

RESOLUTION NO. __

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF GILLETTE TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS
BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon declared a state and public health emergency in the State of Wyoming based on the health risk of the coronavirus COVID-19 (“COVID-19”) and executed Executive Order 2020-2;

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Governor extended his Order until April 17, 2020.

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”) published recommendations that large gatherings of ten or more people should be avoided to prevent the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, based on the State Emergency Declaration and the recommendations of the CDC, the City of Gillette, Wyoming (“City”) limited City operations and allowed its employees to work from home when possible;

WHEREAS, to prevent the spread of COVID-19, access to City Hall is limited until it is determined safe for the staff, elected officials, and the public:

WHEREAS, all claims and demands against the City must be presented to the governing body in a public meeting;

WHEREAS, the City must have at least one meeting during a calendar month;

WHEREAS, City meetings must be held in accordance with the Wyoming Public Meetings Act, WYO. STAT. §§ 16-4-401 through 16-4-408;

WHEREAS, to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public, to comply with the City’s meeting obligations, and to avoid circumventing the Act, the City will conduct meetings with a quorum of the Council on a video conference call to allow contemporaneous discussion while simultaneously broadcasting the meeting on public access television to allow the public to hear Council discussion at the meeting;

WHEREAS, for scheduled meetings, the City will accept all comments from the public in writing through an account that will be established by the City and posted on its website;

WHEREAS, Citizens that do not have access to the internet may call the Clerk and express their comments;

WHEREAS, the deadline to submit comments is 3:00pm on the day of any scheduled meeting.

WHEREAS, the Clerk will read verbatim every comment from the public;

WHEREAS, the City will continue to provide proper notice of a meeting to the public and press;

WHEREAS, the sole purpose of this Resolution is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Gillette, Wyoming.

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GILLETTE, WYOMING:

Until further notice, the City will conduct public meetings by holding a video conference call with a quorum of Council and contemporaneously broadcast the call on public television. The public will be allowed to comment in writing.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of April 2020.

Louise Carter-King, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Cindy Staskiewicz, City Clerk