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I. PROCEDURES

A. Call to Order 7:03 PM

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order.

B. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The pledge of allegiance was recited and Alyson Fritsinger provided the invocation.

C. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Moore, Vice Mayor Don Dent, Council member Mike Cowen, Council member Bernie Hiemenz, Council member Frank McNelly, Council member Lee Payne, and Council member Dawn Trapp.

Present from City Staff, City Manager Chase Waggoner, Chief Herman Nixon, and City Clerk/HR Director Pamela Galvan.

D. Approval of Minutes for March 12, 2020.

Motion: *To approve the Minutes of March 12, 2020 as presented.*

Action: *Approved*

Moved by *Vice Mayor Dent*, **Seconded by** *Council member Hiemenz.*

Motion passed unanimously.

E. Adopt Agenda

Motion: *To adopt the agenda as presented.*

Action: *Adopted*

Moved by *Council member McNelly*, **Seconded by** *Council member Payne.*

Motion passed unanimously.

II. PRESENTATIONS – None

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- *Mayor Moore took a moment to thank Mr. Bhakta for his generosity in donating much needed food to the Williams Senior Center.*

Andy Bhakta introduced himself and said he was here representing the hotels and restaurants here in town. He spoke of his goal in keeping as many employees in his hotels employed as long as possible. He came to ask the City Council to help the local businesses by waiving their electric

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and water bills for the next 3 months. This would allow him and other owners to continue to keep their employees employed.

- *Mayor noted that the City will be revisiting and talking about this as things progress, we are waiting to see what our federal government is going to do, and how they cannot discuss or decide anything brought up tonight for legal reasons. He is unsure if we can do anything but can certainly review it. We are in the same situation. He feels he can speak for Council in that, they will do the best they can to take care of our people.*

Scott Burrell, Manager of the Red Roof Inn came to speak to his fellow associates here, and essentially echoes what Mr. Bhakta expressed to Council. There is a lot of concern with their expenses during this period. Support would be greatly appreciated. He is not looking for a free hand out. He expressed concern that employees would relocate. They are just trying to retain the employees they have right now. Wants to be in a position to hit the ground running when things turn back around. Assistance that Andy mentioned would be greatly appreciated. It will allow them to hang on to the employees they have keeping them so that they will ready to go when things get back to normal.

They spoke of the hospitality industry, restaurants, and business in general in trying to strategize and prioritize.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

None

II. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A.** Council may adopt Resolution No. 1396, renewing membership with Rural Arizona Group Health Trust (RAGHT) for five-year period.

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 1396 by number and title only.

Motion: *To adopt/approve Resolution No. 1396 in renewing membership with Rural Arizona Group Health Trust (RAGHT) for a five period.*

Action: *Adopted*

Moved by *Vice Mayor Dent*, **Seconded by** *Council member Hiemenz.*

Roll Call Vote:

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Vice Mayor Dent	Yes	Council member Hiemenz	Yes
Council member Cowen	Yes	Council member McNelly	Yes
Council member Payne	Yes	Council member Trapp	Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

B. Council to discuss schedule of appointed position evaluations.

Motion: *To approve the schedule and performance evaluations for the appointed positions in the city.*

Action: *Approved*

Moved by *Council member Cowen*, **Seconded by** *Council member Payne*.

Motion passed unanimously.

C. Council may discuss and take possible action in renewing the city's liability and property insurance with Beacon One. ***Tabled from March 12 meeting.***

Vice Mayor Dent explained the only change in the policy was the exclusion of a courtesy vehicle for aviation operations. This is a change expected was coming.

Motion: *To accept renewal of the city's liability insurance with Beacon One in the amount of \$280,795.00.*

Action: *Approved*

Moved by *Vice Mayor Dent*, **Seconded by** *Council member Hiemenz*.

Motion passed unanimously.

D. Council may discuss and take action with Arizona state Railroads Museum Foundation grant transactions.

Mayor Moore explained the grant monies are in place. Mr. Richmond is requesting approximately \$40,000.00 to transport property here. We have spent about 77% of the grant monies at this point. ADOT is prompting us to use the remaining funds.

Motion: *To approve up to \$40,000.00 to transport two artifacts for the Railroad Museum.*

Action: *Approved*

Moved by *Vice Mayor Dent*, **Seconded by** *Council member Cowen*.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. REPORTS, CURRENT EVENTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS**Mayor and Council**

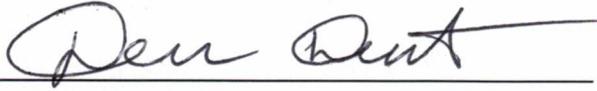
- *Mayor is concerned with the numerable forms of information going out. He has received input on what and how the government is going to do things. It is important that the city try to be on the same page with information, no speculation or here say. Would like it to go by him for review before information goes out.*
- *He is in agreement with Andy and Scott, this is going to hit Williams hard. He doesn't know how long this is going to last, we don't know. The Vietnam Wall has not been cancelled, as yet, like most events, but feels it may be rescheduled.*
- *As things progress if needed he will call more Council meetings.*
- *We will not be penalizing people for late payments on their water and electric bills. Also we have delayed payments on some bills for the next 45 days. We will have to revisit it to see where we want to go with it.*
- *The chief is doing a great job with working with food, i.e. Senior Center. The Salvation Army was going to bring a truck of food here but that is not going to happen, but FEMA is coming next week and if they do come they have permission to unload at the Rodeo Barn, he has told them that we will not be involved in the decision of who gets food. We will help unload with our personnel.*
- *It is important to remind people to follow the CDC guidelines.*
- *Chief Nixon spoke of the seniors, not having a list of all of them so they are actually going out and trying to locate those not on the list and getting them food. He feels things are starting to normalize a bit, but if this continues, they may have to discuss and decide where to go from there.*
- *The schools are giving out a lunch from 10-11am, they gave out over 400 meals today. People are taking advantage of it.*
- *Mayor noted that some of the churches are doing this as well.*
- *Council member Payne feels it is important to streamline our information as much as we can. Better to be proactive than reactive.*
- *Heather Herman put together a website www.helpwilliams.com that will help people to apply for a grant, and provide assistance.*

Staff**VII. ADJOURN – 7:35 PM**

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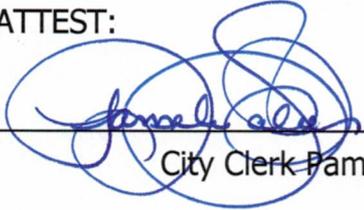
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Vice Mayor Don Dent

ATTEST:



City Clerk Pamela Galvan

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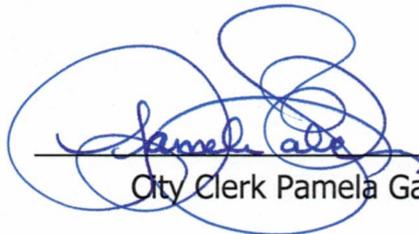
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CERTIFICATION

State of Arizona,)
) ss.
Coconino County,)

I, PAMELA GALVAN, do hereby certify that I am the City Clerk of the City of Williams, County of Coconino, State of Arizona, and that the above Minutes are a true and correct summary of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Williams held on March 26, 2020. I further certify that the Meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 27th day of March 2020.



City Clerk Pamela Galvan