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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### **Emergency Meeting of the Daphne City Council**

**Monday, March 16, 2020**

**4:30 p.m.**

**City of Daphne Council Chambers**

The Daphne City Council has called an Emergency City Council Meeting on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 4:30pm.

The purpose for the Emergency Special Meeting is to:

- 1) Discuss the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic which may pose a hazard to the safety and welfare of the general public; and
- 2) Consider and/or adopt a resolution declaring a local state of emergency; and
- 3) Consider and/or authorize the closure of certain city facilities by direction of the Mayor or by adoption of a resolution or other instrument; and
- 4) Consider and/or authorize any other actions related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and
- 5) Consider and/or authorize the cancellation and/or rescheduling of any Daphne City Council meetings and committee meetings as necessary.

**The Finance Committee meeting scheduled for 4:30 p.m. is cancelled. The regular City Council meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. shall be held concurrently with the Emergency Special Meeting beginning at 4:30 p.m.**

The Alabama Open Meetings Act generally requires that City Council meetings "shall be open to the public during meetings," and it does not provide for an exception for an event like what is before us now. However, in the interest of public safety, all members of the public who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, who have family members who have been so diagnosed, who are showing symptoms of COVID-19, or who believe they may have been in contact with someone who may have been exposed, are prohibited from entering City Hall at this time or attending this Emergency Special Meeting.

For those members of the public who nonetheless choose to attend this meeting, seating shall be spaced out to encourage social distancing, and other best practices for social distancing, such as avoiding handshakes, will be observed. Further, in observance of recent guidance by the CDC, the City reserves the authority to limit the total number of individuals who may enter Council Chambers to no more than fifty (50).

Please call the Office of the City Clerk at 251-620-1100 with any questions regarding this Notice.

The Emergency City Council meeting will take place at Daphne City Hall, Council Chambers, 1705 Main Street, Daphne, Alabama 36532.