Special City Council Meeting of the Roswell City Council
Held at the Roswell Convention & Civic Center, Meeting Room A – 912 N. Main St.
April 27, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

Notice of this meeting was given to the public in compliance with Sections 10-15-1 through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978 and Resolution 19-37

ROLL CALL

The meeting convened at 5:32 p.m. with Mayor Dennis Kintigh presiding and Councilors Oropesa, Stubbs, Foster, Kennard, Best, Sanchez, Moore, and Roebuck being present. Councilor Perry participated via Go-To-Meeting, and Councilor Peterson being absent.

1. Approval of the agenda - Councilor Stubbs moved to approve the agenda for April 27, 2020, Special City Council meeting as presented. Councilor Foster was the second. A voice vote was 9-0, the motion passed with Councilor Perry participating via Go-To-Meeting, and Councilor Peterson being absent.

MAYOR KINTIGH’S ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS - None

2. PRESENTATION – COVID-19 Update/Finances – Joe Neeb - Mr. Neeb discussed the Budget Overview stating that the City has revised its estimate on GRT and is budgeting for a reduction of 23% GRT for the budget year of 2021. The financial impact to the overall budget is a reduction of $10.3 million for

Personnel and Operations are expected to include:
- 5% equivalent decrease for public safety services from last year’s budget
- 20% equivalent decrease for all other services from last year’s budget
- Additional indirect transfers of $2.2 million from the current budget

Service reductions are being prepared for consideration
- Fewer operation hours and increased fees
- Open positions have been frozen and removed from the budget
- Consideration of retirements, furloughs and/or layoffs of current workers

Projects and capital expenditures will be equally impacted financially
- All projects will be prioritized with many planned projects being delayed due to funding

Mr. Neeb also discussed budget adjustments, the Public Health Emergency Order, reopening city services, managing the workplace for employee safety, identifying where and how workers and citizens might be exposed to COVID-19 in each department or service, and establishing policies, practices, and workplace controls.
3. Resolution 20-27 COVID-19 Recovery Planning – Councilor Foster made a motion to approve Resolution 20-27. Councilor Kennard was the second. Mayor Kintigh discussed several charts he created depicting stats for the state and particularly Chaves County.

After discussion, Council Roebuck made a motion to substitute a resolution he created. Councilor Best was the second.

After discussion, Councilor Perry made a motion to amend the substitute resolution as follows:
- to remove the fourth WHEREAS entirely from the resolution
- in the new fourth WHEREAS strike the word “materially” and replace it with the word “tremendously”
- in the NOW, THEREFORE to strike the word “deems” and replace with the word “believes”
- in the NOW, THEREFORE to strike the word “essential” and replace with the word “crucial”
- in the FURTHER BE RESOLVED to add the word “must” after the word City.

Councilor Kennard was the second.

After a brief discussion, a roll call vote was as follows: Councilor Oropesa-no, Councilor Stubbs-yes, Councilor Foster-no, Councilor Kennard-yes, Councilor Best-yes, Councilor Sanchez-yes, Councilor Moore-no, Councilor Roebuck-no, and Councilor Perry-yes, and the motion passed 5-4 with Councilors Oropesa, Foster, Moore, and Roebuck voting no; Councilor Perry participating via Go-To-Meeting, and Councilor Peterson being absent.

A roll call vote on the motion by Councilor Roebuck to substitute a resolution as amended was as follows: Councilor Oropesa-no, Councilor Stubbs-yes, Councilor Foster-yes, Councilor Kennard-yes, Councilor Best-yes, Councilor Sanchez-yes, Councilor Moore-yes, Councilor Roebuck-yes, Councilor Perry-yes, and the motion passed 8-1 with Councilor Oropesa voting no; Councilor Perry participating via Go-To-Meeting, and Councilor Peterson being absent.

A roll call vote to adopt the substitute resolution was as follows: Councilor Oropesa-no, Councilor Stubbs-no, Councilor Foster-yes, Councilor Kennard-yes, Councilor Best-yes, Councilor Sanchez-yes, Councilor Moore-no, Councilor Roebuck-yes, and Councilor Perry-yes, and the motion passed 6-3 with Councilors Oropesa, Stubbs, and Moore voting no; Councilor Perry participating via Go-To-Meeting, and Councilor Peterson being absent.
CITY MANAGER REPORTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS – Joe Neeb, City Manager, had no other reports or announcements.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Adopted and approved on the 14th day of May 2020.

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DENNIS J. KINTIGH, MAYOR

SHARON COLL, CITY CLERK