



CITY OF LATHROP
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING



TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020, 5:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
390 Towne Centre Drive, Lathrop, CA 95330

AGENDA

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20

On March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20, which allows Council Members to attend City Council meetings telephonically/teleconference. Please be advised that some, or all, of the City of Lathrop City Council Members may attend this meeting virtually/telephonically. This meeting will be available by video/teleconference via Cisco Webex at the following link:

- ✦ Event address for attendees (**copy and paste link on browser**):
<https://cityoflathrop.webex.com/cityoflathrop/onstage/g.php?MTID=e7a7ad90367c87cc76de815c6bb097fb2>
- ✦ Please register at the bottom of the page, at least thirty minutes (30 min.) prior to the meeting.
- ✦ For audio only: +1-408-418-9388 Access code: 969 752 333 / No need to call-in if using webex audio.

Public Participation (video/teleconference via Cisco Webex):

Attendance by video/teleconference is not mandatory. However, in accordance with Executive Order N-25-20, guidance from the California Department of Public Health on gatherings, and to protect our employees and the public, remote public participation is allowed in the following ways:

- Council Meetings are live-streamed on Comcast Cable Channel 97 and on the City's website at <https://www.ci.lathrop.ca.us/citycouncil/page/live-stream>
- Public comment/questions will be accepted by email to City Clerk Teresa Vargas at Tvargas@ci.lathrop.ca.us
- In order to allow the City Council adequate time to review questions and comments, please submit written questions or comments by 3:00 p.m., on the day of the meeting.
- During the meeting, those joining by teleconference (Cisco Webex link listed above), will be allowed to speak prior to the close of public comment on an item, and read into the record during public comment. If you are using this method, send a "chat" message to the City Clerk (meeting host) indicating the item number you wish to speak on.

If you have travelled internationally and/or you have had direct contact with someone who has travelled internationally or tested positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19), or you are experiencing symptoms such as coughing, sneezing, fever, difficulty breathing or other flu-like symptoms, please DO NOT ATTEND this meeting in person.

If you are in the group of individuals who may be most vulnerable to COVID-19, including older adults and those with underlying health conditions, including but not limited to heart disease, lung disease, immune-compromised, diabetes, or other conditions that could interfere with your ability to fight COVID-19, please consider carefully before attending this meeting in person and keep a six-foot distance from others as much as possible.

Addressing the Council (in person participation)

Any person may speak once on any item under discussion by the City Council after receiving recognition by the Mayor. Purple speaker cards will be available prior to and during the meeting. To address City Council, a card must be submitted to the City Clerk indicating name, address and number of the item upon which a person wishes to speak. When addressing the City Council, please walk to the lectern located in front of the City Council. State your name and address. In order to ensure all persons, have the opportunity to speak, a time limit will be set by the Mayor for each speaker (see instructions on speaker form). In the interest of time, each speaker may only speak once on each individual agenda item; please limit your comments to new material; do not repeat what a prior speaker has said. If you challenge the nature of a proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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1. PRELIMINARY

- 1.1 CALL TO ORDER
- 1.2 ROLL CALL
- 1.3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. SCHEDULED ITEMS

- 2.1 CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LATHROP APPROVING A JOINT PETITION WITH THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN AND ITS INCORPORATED CITIES TO PETITION TO REOPEN BUSINESSES

3. ADJOURNMENT

/Teresa Vargas/

Teresa Vargas, CMC
City Clerk

This meeting was called by a majority of the City Council per Government Code Section 54956.5. Members of the public interested in addressing the City Council during this Special Meeting may address the item(s), which have been described in the notice of this Special Meeting in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.3(a).

RESOLUTION NO.**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LATHROP APPROVING A JOINT PETITION WITH THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN AND ITS INCORPORATED CITIES TO PETITION TO REOPEN BUSINESSES**

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency (“State of Emergency”) to formalize emergency actions and help prepare for the broader spread of the COVID-19 disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20 ordering all individuals in California to stay in their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of federal critical infrastructure sectors, thereby reducing and stopping non-essential businesses from continuing operations (“Stay at Home Order”); and

WHEREAS, the stated intent of the State of Emergency and subsequent Stay at Home Order (“State Actions”) was to prevent the catastrophic failure of the hospital system due to an anticipated surge of COVID-19 cases; and

WHEREAS, the key implementation step of the State Actions was designed to “flatten the curve”, so as to avoid overwhelming the hospital systems; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors ratified the declaration of a local health emergency to address COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020 the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors ratified the proclamation of a Local Emergency within the County requesting State and Federal assistance be provided to San Joaquin County; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020 the City of Lathrop City Council ratified the proclamation of local emergency by the City Manager in his capacity as Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, through the actions of front-line staff, hospital and medical staff, elected and appointed leaders, and most importantly the actions of the citizens of San Joaquin County, the curve has flattened in the County and has remained flat since April 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Variance Attestation criteria adopted by the State is inconsistent with Governor Newsom’s repeated statements that a one-size-fits-all criteria does not recognize the diversity within the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Joaquin has demonstrated that it has met all of the criteria, within its control, to move ahead of the State to re-open the economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lathrop supports the efforts of the County to mitigate the closure of non-essential businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lathrop supports the efforts of the County to provide business owners with information to assist those businesses in understanding how to meet the public health guidelines provided by the State; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Lathrop have demonstrated the ability to moderate their behavior to flatten the curve; and

WHEREAS, despite efforts by the City, County, State and Federal governments, individuals are not receiving sufficient aid to withstand the economic hardships caused by the Orders; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lathrop at its May 11, 2020 City Council regular meeting, approved Resolution No. 20-4723 accepting Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) funding and establishing an Emergency General Assistance Grant Program to help qualified low-income residents with COVID-19 related effects that have caused past-due rent, mortgage and/or utilities payment(s) in order to attempt to assist struggling Lathrop residents and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, many local businesses are reporting that they have exhausted all of their reserves and are on the brink of failing.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Lathrop joins the Cities of Escalon, Lodi, Manteca, Ripon, and Tracy to support the efforts of the County of Joaquin in their efforts as detailed in their Resolution incorporated herein as Exhibit "A", adopted at the Tuesday, May 19, 2020 San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors meeting, petitioning the Governor to immediately allow counties to craft and implement local directives necessary to allow individuals, businesses, and schools to resume activities in a manner that does not menace public health.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted this 19th day of May 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Sonny Dhaliwal, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Teresa Vargas, City Clerk

Salvador Navarrete, City Attorney