

# CITY OF HIGH POINT

## AGENDA ITEM



**Title:** Rules of Procedure for Electronic Meetings

**From:** JoAnne Carlyle, City Attorney

**Meeting Date:** Monday, April 6, 2020

**Public Hearing:** No

**Advertising Date:** NA

**Advertised By:** NA

**Attachments:** Procedures for Electronic Meetings

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### **PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

Generally, North Carolina open meetings law contemplates that public bodies, like the City Council, may hold an official meeting by use of electronic means. Electronic meetings are allowed under Chapter 43 of the North Carolina General Statutes, and the requirements of notice, access, and minutes for official meetings can be met through electronic means. Further, reasonable accommodations can be made to accommodate members of the public under the circumstances.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is reasonable and recommended that the Council have the ability to conduct its official meetings by use of electronic means.

### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

No impact.

### **RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:**

The City Attorney's Office recommends that Council approve the Rules of Procedure for Electronic Meetings effective immediately, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Council members, City staff, and the public.