

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI  
NOVEMBER 23, 2020**

**INTRODUCTORY ITEMS:**

The Special Meeting of the City of Washington, Missouri, City Council was held on Monday, November 23, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Mayor Sandy Lucy opened the meeting with roll call and Pledge of Allegiance.

<b>Mayor:</b>	Sandy Lucy	Present	
<b>Council Members:</b>	<b>Ward I</b>	Steve Sullentrup Nick Obermark	Absent Present
	<b>Ward II</b>	Mark Wessels Mark Hidritch	Present Present
	<b>Ward III</b>	Jeff Patke Greg Skornia	Present Present
	<b>Ward IV</b>	Gretchen Pettet Joe Holtmeier	Present – via video Present
<b>Also Present:</b>	City Attorney	Mark Piontek	
	City Administrator	Darren Lamb	
	Deputy City Clerk	Sherri Klekamp	
	Chief of Police	Ed Menefee	
	Emergency Management Director	Mark Skornia	

Originals and/or copies of agenda items of the meeting, including recorded votes are available on record in the office of the City Clerk. Each ordinance is read a minimum of twice by title, unless otherwise noted.

**Approval and Adjustment of Agenda:**

A motion to accept and approve the agenda accordingly made by Councilmember Holtmeier, seconded by Councilmember Obermark, passed without dissent.

**ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

**Bill No. 20-12256, Ordinance No. 20-13207, an ordinance establishing the requirement to wear a face mask in certain locations in order to prevent or limit the spread of the COVID-19 Disease; authorizing the adoption of further orders for the implementation of the ordinance and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.**

Councilmember Holtmeier introduced the ordinance.

Mayor Lucy informed the audience that there would be no further public comments regarding the topic. Public comments were accepted until noon and forwarded on to the Council members prior to the meeting as well as a hard copy was available at the meeting.

Councilmember Wessels inquired that since the County passed an order and we are now under that directive with the difference being the criteria to end the mandate. The County's order expires December 20, 2020 and the City is using a matrix.

Discussion was held regarding an end date verses using a matrix. Emergency Management Director Mark Skornia explained the matrix used by the City is the Harvard Global Health Model. There are three (3) areas looked at to see if there is an increase, flat or decrease. The first matrix is the fourteen (14) day average of daily cases per 100,000 population, the second matrix is the risk of hospitalization and third matrix is the number of deaths from COVID. There would have to be at least two (2) of the three (3) matrix in the yellow for a period of 4 weeks in order to lift the mask restriction. Councilmember Holtmeier stated the matrix would be better due to being able to see a trend. Councilmember Obermark asked if perhaps an ending date would be better for planning purposes.

Councilmember Patke voiced concerns of enforcement and the redundancy of the ordinance since the County has passed an order. City Administrator Darren Lamb stated there a separate email address as well as a separate phone number would be set up for people to voice their concerns of enforcement since it would be complaint driven enforcement. Chief of Police Ed Menefee stated a warning would be given and if it continued a summons would be issued.

Councilmember Obermark stated it was a chance for the City to flatten the curve and there is room for improvement to wear a mask by everyone. Councilmember Wessels stated he does not want to see another shutdown and the criteria needs to be met prior to lifting the mandate.

Councilmember Hidritch stated he received 350-400 emails and replied to all of them and 67% of his constituents are against it and he needs to vote the way his constituents ask. Councilmember Wessels stated those reaching out to him were in favor of the mandate.

With no further discussion the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Obermark-aye, Skornia-aye, Patke-nay, Holtmeier-aye, Pettet-aye, Hidritch-nay, Sullentrup-absent, Wessels-aye.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn made at 5:32 p.m. by Councilmember Patke, seconded by Councilmember Obermark passed without dissent.

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Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

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President of City Council

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

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Mayor of Washington, Missouri