



AGENDA

Special City Council Meeting

Council Chambers, Chowchilla City Hall - 130 S. Second Street,
Chowchilla, CA 93610

Friday, April 17, 2020

Closed Session: 4:00 p.m.

Open Session: 4:30 p.m.

In compliance with California Gov. Newsom's Shelter-in-Place Order and the Social Distance Guidelines issued by Federal, State, and Local Authorities, the City has implemented changes for attendance and public comment at all Council meetings until notified otherwise. **This meeting is closed to the public but will be broadcast live. See pages 3 and 4 of this agenda packet for further participation instructions.**

Agendas for all Special City Council meetings are posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting at the Civic Center, 130 S. Second St.,

The agenda packet will be posted on the city website at www.CityofChowchilla.org.

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Mayor: Waseem Ahmed

Mayor Pro Tem: Diana Palmer

Council Members: Ray Barragan, John Chavez, Dennis Haworth

City staff and contract employees present at the meeting will be noted in the minutes

PUBLIC ADDRESS – CLOSED SESSION

This time is reserved for members of the audience to address the City Council on items listed on the closed session agenda only. Comments must be made in accordance to the the attached policy (PAGE 3 of this agenda packet).

CLOSED SESSION – 4:00 PM

This time has been set aside for the City Council to meet in a closed session to discuss matters pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2), (d)(3). Based on the advice of the City Attorney, discussion in open session would prejudice the position of the City in these matters. The City Attorney will provide a report, in open session, which details any reportable actions following conclusion of the closed session agenda.

1. Government Code Section 54956.9

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9

Number of Cases: One

OPEN SESSION – 4:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

INVOCATION:

CLOSED SESSION REPORT:

NEW BUSINESS - Section 1

1.1 Discussion, Direction and Action Regarding COVID-19 and City Orders (e.g. Closure of Non-Essential Businesses); City Strategy and Concerns; Enforcement of State COVID-19 Shelter in Place Orders; Implications; and Impacts; and,

Approval of a City Council Resolution Implementing Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 (Pruett)

ADJOURNMENT

I, Joann McClendon, CMC, City Clerk, do hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing agenda was posted at Chowchilla City Hall, 130 S Second Street, Chowchilla, CA and made available for public review on this 16th day of April, 2020 at or before 4:00 p.m.

Joann McClendon, CMC, City Clerk

CHOWCHILLA CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19

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All City Council meetings will be live streamed online (NOTE: the web platform subject to change) using Facebook LIVE and viewed from the City's PUBLIC Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/City-ofChowchilla-California-Government-261650325178/ . Since the meeting is a live stream from a public page it is open to everyone and you can watch it without a Facebook profile (or without logging in). **Just so you are aware, there is a delay of time between when someone speaks and when the speaker's voice is broadcast.**

The City will also provide links to streaming options on the City's website and on its Facebook page. Unfortunately, physical attendance by the public cannot be accommodated given the current circumstances and the need to ensure the health and safety of the City Council, City staff, and the public as a whole.

Social media comments made during a meeting will not be taken as part of the official record therefore if you wish to make an official comment please refer to the following steps.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC COMMENTS INFORMATION

- A public comment must be submitted by email to JMcClendon@CityofChowchilla.org.
- In the email subject line type your name and the subject of your public comment by agenda item name or number.
- A separate email must be sent for each agenda item on which you want to comment.
- All written public comments, including your name, may become public information.
- The comment email **MUST BE RECEIVED (TIME STAMPED) BY** the defined time limit for each agenda section.
- The received comment will be read aloud by the City Clerk, or designee, during the appropriate agenda item.
- Comments must comply with the normal three (3) minutes comment time limit and any portion extending past the allotted time may not be read aloud.
- Any comment received after the defined Agenda Section submittal time limit may not be read during the live meeting.
- Staff will attempt but cannot guarantee that late comments will be read during the live meeting.
- All written comments not read publicly will be made part of the meeting minutes provided such comments are received prior to the official end of the City Council meeting.
- A public comments email that does not specify a specific agenda topic or item number will be read aloud during the general public comment portion of the agenda.

PUBLIC ADDRESS AGENDA SECTION (Closed or Open Session)

To submit a comment for the Closed Session or Open Session Public Address agenda section you must email your comment to JMcClendon@CityofChowchilla.org . In the email subject line type your name and the subject of your public comment by agenda item name or number. A separate email must be sent for each agenda item on which you want to comment. **The email MUST BE RECEIVED (TIME STAMPED) BY 5:00 PM on the meeting date.**

CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA SECTION

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PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA SECTION

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DEFERRED AND/OR NEW BUSINESS AGENDA SECTIONS

To submit a comment for any Business Item agenda section you must email your comment to JMcClendon@CityofChowchilla.org. In the email subject line type your name and the subject of your public comment. A separate email must be sent for each different topic you want to comment. **The email MUST BE RECEIVED (TIME STAMPED) BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE INDIVIDUAL NEW BUSINESS ITEM.**

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this necessary but temporary situation. The health and safety of our community is our highest priority.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION # -20

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHOWCHILLA, CALIFORNIA
IMPLEMENTING MEASURES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19**

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the City of Chowchilla declared a local state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chowchilla continues to plan and implement measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to continue to prepare for any and all emergency actions in response to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chowchilla will continue to take bold and aggressive actions to protect the public health and safety, and to aid the regional healthcare and government community in responding to COVID-19 during this local, state, and national public health emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Chowchilla hereby finds, determines and declares the following:

1. Proclaims that a local emergency continues throughout the City.
2. All businesses not specifically listed as an essential business as set forth by the State of California shall immediately cease operations.
3. Any business that disagrees with the City's determination regarding whether it is essential must contact the Madera County Health Department ("County") for a written recommendation to remain open for business. Such recommendation shall be provided to the City Administrator/Director of Emergency Services for consideration.
4. The City Administrator shall consider all such County recommendations in the order they are received. Businesses that were previously directed to close must remain closed until they receive confirmation from the City Administrator that they may re-open.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Chowchilla this 17th day of April, 2020 by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

Waseem Ahmed, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joann McClendon, CMC
City Clerk