

**MINUTES OF LAYTON CITY
COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING**

MARCH 27, 2020; 3:00 P.M.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS
PRESENT:**

**MAYOR JOY PETRO, ZACH BLOXHAM, TOM
DAY, DAWN FITZPATRICK, CLINT MORRIS,
AND DAVE THOMAS**

STAFF PRESENT:

STEVE GARSIDE AND KIM READ

The meeting was held in the Mayor's Office of the Layton City Center.

Mayor Petro opened the meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Petro announced the purpose of the meeting was to watch an update provided by Governor Herbert via ULCT (Utah League of Cities and Towns) to discuss further actions which need to be taken by the City. Governor Herbert announced he was declaring a State Directive related to the Coronavirus and outlined the Directive. He indicated it consisted of three phases: Urgent, Stabilization, and Recovery and announced the specifics related to the Urgent Phase; Stay Safe – Stay Home. This required the following:

- Maintain a 6-ft distance when in public places
- Allow employees to work from home
- A new hotline, for employees to report or obtain information regarding their place of business
- Avoid the gathering of people
- Follow proper hygiene
- No visiting family and friends

Governor Herbert indicated the State would be implementing the tracking of infected people similar to South Korea and stated more details would be announced during his press conference following this update. He expressed confidence with what had been implemented and where the State was in regards to the number of people being tested and diagnosed. He stated the data would be checked in two weeks to determine how to proceed. He stated he was optimistic the State would lead the Nation in prevention efforts and stated it was the moral responsibility of everyone to do their part.

Councilmember Day arrived at 3:12 p.m.

He addressed questions about businesses moving forward. He stated the Directive would request “non-essential” businesses be closed effective Monday. He pointed out the Directive did not specify what was considered “essential”. He encouraged travel to be limited and enforcement would be up to the local jurisdiction of the Health Department. He announced information specific to available resources for employees and businesses would now be located on the Coronavirus website.

He announced State liquor stores would remain open.

Governor Herbert indicated the Directive would be different for each County and City. He suggested golf courses should coordinate with their local Health Department regarding any closure. He encouraged discretion as to whether playgrounds should remain open and suggested the 6-ft social distancing requirement when out and about in public parks. He indicated State Parks would remain open but should only be visited by those living within the same county.

Governor Herbert spoke to enforcement regarding the Directive and stated there would be no need to create roadblocks within the state or go door to door regarding enforcement.

Steve Garside, Assistant City Attorney, updated the Council with new information regarding numbers. He pointed out local control would be imperative.

Councilmember Fitzpatrick asked if the Davis County Health Department was involving Mayor's and Mayor Petro indicated in the affirmative.

Mr. Garside explained the new accommodations at City Hall and Staff believed it was working well. He also informed the Council of the Fire Department's first responder's protocol and procedures implemented by the Police Department to protect its Staff.

Mayor Petro asked for opinions on what the City should do regarding playground equipment in its City parks and a discussion followed. Mayor Petro indicated she would request signage discouraging the use of playground equipment.

Steve Garside and Clint Morris left the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

The Council listened to and watched Governor Herbert's news conference during which he shared the Directive and directed the public to the website to address any questions.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Kimberly S Read, City Recorder