

BEFORE THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY  
STATE OF INDIANA

A RESOLUTION WAIVING CERTAIN PROCEDURES AND FORMALITIES  
DURING DISASTER EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO I.C. 10-14-3-17

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, the Governor of Indiana declared a public health emergency for Coronavirus Disease 2019 Outbreak ("COVID-19") pursuant to I.C. 10-14-3-12; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States declared a national emergency for the same; and

WHEREAS, I.C. 10-14-3-17 gives the City of Columbia City the authority to waive procedure and formalities otherwise required by law as a result of the disaster emergency declaration; and

WHEREAS, I.C. 10-14-3-17(j)(5) states, in part, a political subdivision may:

In the event of a national emergency or disaster emergency as provided in section 12 (I.C. 10-14-3-12) of this chapter, waive procedures and formalities otherwise required by law pertaining to, among other things "the appropriate and expenditure of public funds."

WHEREAS, I.C. 36-4-8-5 states, in part, a city board or legislative body may allow a claim only at a meeting of the board of legislative body.

WHEREAS, the Common Council for the City of Columbia City desires to avoid the disruption of city government and essential city services that COVID-19 may create; and

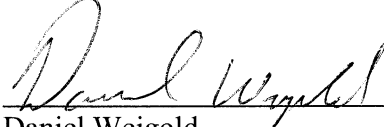
WHEREAS the Common Council for the City of Columbia City recognizes concern for public health due to COVID-19 may prevent the Council from meeting to conduct its business and affairs including the approval of claims required by law;

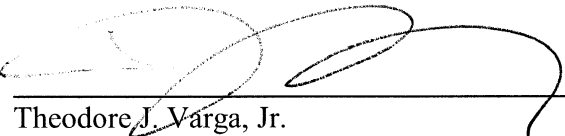
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council for the City of Columbia City, Indiana, that the procedures to approve claims set forth in I.C. 36-4-8-5 shall be waived in the event the Common Council President or applicable Board President/Chairperson determined that the Council or the applicable city board is unable to hold a meeting due to public health concerns arising out of COVID-19 at which time the city fiscal officer is hereby authorized by the Council to pay any valid claims that would otherwise have been presented at the meeting.

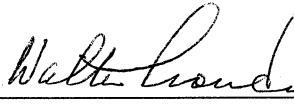
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by the Common Council for the City of Columbia City, Indiana, that this Resolution be null and void upon the expiration of the declared public health emergency or any subsequent declared national emergency related to COVID-19.

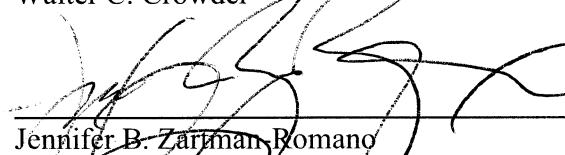
SO RESOLVED on this 24 day of March, 2020.

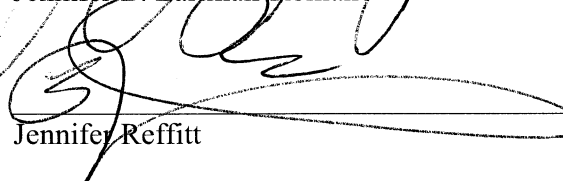
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
COLUMBIA CITY, INDIANA, BY:

  
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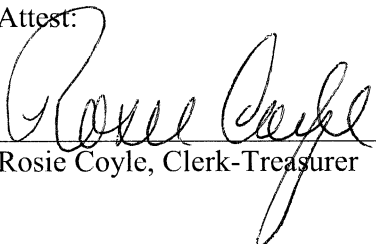
  
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Attest:

  
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Rosie Coyle, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved this 24 day of March, 2020.

  
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Ryan L. Daniel, Mayor  
City of Columbia City