

**Special Committee of the Whole**  
**July 6, 2020**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Via Zoom and Streamed on Facebook Live**

Council members in attendance: Thaddeus Hoffmeister, Al Delgado, Zach Green, Jim O'Reilly, Sarah Stankorb Taylor, Jeff LeRoy, and Nancy Averett

Staff members in attendance: Lynn Tetley – City Manager and Rusty Herzog – Police Chief

Others present: Several community members participated.

The meeting video is archived on the City's Facebook page and on the City's Zoom account.

Mayor Hoffmeister provided an overview of what Committee of the Whole is and its purpose. Tonight's meeting is a Special Committee of the Whole meeting, meaning it is not the regular monthly version of this meeting. The meeting tonight is strictly to remain on the topic listed on the agenda. Participants will be able to comment on the agenda item, and those comments will be taken after participants raise their hand (virtually via Zoom) and are called on to speak by the Mayor. City Council does not take a formal vote at any Committee of the Whole, rather the matter will be referred on to a regular City Council meeting for formal consideration and a vote, as applicable.

Discussion Regarding Mandatory Mask Ordinance

Mayor Hoffmeister read a letter into the record that was received from over 60 health care providers in the City. This letter is available upon request. The letter encouraged City Council to adopt a mandatory mask ordinance given the current spread of COVID-19. City Council discussed various provisions to be included in such an ordinance, these include:

- Wearing a mask indoors when not at home
- Wearing a mask outdoors when unable to maintain social distancing
- Masks would not be required for children under the age of six
- Enforcement will be handled on a complaint basis to the City Manager and free masks will be provided as needed
- The ordinance will remain in effect until a vaccine is available
- Masks would not be required if it impairs ability to communicate or if there is some other pre-existing conditions that makes wearing a mask problematic

Ms. Tetley will prepare signs for each business that outline the parameters of the ordinance and will also provide free masks to local businesses, as long as they are available. Mr. Green will also prepare a video for the City to publish via social media. The consensus of City Council was to direct the City Solicitor to draft this ordinance for consideration at the next City Council meeting.

Miscellaneous

All members of City Council thanked the health care professionals for their input and assistance.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Approved:

Thaddeus Hoffmeister, Mayor