



Legislation Text

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A resolution extending the suspension of the Rules of the City Council of the City of Colorado Springs and authorizing the conduct of electronic or telephonic quasi-judicial hearings and executive sessions during the period of the state of emergency declared for the City of Colorado Springs and resulting from a public health emergency caused by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus

Presenter:

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Summary:

The City Council of the City of Colorado Springs has determined that as a result of the public health emergency caused by COVID-19 it is necessary to suspend certain City Council Rules and Procedures of City Council (the "City Council Rules") requiring City Councilmembers to be physically present at meetings of the City Council. Rule 10-3 of the City Council Rules allows City Council to suspend its rules by a majority vote of all members of City Council.

City Council finds that it is necessary and appropriate because of the declaration of emergency related to COVID-19 to suspend provisions of Part 2 of its City Council Rules to permit electronic or telephonic meetings, including, but not limited to providing for electronic or telephonic attendance and participation by the public for meetings and quasi-judicial hearings of City Council and subordinate boards and commissions. This resolution also permits the Council and its boards and commissions to conduct electronic or telephonic closed executive sessions.

This resolution will be effective through April 30, 2021.

Background:

N/A

Previous Council Action:

Council passed Resolution No. 19-20 on March 18, 2020 authorizing remote participation for Councilmembers and the public until May 1, 2020 due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. On April 28, 2020, Council extended the authorization for remote meetings and permitted electronic quasi-judicial hearings and closed sessions until June 20, 2020 through passage of Resolution No. 23-20. Resolution No. 40-20 extended the authorization for remote meetings and permitted electronic quasi-judicial hearings and closed sessions until September 30, 2020. Resolution No. 81-20 extended the authorization for remote meetings and permitted electronic quasi-judicial hearings and closed session until December 31, 2020.

Financial Implications:

N/A

City Council Appointed Board/Commission/Committee Recommendation:

N/A

Stakeholder Process:

N/A

Alternatives:

Council could choose not adopt the resolution extending the suspension of the Rules of the City Council of the City of Colorado Springs and authorizing the conduct of electronic or telephonic quasi-judicial hearings and executive sessions during the period of the state of emergency declared for the City of Colorado Springs and resulting from a public health emergency caused by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus.

Proposed Motion:

Move to approve a resolution suspending certain rules of the City Council of the City of Colorado Springs through April 30, 2021 resulting from a public health emergency caused by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus.

N/A