



EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE CHICO CITY COUNCIL

City Council Emergency Meeting Record of Action

**March 12, 2020
2:30 p.m.**

Chico Municipal Center, Council Chamber
421 Main Street, Chico, CA

1. **CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Brown**
2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Morgan, Councilmember Ory, Councilmember Reynolds, Councilmember Schwab, Vice Mayor Brown
Absent: Mayor Stone

3. **DETERMINATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL THAT PROMPT ACTION IS NECESSARY DUE TO THE DISRUPTION OF CITY BUSINESS AND SEVERE IMPAIRMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, OR BOTH**

The City Council was asked to consider making a finding that an Emergency City Council Meeting was necessary pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.5 as prompt action was necessary to address the interruption to City Business and the severe public health threat of the corona virus - COVID 19.

A motion was made by Councilmember Reynolds and seconded by Councilmember Schwab that an emergency exists and to hold the Emergency Meeting.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Huber, Morgan, Ory, Reynolds, Schwab, Brown
Noes: None
Absent: Stone

4. **EMERGENCY AGENDA** - *The public had an opportunity to address the Council on any item described in the agenda before or during consideration of that item. (Government Code § 54954.3(a).) The City Council was prohibited by law from considering any other business at this meeting.*

- 4.1. **STATE OF EMERGENCY CALLED FOR STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND BUTTE COUNTY – COVID 19**

Governor Newsom has declared a State of Emergency in California to help the state prepare for and contain the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Butte County Public Health has also declared a Local Public Health Emergency. The City's Public Health Officer, Dr. Andrew Miller has expressed his opinion of not allowing large gatherings, to include next week's Council meeting. He strongly recommended not allowing the general public at the meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Schwab, and seconded by Councilmember Morgan to limit City meetings of City Council, committee and ad hoc committees, board and commissions meeting to one meeting per month, and only if essential government operations need to be decided, only essential city staff attend meetings, direct staff to address how to allow the community/public to interact during meetings, protocols for remote attendance and comments from the public, potentially

limit the number of people allowed in a meeting at once to address a specific item, and to cancel the March 17, 2020 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Ory made a friendly amendment to re-visit this in 90 days.

Councilmember Schwab and Councilmember Morgan accepted a friendly amendment of 90 days.

It was further directed that the City Manager, in consultation with the Mayor, to determine “essential government operations” for items to be placed on the agenda.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Huber, Morgan, Ory, Reynolds, Schwab, Brown

Noes: None

Absent: Stone

5. **ADJOURNMENT** – Adjourned at 3:01 p.m. to the Regular City Council meeting on April 7, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at 421 Main St. Chico, CA.

This Record of Action is posted as required by the Brown Act, pending final approval by Council at its next Council Meeting.

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