

**CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Friday, April 3, 2020 – 2:00 p.m.
Remote Participation**

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m. by Mayor Kurtz.

1. Access Instructions

In order to be in compliance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-21 which prohibits in-person work not necessary to sustain or protect life, this Special Meeting was held remotely in accordance with Executive Order No. 2020-15 which grants temporary authorization of remote participation in public meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Roll Call

Mayor: Luther Kurtz
Members Present: Greg Bryan, Shane Cole, Aaron Hagen, Janet Kalbfell, Tom Oleksy, Brian Slater
Members Absent: None
City Manager: Mark L. Heydlauff
City Attorney: Scott Howard
City Clerk: Joyce Golding

3. Inquiry Regarding Conflicts of Interest

4. Public Hearings and Actions Requiring Public Hearings

- A. Emergency Ordinance to Temporarily Suspend Short Term Rental Operations During State of Emergency
The Mayor opened the public hearing at 2:07 p.m.

The City Manager explained that the emergency ordinance would temporarily suspend the operation and registration of Short Term Rentals under the ordinance passed a few weeks ago. Due to the Executive Orders of Governor Whitmer, there should be no vacation travel to non-personal residences in a vacation setting. This ordinance confirms that Short Term Rentals (STRs) are not essential and prohibits their rental until such time as the Governor's order, or subsequent orders, may be lifted or when this ordinance expires in 60 days, whichever is first. The City Attorney confirmed that this was only a temporary ordinance.

Mayor Kurtz discussed several additional provisions he and the City Attorney worked on to include hotels and motels along with requiring businesses to comply with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 guidelines. City Attorney Howard stated that including these revisions in this ordinance would require an additional Special Meeting. Council expressed their opinions at length.

The item was open to public comment. Eleven members of the public were heard.

Mayor Kurtz suggested that fees could be waived for STRs. Slater suggested that business owners should be required to keep a health and safety audit log.

The item was closed to the public at 3:28 p.m.

Mayor Kurtz called for another Special Meeting for Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. to consider the amended ordinance.

5. Reports & Communications

- A. Public Comments
- B. City Manager Comments
- C. Mayor & Council Comments
- Hagen asked residents to be safe
 - Oleksy, Slater, Kalbfell, and Cole stated that the main goal should be citizens' health and welfare
 - Bryan felt all businesses should be shut down to be fair
 - Mayor Kurtz stated all citizens need to do their part

6. Adjourn

Mayor Kurtz adjourned the meeting at 3:33 p.m.

Joyce M. Golding

City Clerk

Luther Kurtz

Mayor