



## Colonial Heights City Council Meeting Agenda Item Executive Summary

### City Council Meeting

**MEETING TYPE:** City Council Regular Meeting

**MEETING DATE:** April 14, 2020

**ITEM:** Emergency Ordinance No. 20-1

**DEPARTMENT:** City Attorney

**PROPOSED ACTION:** Approve Emergency Ordinance No. 20-1.

**BACKGROUND:** This ordinance's purpose is to provide for methods whereby the Council and other City boards, commissions, and other entities can assure continuity in City Government operations and meetings during the current COVID-19 crisis. This ordinance is authorized by Virginia Code § 15.2-1413, which specifies that a locality may provide for continuity in its government in the event of a disaster. In summary, the ordinance provides that to the extent possible, the Council and other City entities shall follow normal meeting procedures. However, the ordinance also provides that if following normal procedures would be impractical or unsafe, the Council or other entity may, by following certain procedures, meet remotely by electronic communication.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Funding for this item was:  included  not included in the current-year budget  N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Emergency Ordinance No. 20-1.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Staff will be making a detailed presentation on this agenda item at the meeting.
- Staff will provide brief comments and answer questions on this item at the meeting.
- This is a routine procedural item and no presentation is planned for the meeting.

*Councilmembers who have any detailed questions or would like to request additional information regarding this item are encouraged to contact the City Manager at their earliest convenience.*