

City of Norcross

*65 Lawrenceville Street
Norcross, GA 30071*



Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Special Called Meeting

Mayor Craig Newton

Mayor Pro Tem Josh Bare

Councilmember Andrew Hixson

Councilmember Elaine Puckett

Councilmember Matt Myers

Councilmember Bruce Gaynor

- A. **Call to Order by Craig Newton**
PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES
- B. **Roll Call (recorded)**
- PH. **Public Hearings**
- D. **Items for Discussion**
 - 1. [20-5676](#) **A Declaration of Emergency Due to the Outbreak of the Coronavirus Virus 2019 (COVID-19)**
[Declaration of Local Emergency](#)
 - 2. [20-5677](#) **A Resolution of Mayor & Council to Hold All Public Meetings by Teleconference Due to Emergency Circumstances**
[A Resolution In Response To The Outbreak Of Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)
- E. **Adjourn to Executive Session Legal Personnel, and Real Estate**
- F. **Signed by _____ Mayor Craig Newton**
- G. **Attest _____ Monique Lang, City Clerk**



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1. [Declaration of Local Emergency](#)

Title

A Declaration of Emergency Due to the Outbreak of the Coronavirus Virus 2019 (COVID-19)

Drafter

Mayor Craig Newton

Motion

A motion to Declare a Local State of Emergency and to further declare the state of emergency shall continue until 11:59 P.M., Friday April 17, 2020 unless this declaration is renewed by the Mayor and Council of the City of Norcross or until such time as the Mayor and the City Manager find that the emergency conditions no longer exist.

DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) within the State of Georgia and the rapidly evolving threat to health and safety posed by that outbreak has created an emergency condition involving public safety and the preservation of public services; and

WHEREAS, the City has noted the increase in confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the State of Georgia and the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) conclusion regarding the likelihood of more cases; and

WHEREAS, the City notes further the January 31, 2020 declaration of the Secretary of Health and Human Services of a public health emergency in the United States and the World Health Organization's March 11, 2020 declaration of COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this Resolution, there have been over 100 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the State of Georgia, including one death; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a serious risk of severe illness or even death for many people including but not limited to the public at large, the citizens of the City of Norcross and all City personnel as well as the elected and appointed officials of the City of Norcross; and

WHEREAS, Populations identified by the CDC who are particularly vulnerable include many members of the public; and

WHEREAS, in February of this year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued "Interim Guidance" recommending that all employers consider how best to decrease the spread of COVID-19, including the review of guidance from state and local health officials; and

WHEREAS, significant actions taken to date in response to the threat include the cancellation of essentially all events involving large gatherings of people, the closing of public and private schools, colleges and universities, and the conversion of business and government operations to telework platforms; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Georgia declared a public health emergency on March 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners has declared a local emergency on March 16, 2020 and delegated certain emergency powers to the Chairman of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Norcross, Georgia (the “City”) is the duly elected governing authority for the City; and

WHEREAS, based upon the President’s Declaration of National Emergency, the Governor’s Public Health State of Emergency and the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners’ Declaration of Local Emergency, and in recognition of the number of identified and projected cases of COVID-19 in the State of Georgia, the preventative measures being implemented throughout the State of Georgia, and the severity of risk posed to the public, and given the above public health recommendations from public health authorities, the Mayor and Council of the City of Norcross believe that it is in the best interests of the welfare of the City of Norcross and its residents to declare a local state of emergency in order to invoke the power for the Mayor and Council to (1) consider certain enacting one or more emergency ordinances pursuant to Section 2.24 of the City Charter and (2) to consider a resolution to hold all Public Meetings by Teleconference due to emergency circumstances as permitted by OCGA 50-14-1 (g) of the Georgia Open Meetings Act;

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that a local state of emergency exists due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED that this state of emergency is sufficient to permit the Mayor and Council of the City of Norcross to invoke the power granted by Sec. 2.24 of the City Charter of the City of Norcross to consider certain enacting one or more emergency ordinances pursuant to Section 2.24 of the City Charter consider certain enacting one or more emergency ordinances for so long as the local state of emergency exists; and

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED that the local state of emergency is a circumstance involving public and the preservation of property and public services sufficient for the Mayor and Council to consider a resolution to hold all Public Meetings by Teleconference due to emergency circumstances as permitted by OCGA 50-14-1 (g) of the Georgia Open Meetings Act for so long as the local state of emergency exists; and

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED that this declaration of a local state of emergency shall continue until 11:59 P.M., Friday April 17, 2020 unless this declaration is renewed by the Mayor and Council of the City of Norcross or until such time as the Mayor and the City Manager find that the emergency conditions no longer exist.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

This, the _____ day of _____, 2020.

Craig Newton, Mayor

Attest: Monique Lang, City Clerk



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1. [A Resolution In Response To The Outbreak Of Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)

Title

A Resolution of Mayor & Council to Hold All Public Meetings by Teleconference Due to Emergency Circumstances

Drafter

Mayor Craig Newton

Motion

To Declare that the Covid-19 Outbreak is an Emergency Condition Involving Public Safety and the Preservation of Public Services; and to Provide that All Public Meetings of the City Of Norcross Shall Be Held Via Teleconference Pursuant To O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(G) For So Long As The Emergency Condition Exists.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORCROSS IN
RESPONSE TO THE OUTBREAK OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)
WITHIN THE STATE OF GEORGIA; TO DECLARE THAT THE COVID-19
OUTBREAK IS AN EMERGENCY CONDITION INVOLVING PUBLIC SAFETY AND
THE PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC SERVICES; AND TO PROVIDE THAT ALL
PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE CITY OF NORCROSS SHALL BE HELD VIA
TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(G) FOR SO LONG AS THE
EMERGENCY CONDITION EXISTS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Norcross, Georgia (the “City”) is the duly elected governing authority for the City; and

WHEREAS, the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) poses a serious risk of severe illness or even death for many people including but not limited to the public at large, the citizens of the City of Norcross and all City personnel as well as the elected and appointed officials of the City of Norcross; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Georgia declared a public health emergency on March 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners has declared a local emergency on March 16, 2020 and delegated certain emergency powers to the Chairman of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Norcross have declared a local emergency on March 17, 2020 immediately before the consideration of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1, *et seq.* permits the City of Norcross to hold all Public Meetings by Teleconference (by means of telecommunications devices such as computers, laptops, tablet computers, cellular phones, telephones) under circumstances necessitated by emergency conditions involving public safety or the preservation of property or public services; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City’s Declaration of Local State of Emergency is hereby incorporated into this resolution as if fully set forth herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Council of the City of Norcross, Georgia have determined that emergency conditions exist involving public safety and the preservation of property and public services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT for so long as the Declaration of Local State of Emergency remains in effect, all public meetings of the Mayor and Council of the City of Norcross, and all other committees, boards and authorities of the City of Norcross shall henceforth meet by means of teleconference, that all notices of such meetings that are required by the Georgia Open Meetings Act, the laws of the State of Georgia , the City Charter and the Norcross City Ordinances shall be provided as required by law, and that means shall be afforded for the public to have simultaneous access to all teleconference meetings as required to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 (g).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

This, the _____ day of _____, 2020.

Craig Newton, Mayor

Attest: Monique Lang, City Clerk