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## **Final Action Agenda - Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, March 17, 2020**

**6:00 PM**

**Joint Emergency Meeting of the City Council, Salem Housing  
Authority, and Urban Renewal Agency  
Council Chambers**

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**City Council**

**1. OPENING EXERCISES:**

**Call to Order**

6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

All members of the City Council, Salem Housing Authority Commission, and Urban Renewal Agency were present. Cara Kaser, Tom Andersen, Matt Ausec, and Jim Lewis attended the meeting telephonically.

**Present:** 9 - Councilor Kaser, Councilor Andersen, Councilor Nanke, Councilor Ausec, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Hoy, Mayor Bennett, Councilor Leung, and Councilor Nordyke

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by Mayor Bennett.

**1.1 APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

A motion was made by Councilor Hoy, seconded by Councilor Nanke to approve the special meeting agenda.

The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

**Aye:** 9 - Kaser, Andersen, Nanke, Ausec, Lewis, Hoy, Bennett, Leung, and Nordyke

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**1.2 APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**2. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS:**

**2.a.** Temporary suspension of City Council Rules, URA Rules and SHA Bylaws regarding public meeting procedures.

Ward(s): All Wards  
Councilor(s): All Councilors, URA Board Members, and SHA Commission Members  
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods  
Result Area(s): Good Governance and Safe Community.

**Attachments:** [Written Testimony received 3-17-20](#)

A motion was made by Councilor Hoy, seconded by Councilor Nanke to

suspend rules and adopt temporary procedures for public meetings to address public health issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including suspending oral public comment and limiting the number of people at a public meeting to 25 people.

Questions or Comments by: Councilors Hoy, Nordyke, Leung, Nanke, Andersen, Kaser, City Attorney Atchison, Mayor Bennett, and City Manager Powers.

All members of the City Council, Salem Housing Authority Commission, and Urban Renewal Agency APPROVED the motion by the following vote:

**Aye:** 9 - Kaser, Andersen, Nanke, Ausec, Lewis, Hoy, Bennett, Leung, and Nordyke

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**2.b.** Declaration of state of emergency related to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Ward(s): All Wards  
Councilor(s): All Councilors  
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods  
Result Area(s): Good Governance; Safe Community;

**Attachments:** [RESOLUTION NO 2020-18 031720](#)  
[City of Salem Letter 2020-18](#)  
[Written Testimony received by 5:00 p.m. 3-17-20](#)  
[Corrected Resolution No. 2020-18](#)

A motion was made by Councilor Hoy, seconded by Councilor Nanke to adopt Resolution No. 2020-18, declaring a state of emergency within the city of Salem related to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Questions or Comments by: Councilors Hoy, Leung, Andersen, City Manager Powers, City Attorney Atchison, Mayor Bennett, and Kristin Retherford, Urban Development Director.

An amendment to the motion was made by Councilor Andersen, seconded by Councilor Ausec, to amend Sections 5.a and 5.b to replace "gatherings of 2 or more people" with "gatherings of 4 or more people."

Questions or Comments by: Mayor Bennett, Councilors Hoy, Kaser, and Andersen.

The amendment FAILED for lack of vote:

**Aye:** 1 - Andersen

**Nay:** 8 - Kaser, Nanke, Ausec, Lewis, Hoy, Bennett, Leung, and Nordyke

Additional Questions or Comments by: Councilors Leung, Nanke, Nordyke, Andersen, City Manager Powers, Mayor Bennett, and City Attorney Atchison.

**The vote on the main motion CARRIED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 9 - Kaser, Andersen, Nanke, Ausec, Lewis, Hoy, Bennett, Leung, and Nordyke

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

### **3. ADJOURNMENT**

**7:06 p.m.**