



CITY OF NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA
North Myrtle Beach City Hall
Emergency City Council Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, July 8, 2020 - 1:30 P.M.

1. Call To Order
Roll Call
2. Business
To discuss the City's ongoing response to COVID-19 and the current state of emergency.
 - A. Declaration of State of Emergency
 - B. Emergency Ordinance Extension

Documents:

[DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY.PDF](#)
[EMERGENCY ORDINANCE EXTENSION.PDF](#)

3. Adjournment

Meeting Attendees

A social distancing protocol of 6 feet shall be observed at all times in City Hall and Council Chambers.

Public Comment Period

- Duration of the Public Comment Period shall not exceed 30 minutes.
- Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes. Each speaker is timed and a 30-second warning light appears.
- Please observe the rules.

Rules Regarding Video Recording & Photography

Except during the ceremonial portion of the Council meeting, all video recording and photography shall be conducted from a stationary position either:

- While seated in the back row of the Council Chambers
- While standing behind the last row of seats in Council Chambers

Anyone Requiring an Auxiliary Aid or Service for Effective Communication or Participation

- Should contact (843) 280-5555 as soon as possible
- No later than 24 hours before a meeting

DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR NORTH MYRTLE BEACH

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control (the “CDC”), Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission; and

WHEREAS, the disease COVID-19 presents a public health concern that requires extraordinary protective measures and vigilance; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a world-wide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency for the United States and its territories in an effort to reduce the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of South Carolina, Henry McMaster, declared a state of emergency for the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has spread across the state with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (“SCDHEC”) confirming the localized person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in South Carolina, which indicates a significant risk of exposure and infection and creating an extreme public health risk; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds that COVID-19 continues to present an increasing danger to the health, safety and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, taking measures to control outbreaks minimizes the risk to the public, maintains the health and safety of the City’s residents, and limits the spread of infection in our communities and within the healthcare delivery system; and

WHEREAS, there has been a rapid spike of Coronavirus cases throughout South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Horry County has been named a Coronavirus hot spot by SCDHEC; and

WHEREAS, the North Myrtle Beach City Council passed an emergency ordinance on June 30, 2020 requiring face coverings; and

WHEREAS, S.C. Code Ann. 5-7-250 empowers Council to enact emergency ordinances affecting life, health, safety, or property; and

WHEREAS, the North Myrtle Beach City Council finds that a State of Emergency continues to exist due to the circumstances as described above, specifically declaring this State of Emergency for North Myrtle Beach, under the authority granted to it under State and local law, authorizing whatever measures necessary to respond appropriately to the emergency, and requests that State and Federal resources be mobilized in response to this extraordinary health event and resulting losses and damages sustained.

NOW, THEREFORE, the North Myrtle Beach City Council declares an extended State of Emergency to exist in North Myrtle Beach, which as set forth hereinabove, authorizes the City Manager to take the necessary measures to mobilize the necessary life safety mechanisms and responses, and working together with the State and other health organizations and agencies, schools and other governmental and private partners, assist in the taking of all reasonable actions and precautions as is necessary to ensure the fullest possible protection and preservation of life and property and continuation, restoration and recovery of essential public services to include providing for isolation and quarantine, limiting travel, modifying personnel requirements, practices and procedures, providing for remote access to the workplace by employees, canceling or postponing events, activities, appearances, or functions involving group gatherings, suspending the requirement of payment of transactional fees, transferring budgeted federal or state grant monies as necessary pursuant to federal/state guidelines, temporarily suspending attendance requirements for boards, commissions, committees, and the like, temporarily closing certain City facilities or portions thereof and that, in addition, directs that this Declaration be transmitted to the Governor for the State of South Carolina requesting that the Governor make the appropriate declarations and take whatever other actions necessary to address this emergency.

NORTH MYRTLE BEACH CITY COUNCIL

By: _____
Marilyn Hatley

Its: Mayor

Date: July 8, 2020

ORDINANCE

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DECLARING THAT A LOCALIZED STATE OF EMERGENCY EXISTS WITHIN THE CITY OF NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, North Myrtle Beach City Council is empowered by section 5-7-250(d) of the South Carolina Code of Laws and section 2-36.8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of North Myrtle Beach to adopt emergency ordinances to meet public emergencies affecting life, health, safety or the property of the people; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 5-7-250(d), such emergency ordinance shall be enacted by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of council present, is effective immediately upon its enactment without regard to any reading, public hearing, publication requirements, or public notice requirements, and shall expire automatically as of the sixty-first day following the date of enactment; and

WHEREAS, the North Myrtle Beach City Council found it necessary to enact an emergency ordinance as a result of its determination that a localized emergency existed within the City of North Myrtle Beach, beginning March 16, 2020 and directed that certain measures be taken to address that emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of North Myrtle Beach declared an extended state of emergency on May 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the current emergency declaration is set to expire at midnight on July 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is the determination of City Council that a localized emergency still exists within the City of North Myrtle Beach.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power and authority granted to the North Myrtle Beach City Council by the Constitution of the State of South Carolina and the powers granted to the City the General Assembly of the State, the following is hereby ordained and enacted:

- 1. DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY:** In accordance with sections 5-7-250(d) of the South Carolina Code of Laws and section 2.36.8 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of North Myrtle Beach, North Myrtle Beach City Council hereby declares that a localized emergency still exists throughout the City, and hereby amends the Ordinance Declaring a State of Emergency for the City of North Myrtle Beach to be extended.
- 2. TERMINATION/EXPIRATION:** This Ordinance shall remain in effect for sixty (60) days from passage unless sooner terminated by Resolution of City Council.
- 3. SEVERABILITY:** If any Section, Subsection, or part of this Ordinance shall be deemed or found to conflict with a provision of South Carolina law, or other pre-emptive legal principle, then that section, subsection or part of this Ordinance shall be deemed ineffective, but the remaining parts of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

- 4. **CONFLICT WITH PRECEDING ORDINANCES:** If a section, subsection or provision of this Ordinance shall conflict with the provisions of a section, subsection or part of a preceding Ordinance of North Myrtle Beach, unless expressly so providing, then the preceding section, subsection or part shall be deemed repealed and no longer in effect.
- 5. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

AND IT IS SO ORDAINED, ENACTED AND ORDERED
Dated this 8th Day of July, 2020

North Myrtle Beach City Council

Marilyn Hatley, Mayor

On behalf of the entire North Myrtle Beach City Council.

YES NO NOT PRESENT

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___	___	_____	ROBERT J. CAVANAUGH
___	___	_____	HANK THOMAS
___	___	_____	J.O. BALDWIN
___	___	_____	FRED COYNE
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