

The May 12, 2020 Special Call City Council meeting will be conducted with only allowing 17 people in the Council Chambers at one time according to the Governor's Order Number 20-83.

To participate in the City Council meeting on May 12, 2020, which begins at 1:30 p.m., you have the following options:

- 1. Prior to the City Council meeting voice your comments about any item on the Agenda at Public Comments for City Council, which is located on the front page on the City of Vero Beach website at [covb.org](https://www.covb.org) <https://www.covb.org/forms.aspx?FID=65>. Your comments will be made a part of the record and provided to the City Council prior to the City Council meeting.**
- 2. Watch the meeting and provide comments during the meeting by going to Public Comments for City Council, which is located on the front page on the City of Vero Beach website at [covb.org](https://www.covb.org). Your comments will be read into the record by the City Clerk.**
- 3. Attend the City Council meeting and watch the meeting on the television in the lobby. Social distancing must be followed and no more than 10 people will be allowed in the lobby.**

For public comment questions, please contact Tammy Bursick, City Clerk, at [tbursick@covb.org](mailto:tbursick@covb.org) or 772-978-4700.

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**SPECIAL CALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020 1:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA**

**A G E N D A**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- A) Pledge of Allegiance
- B) Roll Call

**2. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A) RESOLUTIONS**

- 1) A Resolution of the City Council for the City of Vero Beach, Florida, directed to the State of Florida Governor Ron DeSantis requesting the expedited reopening of “Nonessential” Businesses within the City.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

This is a public meeting. If a person decides to appeal a decision made by the Council with respect to any reviewable matter considered at such meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, he or she is responsible for ensuring that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Anyone who needs a special accommodation for this meeting may contact the City’s Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator at 978-4920 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF VERO BEACH,  
FLORIDA DIRECTED TO STATE OF FLORIDA GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS  
REQUESTING THE EXPEDITED REOPENING OF “NONESSENTIAL”  
BUSINESSES WITHIN THE CITY.**

**WHEREAS**, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-71, in response to the COVID 19 pandemic, ordered, inter alia, that all persons in the State of Florida limit their movements and personal interactions outside the home to only those necessary to obtain or provide "essential services" or conduct "essential activities," as defined in the Order; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Vero Beach has unique insight into its individual businesses, residents and circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's Executive Order had the effect of adversely and profoundly impacting the economic viability of thousands of small businesses throughout the State of Florida, which businesses form the backbone of the economy of the State, and of the City of Vero Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 29, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-112, initiating a plan of phased and limited reopening for a limited set of businesses in 64 of Florida's 67 counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's Re-Open Florida Task Force Report recognizes the unique importance of local government input in reopening businesses closed by Executive Order 20-71, stating:

**Partnership with Local Communities.**

Local communities are partners with the state as the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step* plan to re-open Florida is implemented. Florida is a geographically large and diverse state and each of our local communities has unique insight into their individual circumstances. Local communities will play an important role in the plan to re-open Florida.

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's Re-Open Florida Task Force, comprised of over 100 highly qualified policy and industry leaders, which issued a Final Report that recognized the unique importance of local government input in reopening businesses closed by Executive Order 20-71; and

**WHEREAS**, the Re-Open Florida Task Force appointed by Governor DeSantis was comprised of over 100 highly qualified policy and industry leaders, who leveraged their vast collective insight and experience to prepare a Final Report that set forth a detailed, evidence-based, and multi-phased plan for the reopening of the State; and

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding the recommendation of the Governor's Re-Open Florida Task Force Final Report, the Phase I reopening of businesses permitted under Executive

Order 20-112 is much more limited and constrained, and leaves many more small businesses closed, than was recommended by the Task Force Final Report in Phase I; and

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force Final Report calls for the Phase I reopening of hair salons, nail salons, and barber shops at 50-percent building capacity, Executive Order 20-112 leaves such businesses closed; and

**WHEREAS**, further, while the Task Force Final Report calls for the Phase I reopening of restaurants and retail stores at 50-percent building capacity, Executive Order 20-112 limits restaurants and retail stores to 25-percent building capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, small businesses, such as restaurants, retail stores, hair salons, nail salons, and barber shops, are an essential component of the economy and community of the City of Vero Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, the owners and employees of such small businesses are hardworking individuals with families, mortgages, and other necessary expenses that do not stop when their businesses are shut down; and

**WHEREAS**, small businesses within the City of Vero Beach and throughout the State face the serious threat of permanent closure as a result of a continued shutdown; and

**WHEREAS**, as of May 8, 2020 Indian River County has only had 100 confirmed cases of COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic, has only had 11 confirmed cases in the last 14 days, has a current positive test rate of less than 5%, and the residents, businesses, and government of Indian River County have all worked hard to adhere to all of the state and federal mandates, guidelines, and best practices for prevention of the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor has the authority to custom tailor the re-opening of the businesses of the State to the individual circumstances of each community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it **Resolved** before the City Council for the City of Vero Beach, Florida; presented at a duly advertised **special call meeting**; and passed by majority vote of the City Council; and properly executed by the Mayor, and attested to by the City Clerk:

**Section 1:** The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated in this Resolution.

**Section 2:** The City Council for the City of Vero Beach, on behalf of the residents and businesses of the City of Vero Beach, given the unique circumstances of this community, formally request that Governor Ron DeSantis **expedite reopening of businesses within the City of Vero Beach**.

**Section 3:** That Governor Ron DeSantis fully and immediately implement all of the recommendations of the Governor's Re-Open Florida Task Force Final Report for Phase I, and thereafter proceed on an expedited basis to further reopening in Phases II and III of the Final Report, consistent with the evidence-based benchmarks contained therein.

**Section 4:** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

This Resolution was heard on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020, at which time it was moved for adoption by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, and adopted by the following vote:

Mayor Anthony W. Young \_\_\_\_\_

Vice-Mayor Laura Moss \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmember Robbie Brackett \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmember Joe Graves \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmember Rey Allen Neville \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF VERO BEACH, FLORIDA**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tammy K. Bursick  
City Clerk  
(Seal)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony W. Young  
Mayor

**ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW**

(For Internal Use Only—Sec. 2-77 COVB Code)

Approved as to form and legal  
sufficiency:

Approved as conforming to municipal  
policy:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
John S. Turner  
City Attorney

  
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Monte K. Falls, P.E.  
City Manager