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## SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING CITY HALL BOARD ROOM MARCH 23, 2020 2:00 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN MET IN THE CITY HALL BOARD ROOM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR MAURICE HOWARD, ALDERMAN ALONZO SYKES, ALDERMAN DOUG STONE, ALDERMAN DAVID EWING, ALDERWOMAN CAROLYN ODOM, AND ALDERMAN JIM BUFFINGTON; JACKIE BENSON, CITY CLERK; AND ROBERT FAULKS, CITY ATTORNEY.

ATTENDING BY TELEPHONE: Mayor Maurice Howard, Alderman Alonzo Sykes, and Alderman Jim Buffington.

The Board reviewed and considered the following matters:

On January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic to be a "public health emergency"; and

On March 13, 2020, Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves issued a Proclamation declaring that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Mississippi as a result of the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus; and

On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic to be a "national emergency"; and

The Mississippi Department of Health has reported confirmed cases of the COVID-19 coronavirus in Monroe County and in adjoining Counties in our area.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Buffington to approve an Emergency Executive Order declaring the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic to be a State of Local Emergency in the City of Aberdeen; and further requiring that any future actions on behalf of the City of Aberdeen in response to this Local Emergency be brought before the Board of Alderman for review and consideration. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to adjourn until the April 7, 2020 Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Maurice Howard, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jackie Benson, City Clerk