



AGENDA
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL EMERGENCY
MEETING
CHASKA EVENT CENTER - 3210 CHASKA BLVD & ZOOM
Monday, January 24, 2022
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adopt Agenda
4. Consent Items
 - 4.A. Adopt Resolution 2022-6, Declare a Local Emergency
5. Adjourn

City Council Meeting
Immediately following Special Emergency Meeting

REQUEST FOR ACTION CHASKA CITY COUNCIL 01/24/2022

Subject: Adopt Resolution 2022-6 Declaring a Local Emergency

Prepared By: Matt Podhradsky-City Administrator

As the City Council is aware, the World Health Organization is still declaring the COVID-19 Virus a Pandemic. The new Omicron variant is being felt world-wide and the number of people testing positive for COVID-19 has risen specifically here in Carver County.

There is currently no information to suggest that symptoms associated with Omicron are different from those from other variants. All variants of COVID-19, including the Delta variant that is dominant worldwide, can cause severe disease or death, in particular for the most vulnerable people, and thus prevention is always key.

The Emergency Management Team at the City worked hard when the COVID-19 Pandemic first started to devise a plan to minimize the impacts of this crisis on our community, and try to preserve the continuity of our essential City services.

Under State Statutes 12.29 and 12.37, the State of Minnesota provides local governments with a tool to make it easier to properly respond to these types of situations. Specifically, State Statute allows a municipality to Declare a Local Emergency to address crisis situations. Beyond just the message that declaring a local emergency provides to the community as to the seriousness of a situation, declaring a local emergency also provides us with tools that allow us to be able to respond more rapidly to situations involving public health, safety and welfare. Specifically, the Statute 12.37 provides municipalities with the following authority:

- (1) Enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat the disaster by protecting the health and safety of persons and property and by providing emergency assistance to the victims of the disaster; and
- (2) exercise the powers vested by this subdivision in the light of the exigencies of the disaster without compliance with time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law pertaining to:
 - (i) the performance of public work;
 - (ii) entering into contracts;
 - (iii) incurring of obligations;
 - (iv) employment of temporary workers;
 - (v) rental of equipment;
 - (vi) purchase of supplies and materials;
 - (vii) limitations upon tax levies; and

(viii) the appropriation and expenditure of public funds, for example, but not limited to, publication of ordinances and resolutions, publication of calls for bids, provisions of civil service laws and rules, provisions relating to low bids, and requirements for budgets.

The intent of the emergency declaration is to enable Councilmember to be able to participate in council meetings through Zoom and not in person due to the rising COVID cases. There is no intent to utilize any other emergency powers.

Staff is recommending that Council approve this resolution declaring this local emergency.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-6 Declaring a Local Emergency to address the increasing cases of the COVID 19 Pandemic.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-6

**CITY OF CHASKA
CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION ENACTED UNDER AUTHORITY OF
MINNESOTA STATUTES §§ 12.29 AND 12.37 TO
DECLARE A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL, of the City of Chaska has found that the following situation (the “Situation”) exists:

Pandemic of COVID 19

WHEREAS, the Mayor has determined that the Situation is a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Chaska agrees with the Mayor’s findings and further finds that the Situation will last for more than three (3) days, which would be the period of time defined in State Statute the Mayor could declare an emergency without consent of the Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chaska, Minnesota, as follows:

The city council declares the Situation constitutes a local emergency continuing until federal or state action declaring an end to the state of emergency or subsequent determination of the Chaska City Council.

This declaration of a local emergency will invoke the city’s disaster plan. The portions that are necessary for response to and recovery from the emergency must be used. Other appropriate emergency actions directed or recommended by federal and state government or health organizations, or deemed necessary by City emergency management authorities, including those otherwise inconsistent with established laws, policies and procedures, are hereby authorized to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Chaska this 24th day of January, 2022.

Mark Windschitl, Mayor

ATTEST:

Matt Podhradsky, City Administrator