

# **City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska**

**Monday, July 6, 2020**

**Regular Meeting**

## **Item Reports1**

**City Council to discuss and consider ratifying and approving all actions taken during City Council meetings held by telephone conference pursuant to Governor Rickett's Executive Orders No. 20-03 and No. 20-24.**

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STATE *of* NEBRASKA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
LINCOLN

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20—03  
CORONA VIRUS – PUBLIC MEETINGS REQUIREMENT LIMITED WAIVER

**WHEREAS**, In order to provide flexibility to assist in meeting the emergency conditions and subsequent impacts brought on from COVID-19, a state of emergency was declared in Nebraska on March 13, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Nebraska is committed to providing seamless government operations to the people of Nebraska throughout the state of emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, state and local governmental boards, commissions and other public bodies must comply with the Open Meetings Act so that citizens may exercise their democratic privilege of participating in meeting of public bodies; and

**WHEREAS**, for public health purposes, meetings and gatherings have now been limited to no more than 50 people and may be further limited if the presence of COVID-19 warrants;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Nebraska, hereby issue this limited waiver of certain requirements of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

Pursuant to this declaration, I hereby order the following:

1. This executive order applies to all governing bodies as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1409 (1) and to all public meetings as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1409 (2).
2. All governing bodies may meet by videoconference or by telephone conferencing or by conferencing by other electronic communication so long as there is made available at such meeting access to members of the public and to members of the media.

3. The advanced publicized notice and the agenda requirements for meetings that are set forth in Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1411 and the remaining provisions of Nebraska's Open Meeting Act shall continue to be complied with by all governing bodies and are not waived by this executive order.
4. This waiver shall apply to all public governing body meetings that occur from today through May 31, 2020.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed on this 17th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:



Pete Ricketts, Governor



Robert B. Evnen, Secretary of State





# STATE of NEBRASKA

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## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-24 CORONAVIRUS – CONTINUED LIMITED WAIVER OF PUBLIC MEETINGS REQUIREMENTS

**WHEREAS**, in order to provide flexibility to assist in meeting the emergency conditions and subsequent impacts brought on from COVID-19, a state of emergency was declared in Nebraska on March 13, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Nebraska is committed to providing seamless government operations that are open to the people of Nebraska throughout the state of emergency.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Nebraska, hereby issue this continued limited waiver of certain requirements of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

Pursuant to this declaration, I hereby order the following:

1. Executive Order No. 20-03, which is currently scheduled to end on May 31, 2020, shall remain in effect through June 30, 2020; and
2. The identical statutory waivers and conditions contained within Executive Order No. 20-03 shall continue through June 30, 2020.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed on this 19th day of May, 2020.



Attest:

Pete Ricketts, Governor  
State of Nebraska

Robert B. Evnen,  
Secretary of State  
State of Nebraska