

FORMALIZATION OF TEMPORARY DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY ISSUED BY THE ACTING CITY MANAGER ON MARCH 13, 2020

At the March 16, 2020 regular meeting of the Newport City Council, Council was asked to formalize the temporary declaration of emergency issued by the Acting City Manager on March 13, 2020. An excerpt from the minutes of the March 16, 2020 follows:

“Declaration of an Emergency - COVID-19 Outbreak. Tucker introduced the agenda item. Hawker reported on Friday, March 13, 2020, a temporary declaration of emergency was issued related to the outbreak, in Oregon, of the COVID-19 virus. Section 1.70 of the Newport Municipal Code provides that the City Manager, or Acting City Manager, can issue a temporary declaration of emergency until the Council can meet and ratify the declaration. She noted notwithstanding any other provision of law, the city may take the following actions during an emergency:

1. Procure goods and services without compliance with normal procurement procedures.
2. Use any available city funds for emergency purposes.
3. Close or limit the use of streets and other public places.
4. Order and assist the evacuation of people to protect safety or health.
5. Turn off water, gas, or electricity.
6. Control, restrict, and/or regulate the sale of goods and services, including the imposition of price controls.

Hawker stated in the event of an emergency; the city will continue to provide government services to the extent reasonably practical under the circumstances. She noted city employees are expected to report to work if possible and may be re-assigned to other than their normal job responsibilities in order to provide essential services. Allen noted the motion’s date needs to be adjusted.

MOTION was made by Parker, seconded by Hall, to formalize the emergency declaration, issued on March 13, 2020, by the Acting City Manager, related to the COVID-19 outbreak in Oregon, and to review the emergency declaration at the City Council meeting of April 20, 2020, to determine whether the emergency declaration should be extended beyond April 20, 2020. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.”