

# **City of Delray Beach**

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## **Minutes - Draft**

**Friday, March 13, 2020**

**4:00 PM**

**Emergency City Commission Special Meeting - COVID-19**

**Delray Beach City Hall**

## **City Commission**

*Mayor Shelly Petrolia  
Vice Mayor Shirley Ervin Johnson  
Deputy Vice Mayor Bill Bathurst  
Commissioner Adam Frankel  
Commissioner Ryan Boylston*

Mayor Petrolia called the emergency special meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.  
The roll call was taken by the City Clerk.

The following were in attendance:

**Present:** 4 - Mayor Shelly Petrolia, Vice-Mayor Shirley Ervin Johnson, Deputy Vice Mayor William Bathurst, and Commissioner Ryan Boylston

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Adam Frankel

Others present were:

George Gretsas, City Manager  
Lynn Gelin, City Attorney  
Katerri Johnson, City Clerk

1. [20-257](#) RESOLUTION 70-20 OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 95 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS DEEMED NECESSARY, IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH, TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE, LIVES, AND PROPERTY OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Attachments:** [Resolution No. 70-20 Covid 19](#)

The Mayor turned the meeting over to the City Manager to present the COVID-19 information from Palm Beach County Emergency Management and approval of Resolution No. 70-20 to declare a State of Emergency in Delray Beach due to COVID-19.

This resolution would grant the City Manager the ability to establish curfews, implement emergency procurement procedures, declare areas of the City off-limits, make provisions for the availability and use of temporary housing, establish an emergency operations center, and monitor retail price gouging on behalf of the City. In addition, he recommended that the Commission prohibit any gatherings of 300 or more persons on any City-owned property until further notice.

Effective today, the following events have been canceled:  
Savor the Avenue

Grand Fondo  
Little League Baseball  
Florida Youth Soccer Association  
Youth Lacrosse  
Arts Garage  
Green Market

Notification will be made as other events begin to cancel.

The City was notified on March 13, 2020 by the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections that pursuant to Emergency Order 20-002 issued by Florida Division of Emergency Management that Abbey Delray, senior assisted-living facility, has canceled its contract with the Supervisor of Elections, Precinct #4118 located at 1717 Homewood Blvd. has been changed to Orchard View Elementary School, 4050 Germantown Road. The order was put in place to minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19 among an at-risk population.

Palm Beach County School District announced that effective March 13, 2020 all schools will be closed until March 27, 2020.

*City Attorney Gelin read Resolution No. 70-20 into the record.*

A discussion ensued between the Commission and the City Manager regarding child care for City employees. It was determined that the City would not establish a City led daycare, but will leave the discretion to all the department heads on allowing children to come to work with the employee or work from home options, if needed.

Vice-Mayor Johnson questioned the provision in Section 4 regarding the City Manager having the authority to terminate the State of Emergency and wanted to see a specific time frame in place and have it be renewed as needed.

**A motion was made by Deputy Vice Mayor Bathurst, seconded by Commissioner Boylston, that Resolution 70-20 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Mayor Petrolia, Vice-Mayor Ervin Johnson, Deputy Vice Mayor Bathurst, and Commissioner Boylston

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Frankel

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.