

CITY OF SELDOVIA

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Special City Council Meeting

Friday, March 27, 2020

2:00PM

Council Chambers
Multi-Purpose Room
260 Seldovia Street
Seldovia, AK 99663

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**AGENDA FOR A SPECIAL MEETING
OF SELDOVIA CITY COUNCIL
*VIA VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE ON FACEBOOK LIVE**

**Friday
March 27, 2020
2:00pm**

ROJAS NATHAN SWEATT COLBERG CAMPBELL MORRISON
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- A. Call to Order & Roll Call:
- B. Pledge of Allegiance:
- C. Excused Absences:
- D. Agenda Approval:
- E. Consent Agenda: *(All items under the Consent Agenda are approved with a single motion, no discussion, and one vote. A Council Member may request to remove an item(s) for discussion and a separate vote.)*
 - 1. Approval of Minutes: None
 - 2. Payment Approval Report: None
 - 3. Ordinance Introduction: None
- F. Mayoral Proclamations:
- G. Public Presentation Prior Notice: (each presenter has up to 10 min)
- H. Public Presentation for Items not on Agenda: (public has 3 min each)
- I. Committee and Advisory Board Reports: (each member has 5 min)
- J. Public Hearings:

ORDINANCE 20-08, RESOLUTION 20-23, and ACTION MEMORANDUM 20-06 were due to come for public hearing and enactment on March 23, 2020, but will be postponed to a future meeting when it is safe for the public to appear in-person and provided testimony, in keeping with CDC guidelines on COVID-19.

- 1. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 20-09 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA TO ALLOW FOR TELEPHONIC PARTICIPATION FOR SELDOVIA CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND TO TEMPORARILY AMEND THE CITY OF SELDOVIA PERSONNEL REGULATIONS TO MITIGATE SPREAD OF NOVEL COVID-19- DRAFT
 - a. Presentation by Staff or Council
 - b. Council Discussion
 - c. Public Presentation or Hearing (public has 3 min each)
 - d. Action/Disposition
- 2. RESOLUTION 20-23 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA RATIFYING THE DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION ISSUED FOR THE CITY OF SELDOVIA AND EXTENDING THE DECLARATION DUE TO THE CURRENT AND EXPECTED IMPACTS OF THE COVID-19 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC- DRAFT
 - a. Presentation by Staff or Council
 - b. Council Discussion
 - c. Public Presentation or Hearing (public has 3 min each)
 - d. Action/Disposition
- K. Unfinished Business:
- L. New Business:
- M. Administration Reports:
 - 1. Treasurer's Report: None
 - 2. City Manager's Report:
 - 3. Chief of Police Report: None
 - 4. Harbormaster's Report: None
 - 5. Public Works Report: None

- N. Informational Items Not Requiring Action:
- O. Executive Session:
- P. Council and Mayor Comments Concerning Items Not on the Agenda:
- Q. Next Meeting: The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2020 at 6:00 pm.
- R. Adjournment:

***This meeting will be Live-Streamed on the City's Facebook page in order for the public to virtually attend.** To find the meeting log onto Facebook at 2:00pm and search for the City of Seldovia or open <https://www.facebook.com/cityofseldovia>.

Alternative methods for providing Citizen Comments have been created. To submit public comment:

- a. Email your public comment specifying which discussion you would like to provide comment for to the cityclerk@cityofseldovia.com. Emails received by 12:00pm on Friday March 27, 2020 will be read aloud to council by the city clerk.
- b. Sign up to be called on the telephone during the meeting to provide your comments directly by leaving a message at (907)234-7643 or send your contact information to cityclerk@cityofseldovia.com. Include your full name, the telephone number you wish to have called and the discussion item number with which you would like to provide comment. Calls and emails received by the City Clerk by 12:00pm on Friday March 27, 2020 will be included in the meeting record. Be prepared to answer the phone starting at 2:00 pm. The telephone number will be called ONE time; if there is no answer, the City Clerk will move on the next public comment.

Public Comments will be delivered to council in the order they were received by the City Clerk. All Public Comments will be timed and limited to three minutes, as usual.

**** IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY THE CITY OFFICE 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE AND ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE ****

Seldovia City Council
Special Meeting
March 27, 2020

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Introduced:
Posted:
Public Hearing:
Adoption:

**CITY OF SELDOVIA
EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 20-09**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA,
ALASKA TO ALLOW FOR TELEPHONIC PARTICIPATION FOR SELDOVIA CITY
COUNCIL MEETINGS AND TO TEMPORARILY AMEND THE CITY OF SELDOVIA
PERSONNEL REGULATIONS TO MITIGATE SPREAD OF NOVEL COVID-19**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared a pandemic related to COVID-19 and the State of Alaska has recommended implementation of measures identified in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Implementation of Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission; and

WHEREAS, due to the outbreak of COVID-19 novel coronavirus in Alaska, a contagious virus that is spread mainly person to person, nonessential services are closing down and Alaskan communities are implementing continuity of operations plans to enable ongoing essential operations; and

WHEREAS, Seldovia Municipal Code 2.04.030B prohibits public call in's to council meetings, via phone, teleconference, or any electronic media conferencing system; and

WHEREAS, in following the State of Alaska and the CDC's recommendations to observe social distancing, and to disperse with meetings larger than ten people, it is necessary to allow alternative means of public participation via phone, teleconference, or other electronic media conferencing systems to Seldovia City Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, in following recommendations from the State of Alaska and CDC pertaining to COVID-19 it is necessary to grant authority to the City Manager to direct City employees to follow the CDC's and the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHS), or other Federal/State guidelines, including; recommended quarantine or other safety measures by the City that would require an employee to be out of office or unable to perform duties, allowing the City Manager to authorize payment of wages for employees on a case by case basis, and allowing the City Manager to authorize remote work or temporarily placement of employees in new job classifications in support of essential City services or other duties as assigned.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF SELDOVIA ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Seldovia to allow public participation to Seldovia City Council meetings via phone, teleconference, or other electronic media conferencing systems.

SECTION 2. Authorization of the City Manager to direct City employees to follow the CDC's and the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHS), or other Federal/State guidelines, including; recommended quarantine or other safety measures by the City that would require an employee to be out of office or unable to perform duties, to authorize payment of wages for employees on a case by case basis,

and to authorize remote work or temporarily placement of employees in new job classifications in support of essential City services or other duties as assigned.

SECTION 3. This is an emergency ordinance of general character and will be effective for 60 days, in accordance with SMC 2.28.030.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA this 27th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

Heidi Geagel, City Clerk

APPROVED:

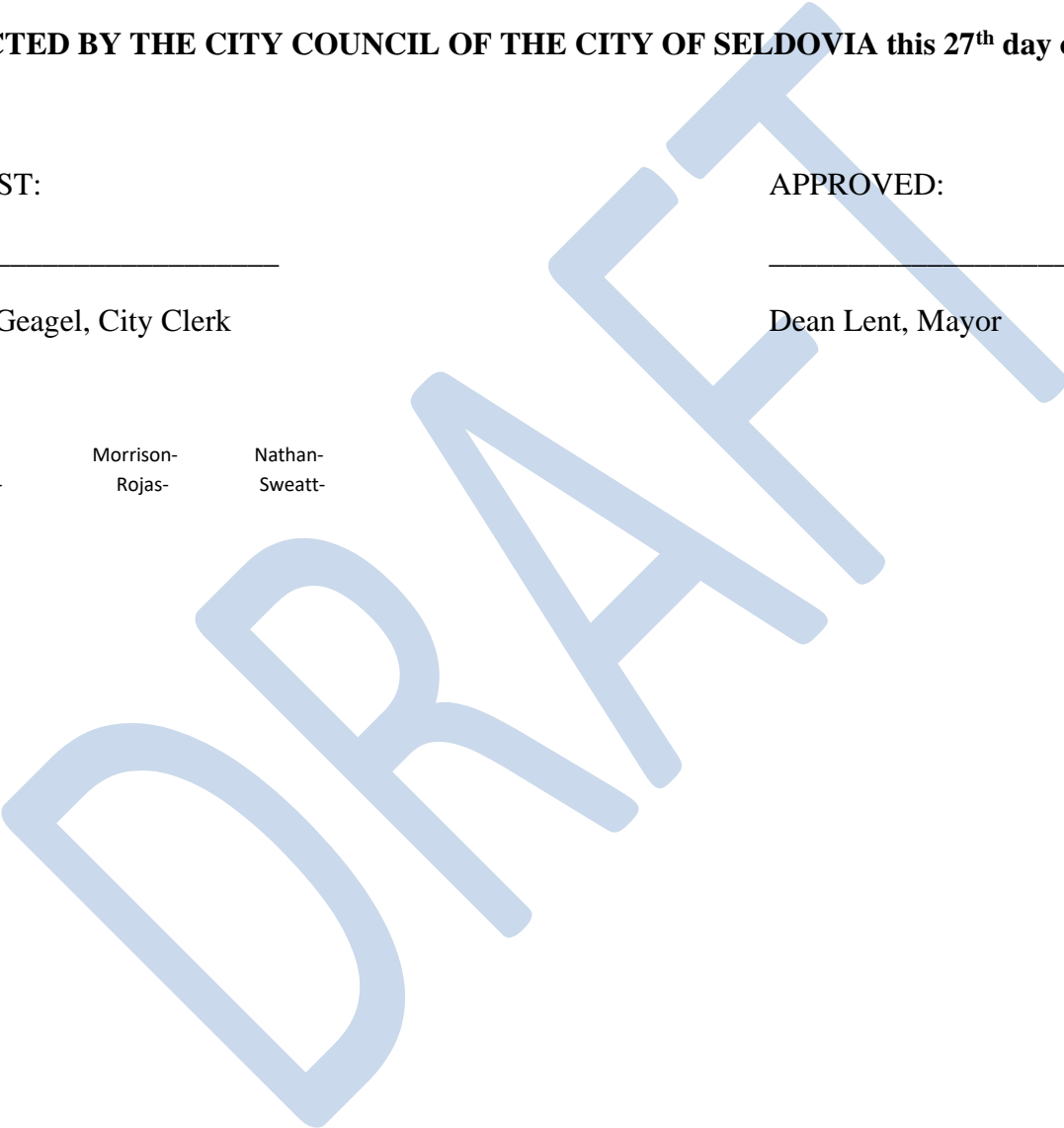
Dean Lent, Mayor

Vote:

Colberg-
Campbell-

Morrison-
Rojas-

Nathan-
Sweatt-



**CITY OF SELDOVIA
RESOLUTION 20-23**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA
RATIFYING THE DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION ISSUED FOR THE
CITY OF SELDOVIA AND EXTENDING THE DECLARATION DUE TO THE
CURRENT AND EXPECTED IMPACTS OF THE COVID-19 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS
PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, the City Manager of the City of Seldovia issued a Local Disaster Emergency Declaration March 20, 2020, per AS 26.23.140 and the Seldovia Emergency Operations Plan, due to the current and expected impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in the City of Seldovia; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration activates the city's emergency response plan and requests disaster assistance from the State of Alaska by making available resources as needed for the ongoing response and recovery from the current and potential impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, to provide assistance for affected businesses and individuals, and technical expertise and guidance to help the city in its response and recovery from this event; and

WHEREAS, this Declaration continues for a period of seven days, until March 27, 2020, unless extended by the City Council of the City of Seldovia; and

WHEREAS, as the response and recovery efforts continue and are expected to require the ongoing use of city resources it is appropriate to extend the disaster declaration; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Seldovia wishes to extend this declaration in the best interests of the public.

NOW THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the City Council of the City of Seldovia hereby extends the declaration of local disaster emergency issued by the City Manager on March 20, 2020 for a period of 90 days in order to allow time for a more complete response. A copy of the declaration of disaster emergency extended by this resolution is attached and incorporated herein.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Seldovia, on this 27^h day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Heidi Geagel, City Clerk

Dean Lent, Mayor



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CITY OF SELDOVIA DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has identified the COVID-19 virus as a new strain of infectious coronavirus not previously identified in humans, causing respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and which poses a significant public health risk; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Governor Mike Dunleavy declared a Public Health Disaster Emergency in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the State of Alaska recommended implementation of measures identified in the CDC’s Implementation of Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a National Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the first COVID-19 case was diagnosed in Anchorage, Alaska on March 12, 2020 with several more cases confirmed in Alaska in the following week; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 the Kenai Peninsula Borough, acting under the statutory authority of AS 26.23.140 has declared a disaster emergency; and

WHEREAS, the potential for community transmission of COVID-19 presents a clear and present threat to the health and safety of the people of Seldovia and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 can cause death or injury of persons to such an extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public order, safety and welfare of Seldovia and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has recommended that employees, and others implement policies such as remote work and cancellation of mass gatherings to increase the physical distance between individuals to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, persons infected with COVID-19 may not show symptoms for a period of two to fourteen days; and

WHEREAS, on March 13th, 2020 Governor Mike Dunleavy issued a mandate that public school days between March 16th, 2020 and March 30th, 2020 be non-student contact days in which students will not be attending school and all after school activities will be suspended; and

WHEREAS, on March 16th, 2020 Governor Mike Dunleavy issued a mandate that state-operated libraries, archives, and museums be closed to the public from March 17, 2020 through March 31st, 2020 and residential school programs shall begin the process of returning students to their families and home communities, to be completed by Friday, March 27th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 17th, 2020 Governor Mike Dunleavy issued a mandate that until April 1st, 2020 at 5 p.m., all bars, breweries, restaurants, food and beverage kiosks or trucks, and other establishments serving food or beverages within the State of Alaska shall be closed to the public dine-in service; and all entertainment facilities shall be closed to the public, including theaters, gyms and fitness centers, bowling alleys and bingo halls; and

WHEREAS, on March 17th, 2020 Governor Mike Dunleavy issued a mandate with travel restrictions and guidance for travelers returning to the State of Alaska in the medium risk and higher risk groups; and

WHEREAS, many public and private facilities, gatherings, and other events have been cancelled or postponed per mandate and in order to prevent the rapid transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, these events have a significant impact on business, commerce, and the local economy now and potentially in the future as there is no projected date for a potential vaccine or other treatment for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, City Administration is requesting the public refrain from visiting city offices and city-owned buildings for non-emergency purposes and to instead use other forms of communication (telephone, email, or use of a drop box outside the main doors to the City Offices, etc.) until further notice; and

WHEREAS, the declared pandemic has the potential to negatively affect the economy of Seldovia and the State of Alaska; through the stoppages of work, the closing of businesses and schools, the decreased opportunity for visitor/tourist traffic, and potentially the decreased resources available to municipalities as they prepare, prevent, and respond to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of disaster emergency will alert the public to the seriousness of the risk and provide direction to residents of sources of information and other available public health resources, and will allow the City of Seldovia to work in cooperation with other local, state, and federal agencies to implement appropriate actions and responses to address the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seldovia expects that the continued impact of COVID-19 will be of a severity and magnitude that is beyond the capacity of the City of Seldovia financially.

NOW THEREFORE, AN EMERGENCY IS HEREBY DECLARED IN SELDOVIA:

1. In accordance with AS 26.23.140 the City Manager of the City of Seldovia does hereby declare a COVID-19 threat and impact to public health Emergency Disaster, with the intent to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local or interjurisdictional disaster or emergency plans, and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under those plans.
2. The City Manager is authorized to take necessary actions, in accordance with the City of Seldovia Emergency Operations Plan and all applicable local or interjurisdictional disaster or emergency plans, to prepare and position resources in order to reduce the impact and spread of COVID-19 throughout the City of Seldovia.
3. This declaration is effective for seven (7) days. The City Council of the City of Seldovia may act to ratify and extend the period of emergency.

Signed and Sealed on this 20th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:


Heidi Geagel, City Clerk



APPROVED:


Cassidi Cameron, City Manager