be safe to resume in-person City Council meetings, but it is reasonable to conclude that there may be a weeks-long period when it is unsafe to do so.

The nature of the declared emergency makes it impracticable or unsafe to assemble a quorum in a single location. The purpose of this special meeting is to address the emergency. The Clerk of Council gave public notice of this special meeting by electronic communication means using the best available method given the nature of the emergency, which notice was given contemporaneously with the notice provided to the members of the City Council.

Public access to this special meeting is provided via live stream through the City's website, the City's Governmental television channel, and Facebook Live.

The type of electronic communication means by which this meeting is conducted is Go To Meeting app on City iPads.

Therefore, the City Council hereby resolves that:

- Conducting this special meeting through electronic communication means is approved.
- Votes shall be conducted by name in roll-call fashion and included in the minutes.

**Votes:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Absent from Vote:**

**Absent from Meeting:**

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***Clerk's Certificate***

*I certify that I am Clerk of Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 20-, adopted at a meeting of the City Council held March 20, 2020, at which a quorum was present and voted.*

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***Tonya B. Lacey, MMC***  
***Clerk of Council***