

**MIDLAND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
April 07, 2020**

The City Council convened in a Special Session in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Midland, Texas, at 10:00 a.m. on April 07, 2020.

Council Members present: Mayor Patrick Payton and Council Member Jack Ladd (District 3).

Council Members present via Zoom: Mayor Pro Tem Spencer Robnett (At-Large), Council Member Michael Trost (At-Large), Council Member Scott Dufford (District 1), Council Member John Norman (District 2), and Council Member Lori Blong (District 4).

Mayor Payton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Discuss and consider the Mayor's issuance of an Order Declaring a Local State of Disaster for the City of Midland (the "Declaration") and the Resolution of the City Council ratifying and approving the Declaration and consenting to its continuation, and other matters related thereto. The City Council may take action on this matter.

Mayor Payton thanked all City staff for doing an amazing job. This morning's press conference had some great reports. The hospital continues to do a historical job. There are only 30 Covid-19 test results outstanding. Eleven of the 27 people infected have exceeded their self-isolation period. He emphasized that everybody needs to continue doing what they have been doing. He is happy to see when he is driving around that retailers are doing what they need to do. Midlanders have really stepped up to the plate and he is grateful.

Council Member Trost asked if the City has the five-minute tests. Mayor Payton could not answer that question noting he thought it was taking 48 hours. Council Member Ladd noted he knows someone who has been tested and it is taking 72 hours to get results. Mayor Payton noted that over 500 people have been tested to date.

Mayor Payton reported he is in conversations with Congressman Conaway and they are looking at what funding is available at state and local levels to leverage every dollar they can for both small businesses and the oil and gas community. He gave a final shout-out to the food bank noting they are serving 18 counties because some of the other counties don't have the ability to serve their people.

He opened the floor for final questions. There was no one present or on zoom wishing to speak.

A motion was made by Council Member Ladd and seconded by Council Member Trost to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

All the business at hand having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 14th day of April 2020.

Patrick Payton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy M. Turner, City Secretary