



**City of Black Hawk
City Council**

March 18, 2020

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: A special meeting of the City Council was called to order on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. by Mayor Spellman.
2. ROLL CALL: Physically Present: Mayor Spellman

Virtually Present: Aldermen Armbright, Bennett, Johnson, Midcap, and Moates.

Excused Absence: Alderman Torres

Virtual/Present Staff: City Attorney Hoffmann, City Manager Cole, Police Chief Lloyd, Finance Director Hillis, City Clerk/Administrative Services Director Greiner, Public Works Director Isbester, Senior Civil Engineer Ford, Community Planning & Development Director Linker, and Deputy City Clerk Martin.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Spellman led the City's first virtual meeting in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in order to keep things somewhat normal.
3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: City Attorney Hoffmann asked Council to declare any Conflicts of Interest on any issue appearing on the agenda this afternoon other than those previous disclosures and conflicts that have already been disclosed and are on file with the City Clerk and Secretary of State. No conflicts were noted from City Council.

City Attorney Hoffmann asked the virtual and present audience if there were any objections to any member of Council voting on any issue on the agenda this afternoon. Both audiences had no objections.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT: Deputy City Clerk Martin confirmed no one had physically or virtually signed up to speak.

6. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Resolution 23-2020, A Resolution Approving a Telephonic Participation Policy for City Council Meetings

Mayor Spellman read the title.

City Manager Cole explained this was the formal approval needed to have a policy in place to hold these electronic meetings for both non-emergency as well as emergency situations. He said that one item to note was that all votes should be conducted by a roll call.

**MOTION TO
APPROVE**

Alderman Johnson **MOVED** and was **SECONDED** by Alderman Bennett to approve Resolution 23-2020, a Resolution approving a Telephonic Participation Policy for City Council Meetings.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion, and the motion **PASSED** unanimously.

B. Resolution 24-2020, A Resolution Forgiving Certain Device Taxes for the Month of March 2020, Payable in April of 2020

Mayor Spellman read the title.

Mayor Spellman provided the background on this item. He said because the casinos have a mandatory closure through an executive order by the Governor, the City has determined that it is in the best interest of our industry that we also forgive the casinos by waiving their device fees for this period of time, and the total amount to be waived is \$695,331.00. Mayor Spellman asked each Council member if they had any comments. They were all in agreement and thought it was a fantastic idea, and we need to do everything we can to help.

**MOTION TO
APPROVE**

Alderman Armbright **MOVED** and was **SECONDED** by Alderman Johnson to approve Resolution 24-2020, a Resolution forgiving certain device taxes for the month of March 2020, payable in April of 2020.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion, and the motion **PASSED** unanimously.

7. EXECUTIVE
SESSION:

City Attorney Hoffmann recommended item number 2 only for Executive Session for potential litigation.

**MOTION TO
ADJOURN INTO**

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Alderman Bennett **MOVED** and was **SECONDED** by Alderman Johnson to adjourn into Executive Session at 3:08 p.m. to hold a conference with the City's attorney to receive legal advice on specific legal questions, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b).

**MOTION PASSED
MOTION TO
ADJOURN**

There was no discussion, and the motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Alderman Bennett **MOVED** and was **SECONDED** by Alderman Johnson to adjourn the Executive Session at 3:30 p.m.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion, and the motion **PASSED** unanimously.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Spellman declared the Regular Meeting of the City Council closed at 3:30 p.m.



Melissa A. Greiner, CMC
City Clerk



David D. Spellman
Mayor

