



# **News Release**

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### **Impacts of Extended “Stay Home” Order**

MOUNTLAKE TERRACE — In accordance with the Governor’s “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order that was recently extended through May 4, 2020, the City Council’s April 6 regular business meeting will be held remotely, with public access to the meeting provided via telephone and internet via Zoom video conference. This remote access for meetings complies with the Governor’s suspension of sections of the Open Public Meetings Act as it relates to in-person gatherings.

During the period covered by the Governor’s “Stay Home” order, Council action is limited to “routine and necessary” items. As such, the April 6 agenda only includes approval of claims and the minutes of past meetings. The April 12 work/study session is cancelled and the next meeting after that will be April 16.

“We anticipate upcoming meetings through May 4 to be limited to routine items such as payroll, accounts payable and actions necessary to address the COVID-19 pandemic,” stated City Manager Scott Hugill.

The April 6 meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. and has only two brief approval items after roll call. If the public would like to listen in via telephone, the call in number is 1-253-215-8782. To watch the meeting over the internet, follow these steps: 1) Go to <https://zoom.us/join>; 2) Enter meeting ID (393-981-200) and click “join” (you will be prompted to install the Zoom application if you do not already have it); and 3) Enter password (776-1161).

Although the city will not have public comment on the agenda, it is important to note that the public is welcome to email the city anytime at [cityhall@ci.mt.wa.us](mailto:cityhall@ci.mt.wa.us). The Council's contact information is in the *City Happenings* newsletter and available online at [www.cityofmlt.com/587](http://www.cityofmlt.com/587). We ask that questions be sent to "cityhall" email in lieu of social media messaging so they can be promptly forwarded to the appropriate staffmember.

The extension of the Governor's Order also means the Recreation Pavilion remains closed through May 4 with the exception of the city's child care program and the April 25 Earth Day Volunteer Park Clean Up is cancelled.

Additionally, the city's Police Station will be closed to the public and the city is considering plans to close public access to City Hall sometime next week. City services will continue.

For more information about the city's response to COVID-19, please visit our webpage at [www.cityofmlt.com/2060](http://www.cityofmlt.com/2060). As new updates become available, they are included in the "Community Update" that is posted throughout the week. Our news releases are also posted here along with community resources and facility updates.

"Thanks to our residents for staying home to protect each other from the COVID-19 virus and for looking out after family, friends and neighbors," stated Community Relations Director Virginia Olsen. "It's important to continue to be vigilant to not go out unless absolutely necessary as it is helping to reduce exposures. Per the Governor's Order, please exercise social distancing of at least six feet even if you feel healthy because public health officials have cautioned that you could carry the virus without exhibiting any symptoms."

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