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Resolution No. 491

Repealing Resolution No. 459 – Temporarily authorizing meetings and public hearings to be held remotely due to COVID-19

May 23, 2022



Legislative Actions - Remote "Virtual" Meetings

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- Resolution No. 459
- ✓ Adopted June 1, 2020
- ✓ Suspends City Council Rules 5.3 and 5.5 to allow for virtual meetings
- Directs Planning Commission and Parks Board to hold meetings virtually
- ESSHB 1329 (2022)
- ✓ Amends the Open Public Meetings Act to require physical location.
- ✓ Permits entirely virtual meeting only when (1) declaration of emergency and
 (2) meeting can't be held in-person with reasonable safety
- Governor's Proclamation 20-28.16
- Terminates and rescinds requirement for public meetings to be held virtually
- ✓ Effective June 1, 2020



New Technology

- Integrates cameras and microphones into a videoconferencing platform
- Staff presentations shared in Council Chambers and on the videoconferencing platform
- Allows public comment to be made by telephone or videoconferencing software



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Staff recommends City Council adopt Resolution 491 repealing Resolution 459 and return to in-person meetings effective June 1, 2022



Questions/Discussion