

Minutes

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING - MARCH 16, 2020, AT 5:00 P.M.**

The City of Douglas Mayor and Council met in a Special Meeting on Monday, March 16, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 425 Tenth Street. The Honorable Mayor Uribe called the meeting to order and Council Member Huish led the invocation after the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT
MAYOR, ROBERT URIBE	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, MARGARET MORALES	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, MITCH LINDEMANN	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, DONALD HUIH	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, RAY SHELTON	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, CESAR SOTO		X (excused)
COUNCILMEMBER, JOSE GRIJALVA	X	
CITY MANAGER, JERENE WATSON	X	
CITY ATTORNEY, JUAN PABLO FLORES	X	
CITY TREASURER, LUIS PEDROZA	X	
ACTING CITY CLERK, ALMA ANDRADE	X	

4. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL IN WRITING OR VERBALLY ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA.

No members of the public were present.

Mayor Uribe read the following Proclamation:

PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED in me, I, Robert Uribe, as Mayor of the City of Douglas, do hereby proclaim a state of local emergency as follows:

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 2(e) of the Douglas City Charter and the City of Douglas that empowers the Mayor to declare an emergency by proclamation when an extraordinary local emergency threatens to cause or jeopardizes loss of life or property; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §26-311, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Douglas has the authority to determine that a local emergency exists within the City limits of the City of Douglas due to natural or man-made calamity or disaster or by reason of threats or occurrences of riots, routs, affrays or other acts of civil disobedience which endanger life or property within the City of Douglas; and,

WHEREAS, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Douglas has determined that in December 2019, a novel coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 was first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, People's Republic of China, causing outbreaks of the coronavirus disease COVID-19 that has spread globally; and,

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency followed by a declaration of pandemic due to COVID-19 on March 11, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Centers on Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") recommends an "All of Community" approach focused on slowing the transmission of COVID-19 through social distancing to reduce illness and death, while minimizing social and economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Honorable Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, declared a state of emergency due to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, citing 1,645 people from 47 states having become infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, declared the COVID-19 outbreak a state of national emergency that began March 1, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Honorable Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, announced the temporary closure of all schools in Arizona due to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, to date there are no known cases of COVID 19 within the City of Douglas, but as Mayor of this City, I find it necessary and prudent to prepare for that eventual first and possibly second and third case scenario, to take every lawful precaution available in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of Douglas Citizens, to work constructively and cooperatively with Cochise County, the surrounding cities, the State of Arizona, the United States of America, and all branches of government, as we prepare diligently for the worst in order to prevent the worst from ever happening; and,

WHEREAS, the Cochise County Health Department recommends following the social distancing protocols attached to this Proclamation of Emergency, including cancelling, postponing, or not attending events or community gatherings with more than 10 people. In addition, the Cochise County Health Department urges individuals who are at the highest risk from COVID-19, as determined and defined by the CDC, to not attend and to avoid community gatherings or events that will have or will likely have 10 or more people in a single room or other single confined or enclosed space, such as an auditorium, theatre, stadium (indoor or outdoor), parks, arena or event center, meeting hall, conference center, large cafeteria, restaurant, or nightclub/bar, or any other confined indoor or confined outdoor space.

WHEREAS, the undersigned Mayor has determined the crisis and threat of injury, damage and suffering to persons or property constitutes an emergency within the meaning of Article VII, Section 2(e) of the Douglas City Charter and a local emergency within the meaning of A.R.S. §26- 311; and directing and permitting the City's Administrative Department to effect closure of City Offices as may be deemed appropriate under the developing circumstances.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Douglas to be affixed this 16th day of March, 2020.

Robert Uribe, Mayor

Council Member Lindemann stated that the proclamation was extremely needed and had mixed feelings and stated it was wise to do everything that the city could in any eventuality.

Council Member Grijalva commented that hoarding of materials at stores and stated the city could be a center of communication for those in need especially the elderly. Moreover, Council Member Grijalva stated he would like to have more communication with schools and added that the schools were providing meals to students, but also inquired on how students were to pick up meals if they did not have transportation.

Council Member Huish stated that all needed to be safe and exercise judgment, and stated he had faith the community would come through.

Council Member Morales commented Copper Queen Clinic was very serious in dealing with the virus and asked everyone to wash their hands, not to touch your face, not to touch your eyes, and to continue to wash hands during the day. Additionally, Council Member Morales stated that the clinic had COVID19 testing kits, but were following flu protocols for testing.

Council Member Shelton commented that in 1918 the Spanish flu was around and killed many people, and added that people were quarantine for six weeks. Moreover, Council Member Shelton added that it was very important to wash their hands and to be careful.

Mayor Uribe stated that that Douglas was well known as a loving community and if there was anyone in need of anything, that the City of Douglas was there for them. Additionally, Mayor Uribe commented that one of the biggest assets of the community was to work together in difficult circumstances.

Council Member Grijalva added that he posted on Facebook that if anyone needed help to reach to Council Member Grijalva and commented that other individuals reached him stating they had food and other items for people in need.

5. **DISCUSSION/DECISION on approval of Resolution No. 20-1403, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, DECLARING and ADOPTING the RESULTS of the PRIMARY MAIL BALLOT ELECTION held on March 10, 2020.**

Alma Andrade provided background information and proceeded to read the canvass votes for each candidate.

Motion by Council Member Shelton, second by Council Member Morales to approve Resolution No. 20-1403.

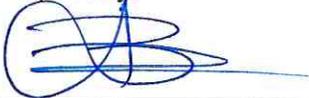
Mayor Uribe congratulated Council Member Huish and Roberto Moreno, and Council Members Elect: Baldenegro, Acosta and Morales. Additionally, Mayor Uribe commented that the City of Douglas was in great space and wished best of luck to all.

Motion PASSED by a vote of 6-0. Voted in Favor: Mayor Robert Uribe, Council Members: Margaret Morales, Mitch Lindemann, Donald Huish, Ray Shelton, and Jose Grijalva. Voted against: None.

6. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Council Member Shelton, second by Council Member Morales to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

Prepared by:



Alma Andrade, Acting City Clerk