

CITY OF TAMARAC, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. O-2020-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TAMARAC, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, "ADMINISTRATION", ARTICLE II, "CITY COMMISSION", OF THE CITY OF TAMARAC CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY AMENDING SECTION 2-29, "REGULAR MEETINGS"; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 2-29 of the City's Code of Ordinances currently provides that regular City Commission meetings shall begin at 7:00 p.m. for the first meeting of each month and at 9:00 a.m. for the second meeting of each month; and

WHEREAS, at the November 12, 2019 Commission Workshop meeting, the City Commission consented to change the starting time of the second regular Commission meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Tamarac has deemed it to be in the best interest of the citizens and residents of the City of Tamarac to change the starting time of the second regular Commission meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TAMARAC, FLORIDA THAT:

SECTION 1: The foregoing whereas clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon

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adoption hereof; all exhibits attached hereto are incorporated herein and made a specific part thereof.

SECTION 2: The City Commission hereby amends Chapter 2, "Administration", of the Tamarac Code of Ordinances, by amending Section 2-29 of the City Code to read as follows:

Sec. 2-29. - Regular meetings.

- (a) Regular meetings of the city commission shall be held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, except as set out in the Charter.
- (b) If a regular meeting date falls on a legal holiday, the meeting shall be rescheduled by the commission so as to occur within three (3) working days prior to or following the holiday.
- (c) Regular city commission meetings shall begin in accordance with the following schedule: The first meeting of each month shall begin at 7:00 p.m. The second meeting of each month shall begin at ~~9:00~~ 9:30 a.m. All city commission regular meetings shall adjourn no later than 11:30 p.m. local time. All remaining items on the agenda shall be deferred until the next regular meeting of the city commission or to a date and time certain as approved by the majority vote of the city commission. The city commission may conclude debate and voting on any agenda item under consideration at 11:30 p.m. The city commission may, by majority vote, extend the time of its meetings past 11:30 p.m. to consider remaining items on the agenda. The mayor is authorized to change the beginning time of the regular city commission meetings when he or she deems necessary with reasonable notice to the public and commissioners.
- (d) Rules governing conduct of spectators at commission meetings. Members of the public may speak at city commission meetings during public hearings or at a time to be specified by the mayor or presiding officer or during the period set aside for public discussion on the city commission agenda subject to the following:
 - (1) Members of the public may speak only at times designated by the mayor or presiding officer.
 - (2) The mayor or presiding officer may limit the total time allotted to public discussion and the total number of speakers during discussion on any ordinance, resolution, motion, workshop item, or discussion item and may limit

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the time allotted to each speaker during discussion on any ordinance, resolution, motion, workshop item, or discussion item, or during the time designated on the city commission agenda for public discussion.

(3) When a matter has been designated as quasi-judicial, public remarks shall be limited to the quasi-judicial public hearing.

(4) Members of the public shall address only the topic being discussed as determined by the mayor or presiding officer unless discussion is pursuant to the public discussion item on the city commission agenda.

(5) Disruptive, belligerent or abusive conduct by any member of the public is prohibited and shall not be permitted.

(6) Any member of the public who violates this section may be instructed by the mayor or presiding officer to remove himself or herself from the commission chambers of the city. Upon his or her failure to do so, a member of the Broward Sheriff's Office shall eject the person from the commission chambers upon instruction by the mayor or presiding officer.

(7) It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse to voluntarily or involuntarily leave the city commission chambers when instructed to do so by the mayor or presiding officer.

(8) Any person convicted of violating subsection (6) above, shall be subject to the penalties as provided in section 1-13 of this Code.

SECTION 3: Conflicts. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, Resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4: Codification. It is the intention of the City Commission and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Tamarac, Florida, and that the Sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered and the word "Ordinance" may be changed to "Section", "Article" or such other word or phrase in order to accomplish such intention.

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SECTION 5: Severability. Should any section, provision, paragraph, sentence, clause of word of this Ordinance or portion hereof be held or declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or application, it shall be considered as eliminated and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED, FIRST READING this day of , 2020.

PASSED, SECOND READING this day of , 2020.

MICHELLE J. GOMEZ
MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I
have approved this
ORDINANCE as to form.

SAMUEL S. GOREN
CITY ATTORNEY

RECORD OF COMMISSION VOTE: 1ST READING

MAYOR GOMEZ

DIST. 1: V/M BOLTON

DIST. 2: COMM. GELIN

DIST. 3: COMM. FISHMAN

DIST. 4: COMM. PLACKO

RECORD OF COMMISSION VOTE: 2ND READING

MAYOR GOMEZ

DIST. 1: V/M BOLTON

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