



CITY OF NORTHPORT

Our Mission: To Provide Efficient and Effective Services; To Promote a Sense of Community; To Enhance the Quality of Life.

The telephone Special Called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 2:00 p.m. on March 20, 2020, at Northport City Hall, in the Council Conference Room located at 3500 McFarland Blvd. Upon roll call, the following were found to be present, via telephone: President Logan, Councilman Hinton, Councilman Davis and Pro Tem Hogg. Also present, via telephone, were Mayor Aaron and Interim City Administrator Hardy McCollum. Absent and failing to vote was Councilman Roberts.

The meeting was conducted pursuant to Governor Ivey's March 18th proclamation providing an additional option for governmental bodies where members of a governmental body can attend a meeting by telephone or video conference, be counted for a quorum, and vote on matters coming before the body, as long as the deliberations conducted or actions taken during the meeting are limited to either:

- (a) matters that are necessary to respond to COVID-19; or
- (b) matters that are "necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the governmental body".

The first matter discussed was **Resolution 20-22**, Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency Declaration. The City of Northport has been requested by the Director of Emergency Management of Tuscaloosa County to proclaim the existence of a local emergency. This proclamation will allow the City to receive future assistance and/or reimbursement under the Federal Legislation being passed in Washington due to the nationwide existing COVID-19 issues. **Motion** to approve this resolution was made by **President Logan** and **Second** was made by **Councilman Davis**. Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

The second matter discussed was **Resolution 20-23**, Authorizing the Choose Northport Framework and Initiative. The City of Northport recognizes the potential economic impact the COVID-19 pandemic can have on the local economy and wishes to lessen this impact on our local businesses. **Motion** to approve this resolution was made by **President Logan** and **Second** was made by **Councilman Davis**. Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion to approve adjournment of this meeting was made by **President Logan** and **Second** was made by **Councilman Hinton**. Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Attached are copies of the above-mentioned resolutions, Resolution 20-22 and Resolution 20-23.

RESOLUTION NO. 20 –22

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE PROCLAMATION OF
THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Northport has been requested by the Director of Emergency Management Agency of Tuscaloosa County to proclaim the existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, this proclamation will allow the City to receive future assistance and/or reimbursement under the Federal Legislation being passed in Washington due to the nationwide existing COVID-19 issues; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems this declaration to be in the best interest of the health and economic interest of the citizens and businesses of the City of Northport.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Northport, Alabama as follows:

1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the attached proclamation declaring the existence of a local disaster and emergency.
2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage by the City Council.

RESOLVED AND DONE THIS 20TH DAY OF MARCH 2020.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHPORT

BY: _____
Jay Logan, Its President

ATTEST:

Warren H. McCollum
Interim City Administrator/Clerk

Reading: March 20, 2020
Motion:
Second

PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL DISASTER AND EMERGENCY

CITY OF NORTHPORT, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, provisions of state and local law empower the City of Northport by and through its Mayor to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by an impending or actual calamity; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Northport has been requested by the Director of Emergency Management Agency of Tuscaloosa County to proclaim the existence of a local emergency, and is otherwise authorized to issue this declaration; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor acting in her official capacity on behalf of the City of Northport does hereby find:

1. The conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen, are threatened or impending, and /or reasonably anticipated to arise as predicted by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention and Alabama Department of Public Health, within and about the City of Northport, caused by the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) ; and
2. That such conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local disaster emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that disaster exists and a local emergency now exists throughout the City of Northport; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of the emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Departments and employees of the City, and the Emergency Organization of the City of Northport shall be those prescribed by applicable federal law, state law, charter, executive order, ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations.

Done the 20th day of March, 2020.

Donna Aaron, Mayor

City of Northport, Alabama

RESOLUTION NO. 20-23

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHOOSE NORTHPORT FRAMEWORK AND INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the City of Northport recognizes the potential economic impact the COVID-19 pandemic can have on the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northport wishes to lessen this impact on our local businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to use local vendors, when at all possible, for purchases, contracts, and professional services; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to encourage all outside agencies that are funded by the City of Northport to seek Northport businesses when purchasing goods, services, and supplies; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to encourage all citizens of the City of Northport to shop Northport businesses for all purchases; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to launch the Choose Northport campaign to assist with the promotion of local activities, businesses, and the overall community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF NORTHPORT that the City Council hereby authorizes the following:

1. The Choose Northport Framework and Initiative and associated polices/programs.
2. All departments of the City of Northport shall seek vendors located in the City of Northport when purchasing equipment, food, materials, and supplies provided that all State of Alabama Bid Laws are followed.
3. All departments of the City of Northport shall seek vendors located in the City of Northport when contracting for construction, maintenance, and professional service activities provided that all State of Alabama Bid Law are followed
4. All City of Northport sponsored events shall utilize vendors located in the City of Northport for all event activities, equipment, food, materials, services, and supplies.
5. Encourages all outside agencies receiving funding from the City of Northport to seek City of Northport vendors when purchasing equipment, food, materials, services and supplies.
6. Encourages all citizens of the City of Northport to seek vendors located in the City of Northport when purchasing equipment, food, materials, services, and supplies.
7. Launching of the Choose Northport campaign to assist with promotion of local activities, businesses, and the overall community as outlined in the attached Exhibit "A"

RESOLVED AND DONE THIS 20th DAY OF MARCH, 2020 by the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHPORT.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF NORTHPORT

BY: _____
Jay Logan, Its President

ATTEST:

Warren H. McCollum
Interim City Administrator

Reading: March 20, 2020
Motion:
Second:



Updated – March 20, 2020

FRAMEWORK

- Enact policies and programs that prioritize City of Northport activities, businesses, events, services and vendors.
- Provide resources and support to existing and future business owners, community organizations, event coordinators and public entities.
- Gather input and feedback from existing business owners, community organizations, event coordinators, and public entities.
- Prioritize business retention efforts and advocate for the existing business community.

POLICIES

- All departments of the City of Northport shall seek vendors located in the City of Northport when purchasing equipment, food, materials, and supplies.
- All departments of the City of Northport shall seek vendors located in the City of Northport when contracting for construction, maintenance, and professional service activities.
- All City of Northport sponsored events shall utilize vendors located in the City of Northport for all event activities, equipment, food, materials, services, and supplies.
- All outside agencies receiving funding from the City of Northport are encouraged to seek City of Northport vendors when purchasing equipment, food, materials, services and supplies.
- All citizens of the City of Northport are encouraged to seek vendors located in the City of Northport when purchasing equipment, food, materials, services, and supplies.

PROGRAMS

- Launch Social Media Accounts & Website
- Provide Data – Demographics, Maps, Workforce, etc.
- Communicate Business & Development News/Updates
- Adopt 'Very Important Business' (V.I.B.) Program