A. CALL TO ORDER - (12 P.M.)

Mayor Dye called the meeting to order at 12 p.m.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizens present that wished to speak.

C. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

C.1 R2020-42 Consider approving Resolution No. 2020-42 continuing the Declaration of Disaster issued by the Mayor for City of Farmers Branch; and take appropriate action

City Manager Charles Cox and City Attorney Pete Smith explained tonight the Mayor is renewing and continues to declare a state of local disaster issued on March 13, 2020, which continues until terminated by resolution of the City Council. He noted tonight March 17, 2020, and extends the disaster declaration.

Fire Chief Steve Parker explained the Control Order expires tomorrow, and he suspects this will be amended. He explained today is to consider the extension of the Disaster Declaration to allow funding eligibility.

The City Council discussed the timeframe, reduction of groups at social events and business staffing levels, enforcement, and use of Code Enforcement Officers.

Council Member Retana asked if the Resolutions has the same expiration provisions as Dallas County. City Manager Charles Cox confirmed that is correct.

Motion made by Council Member Lynne to approve Resolution No. 2020-42, as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Retana. Motion approved unanimously.
NOTICE OF EMERGENCY ADDITION TO AGENDA

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551.045(b) VTCA Government Code, notice is hereby given that the following item will be added to the agenda of the Special Meeting of the Farmers Branch City Council to be conducted on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at the Farmers Branch City Hall, 13000 William Dodson Parkway, Farmers Branch, Texas.

A. SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEM

A.1 ORD-3634 Consider adopting Ordinance No. 3634 ordering postponement of the May 2, 2020 General Election for the purpose of electing persons to the Offices of Mayor and Councilmember District No. 2 to the November 3, 2020 Uniform Election Date; and take appropriate action

Statement of Nature of Emergency: On March 18, 2020, after the date the agenda for the above referenced special council meeting was posted, the Governor of the State of Texas signed a proclamation waiving certain provisions of the Texas Election Code and the Texas Water Code and authorizing local governments who scheduled elections for the May 2, 2020, uniform election date to delay those elections until the November 3, 2020, uniform election date. The need to have certainty in the dates for the City’s elections and the need to take social distancing measures to slow the continuing spread of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) within the community, such as avoiding personal contact in election polling places and the burden of constant sanitizing of electronic voting machines, makes it a matter of public necessity to add the above identified item to the meeting agenda to allow the Farmers Branch City Council to discuss and take any necessary action as soon as possible with respect to delaying the May 2, 2020, City Council election.

City Attorney Pete Smith briefed City Council regarding this item. He explained Dallas County Elections Administrator has requested all Cities within Dallas County move City elections to November, noting they will be unable to administer May Elections due to lack of employees with the COVID-19 outbreak.

Mayor Pro Tem Norwood stated he supports the decision to move elections.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Lynne made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-42, as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Retana. Motion approved unanimously.

Mayor Dye adjourned the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

Signed by: Mayor Robert C. Dye

Attested by: Amy M. Piskana, TRMC City Secretary