

Item Type: NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Date: April 7, 2020

Item Details

Presenter(s): Drew Havens, Town Manager and Laurie Hohe, Town Attorney

Department(s): Administration, Legal

Requested Motion

Discussion and possible motion to approve a policy to permit remote public participation in Town meetings.

Approval Recommended?

Yes

Item Details

Following a declaration of state of emergency by the Governor, the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners, and the Mayor, the Apex Town Council, the state and local authorities have issued stay at home orders. Further, in consideration of the recommendations on social distancing from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, and the Wake County Human Services, as well as measures taken across the nation and across the state, the Council may restrict or ban public access to Council and other public meetings. However, public participation in those meetings and public hearings is necessary and remains an important concern. The proposed policy will permit the Town to continue necessary actions while allowing remote participation by the public through email, voice messages and online form submissions and all while adhering to the state and county stay at home order and social distancing recommendations. As usual, the Council meetings will be live streamed and will be made available on demand through YouTube. The Council will limit public hearings and quasi-judicial hearings to the greatest extent possible for the duration of the state of emergency.

Attachments

- Draft Policy

