

RESOLUTION R-2063-20

**EMERGENCY CONDITIONS
CITY OF JACKSONVILLE**

WHEREAS, the United States and other countries have been exposed to and are dealing with the novel COVID 19 virus, with unknown ways of contamination and no means of vaccination; and

WHEREAS, the death toll is rising and the federal government is stressing the need for preparation and continuity plans for state and local governments, along with corporations, businesses, or places where many people may be convening and the general public may be convening; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jacksonville is proactively taking steps to keep the citizens, businesses and city employees of Jacksonville as safe as possible during this pandemic by authorizing the Mayor of the City of Jacksonville to spend up to ~~\$25,000.00~~ 50,000.00 (twenty-five thousand dollars), without City Council approval, on the necessary equipment, supplies or any other essentials needed during this time of uncertainty; and

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WHEREAS, the Mayor has requested all General Fund and Water Works, Gas and Sewer Board departments to devise a chain of supervision for each department that is at least three (3) employees deep, in order to sustain the work force and continuous city services from every department, as long as the people resources remain available; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has devised the chain of command for city operations to be: 1. Mayor, 2. City Administrator, and 3. Executive Secretary, for purposes to keep the business of the city running as smoothly as possible during this time; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual contains a "Declared Event Policy" in which the Mayor can make a declaration which will determine how essential and non-essential personnel will work and what General Fund and Water Works, Gas and Sewer Board departments and buildings will be open and that upon closures each employee has 24 hours of Declared Event Leave for such events; and

WHEREAS, a Declared Event such as would be needed during the COVID 19 Pandemic is so different than what a regular Declared Event would involve, the City Council authorizes the Mayor, or his designee, to begin the Declared Event as deemed necessary, or any time thereafter, with the authority to set the necessary special modifications in the workforce and any closures when deemed necessary by himself or his designee, and to authorize additional hours of Declared Event Leave as deemed necessary, as well.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Jacksonville determines that upon statement of a Declared Event by the Mayor, or his designee:

1. All City of Jacksonville and Water Works, Gas and Sewer Board Departments and employees will begin working under the conditions of a pandemic emergency.

2. The Mayor, or his designee, is immediately authorized to spend up to \$25,000.00, without City Council approval, for any necessary equipment, supplies or other essentials needed during this time of uncertainty.
3. That the Supervision chain for city operations is: 1. Mayor, 2. City Administrator and 3. Executive Secretary.
4. That in the City of Jacksonville General Fund and Water Works, Gas and Sewer Board Departments and Employees begin working under a Declared Event status; the Mayor, or his designee, are authorized to set the necessary special modifications in the workforce and any closures when deemed necessary.
5. That the allotted Declared Event Leave may be extended beyond the current 24 hours, as deemed necessary by the Mayor, or his designee.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this the 13th of March 2020.

Absent

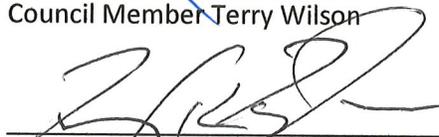
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Approved by Mayor Johnny L. Smith

ATTEST:



Brenda Sandoval, City Clerk

