



City of Hesperia

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Remote Access to City of Hesperia Council Meeting:

In accordance with new community guidelines from the Center for Disease Control to avoid gatherings of more than 10 persons, the City of Hesperia will allow for remote participation at the upcoming City Council special meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. The public will not be permitted to attend the meeting within the council chambers, but may view the meeting live on the City of Hesperia's website at www.cityofhesperia.us.

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During the upcoming City Council meeting public comment will be accepted via email. If you would like to comment remotely, please follow the protocols below:

- Send comments via email to publiccomment@cityofhesperia.us
- Identify the item you wish to comment on in your email's subject line.
- Emailed comments on the item will be accepted after the start of the meeting and up to when the Mayor announces that public comment for the item is closed.

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Cameron Gregg, Mayor Pro Tem
Bill Holland, Council Member
Rebekah Swanson, Council Member
Brigit Bennington, Council Member

Nils Bentsen, City Manager

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- Each emailed comment will be read aloud by a member of staff for up to three minutes.

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NOTICE AND CALL OF SPECIAL MEETING
HESPERIA CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
HESPERIA HOUSING AUTHORITY
HESPERIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HESPERIA WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the Hesperia City Council, Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency, Hesperia Housing Authority, Hesperia Community Development Commission, and Hesperia Water District will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, at 9700 Seventh Avenue, Hesperia, CA 92345.



Larry Bird, Mayor / Chair

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
HESPERIA CITY COUNCIL
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HESPERIA WATER DISTRICT**

Prior to action of the Council, any member of the public will have the opportunity to address the legislative body on the item listed on the agenda. Please submit a request to comment to the City Clerk by sending an email to publiccomment@cityofhesperia.us.

CALL TO ORDER - 10:00 AM

A. Roll Call

*Mayor Larry Bird
Mayor Pro Tem Cameron Gregg
Council Member Brigit Bennington
Council Member William J. Holland
Council Member Rebekah Swanson*

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ratifying of Declaration of Local Emergency

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2020-17 ratifying the Director of Emergency Services' issuance of a local emergency declaration.

Staff Person: City Manager Nils Bentsen

Attachments: [SR Emergency Declaration COVID 19 3-25-2020](#)

[Resolution 2020-17](#)

[Resolution 2020-18](#)

ADJOURNMENT

I, Melinda Sayre, City Clerk of the City of Hesperia, California do hereby certify that I caused to be posted the foregoing agenda on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to California Government Code §54954.2.

*Melinda Sayre,
City Clerk*

Documents produced by the City and distributed less than 72 hours prior to the meeting regarding items on the agenda will be made available in the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours.

City of Hesperia STAFF REPORT



DATE: March 25, 2020
TO: Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Nils Bentsen, City Manager
BY: Rachel Molina, Deputy City Manager
SUBJECT: Ratifying of Declaration of Local Emergency

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2020-17 ratifying the Director of Emergency Services' issuance of a local emergency declaration.

BACKGROUND

Code Section 2.20.060 of the Hesperia Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session.

The Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) is spreading worldwide. Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that are common in people and many different species of animals. Outbreaks of novel virus infections among people always present a public health concern. The risk to the public from the outbreak depends on characteristics of the virus, including how well it spreads between people. Reported illness related to COVID-19 have ranged from mild symptoms to severe illness and death.

In response to the pandemic, the State of California and County of San Bernardino have each declared a state of emergency. On March 19, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom issued a stay-at-home order for all Californians, in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19. As of the publishing of this report, there are 17 confirmed cases of the virus in San Bernardino County.

The Director of Emergency Services, in monitoring the situation and following direction from San Bernardino County Public Health, believes the declaration of a local emergency to be appropriate.

ISSUES/ANALYSIS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 8630 states:

- (a) A local emergency may be proclaimed only by the governing body of a city, county, or city and county, or by an official designated by ordinance adopted by that governing body.
- (b) Whenever a local emergency is proclaimed by an official designated by ordinance, the local emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it has been ratified by the governing body.
- (c) The governing body shall review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 60 days until the governing body terminates the local emergency.

- (d) The governing body shall proclaim the termination of the local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this declaration, however the declaration may assist the City in receiving disaster funding related to damages and expenses incurred as a result of COVID-19.

ALTERNATIVE(S)

1. Provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution No. 2020-17, Emergency Declaration
2. Resolution No. 2020-18, Ratifying Emergency Declaration

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-17

**A RESOLUTION BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF
THE CITY OF HESPERIA, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE
EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 45 of the City of Hesperia empowers the Director of Emergency Services, to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said city is affected or likely to be affected by the public calamity and the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services, of the City of Hesperia does hereby find:

1. That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City of Hesperia caused by:

PANDEMIC PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout the City of Hesperia.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the City of Hesperia shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinance, and resolutions of this city, and by this city's Emergency Plan, as approved by the City Council.

Local Emergency is declared on MARCH 24, 10:00 am, 2020.

Dated: March 24, 2020

By Nils Bentsen, City Manager _____
(Director of Emergency Services)

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-018

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HESPERIA,
CALIFORNIA, RATIFYING THE CITY OF HESPERIA'S DECLARATION
OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY ON TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020.**

WHEREAS, the California Government Code §8634 authorizes the City Council of the City of Hesperia to promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life and property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hesperia established its authority to designate an office authorized to declare a Local Emergency within Chapter 2.20 of the Hesperia Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, on MARCH 25, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-17 ratifying the Declaration of a Local Emergency which was executed at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 24, 2020 by Nils Bentsen, Director of Emergency Services, City of Hesperia.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HESPERIA CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All facts as set forth above are true and correct.

Section 2. The City's Declaration of a Local Emergency issued by the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Hesperia on March 24, 2020 is hereby ratified and is in full force and effect until such time as the Declaration is terminated.

Section 3. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

Larry Bird, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melinda Sayre
City Clerk