

RESOLUTION CITY COUNCIL 2023-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRUITA ALLOWING FOR VIRTUAL MEETINGS

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 local emergency, local governments met virtually, using video-conferencing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Fruita ("City Council") records and broadcasts its meetings via video-conferencing and will continue to do so; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to allow the Mayor, City Council members, staff members, guest presenters and City Attorney to participate in City Council meetings via video-conferencing if they are unable to attend a City Council meeting or workshop in person; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that there may be times when the City Council must meet entirely via video-conferencing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to further clarify procedures regarding the allowance of virtual or electronic meetings for the Mayor, City Council, City staff, guest presenters and participants and the City Attorney/Special Counsel and, if a virtual-only meeting is deemed necessary or appropriate, virtual participation by members of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fruita, that:

1. Purpose. The purpose of this Policy is to specify the circumstances and means under which the City Council may allow the Mayor, City Council members, City staff, guest presenters and participants, and counsel to attend regular and special meetings by telephone or other electronic means of participation, such as video-conferencing, that is clear, uninterrupted and allows two way communication for the participating members ("Electronic Participation").

2. Statement of General Policy. The City Council may conduct a regular or special meeting or workshop of the City Council by Electronic Participation only in accordance with this Policy.

3. Electronic Participation in an In Person Meeting. In the event the Mayor, a City Council member, a City staff member, guest presenter or counsel is unable to meet in person at the day, hour, and place fixed by the rules and procedures of the City Council because meeting in-person is not practical for such person(s), they may contact the City Clerk to be provided the means for Electronic Participation in the meeting; all members of the public and all other City Council members, City staff, guest presenters and participants and counsel shall attend and participate in person.

4. Virtual Only Meetings. In the rare event when the City Council is unable to meet in person but a meeting is necessary, such meeting shall be properly noticed pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(1)(b) with the information provided for Electronic Participation to include the same by members of the public.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City of Fruita City Council at a regular public meeting held on the 20th day of June, 2023.

CITY OF FRUITA CITY COUNCIL

Joel Kincaid, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Attorney