

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF DENTON
CITY OF CORINTH**

On this the 16th day of April 2020 the City Council of the City of Corinth, Texas met in Workshop Session at the Corinth City Hall at 5:45 P.M., located at 3300 Corinth Parkway, Corinth, Texas. The meeting date, time, place and purpose as required by Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter C, Section 551.041, Government Code, with the following members to wit:

Members Present:

Mayor Heidemann
Sam Burke, Mayor Pro Tem
Scott Garber, Council Member
Tina Henderson, Council Member
Lowell Johnson, Council Member
Kelly Pickens, Council Member

Staff Members Present

Bob Hart, City Manager
Patricia Adams, Messer, Fort & McDonald
Jerry Garner, Police Chief
Jason Alexander, Corinth Economic Development Corporation Director
George Marshall, City Engineer
Shea Rodgers, Technology Services Communications Manager
Brett Cast, Engineering Services Coordinator
Lana Wylie, Sr. Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Heidemann called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

WORKSHOP BUSINESS AGENDA:

1. Hold a discussion on the Street Maintenance Sales Tax, Short Term Motor Vehicle Sales Tax, and the Fire Control, Prevention & Emergency Medical Services Sales Tax elections.

Bob Hart, City Manager – We are working through these areas. We have until July 16th to finalize our election plans.

2. Discuss City wide speed limit philosophy and implementation opportunities.

Bob Hart, City Manager – We discussed reviewing speed limits within the city. George Marshall will provide a presentation. There is no action and will not be for several months. There is an item on the agenda to establish the speed limit on 2499, raising it five miles per hour but this is looking at our streets city wide and would like a reaction in terms of approach or philosophy.

George Marshall, City Engineer – From the Transportation Code, speed limits are set based on the type of district, they can be altered but requires an engineering study.



City of Corinth

City Council

Speed Limits

April 16, 2020

Discuss City wide speed limit philosophy and implementation opportunities

General Speed limits In Texas

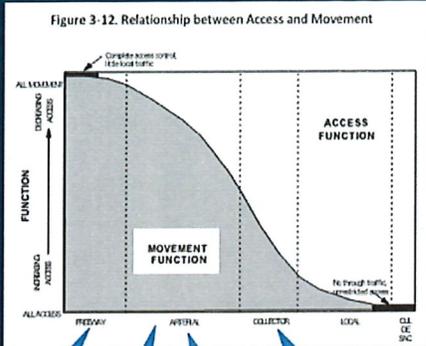
| Texas Transportation Code Sec. 545.352 Prima Facie Speed Limits | |
|---|--------|
| Street In Urban District | 30 MPH |
| Alley In Urban District | 15 MPH |
| Highway Numbered by State Outside Urban District | 70 MPH |
| Other Highway Outside Urban District | 60 MPH |
| On a Beach | 15 MPH |

Setting Speed Limits

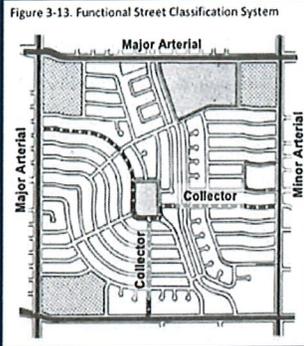
- Texas Transportation Code Sec. § 545.356 Authority of Municipality to Alter Speed Limits
 - alter by ordinance prima facie speed limits from the results of an engineering and traffic investigation
 - the governing body of a municipality, for a highway... that is not a ... road of the state highway system, may declare a lower speed limit of not less than 25 miles per hour, if ...determines... speed limit... is unreasonable or unsafe
 - applies only to a two-lane, undivided highway
 - municipality that declares a lower speed limit... shall publish on its Internet website and submit to the department a report that compares for each of the two previous calendar years:
 - (1) the number of traffic citations issued by peace officers of the municipality and the alleged speed of the vehicles, for speed limit violations on the highway or part of the highway;
 - (2) the number of warning citations issued by peace officers of the municipality on the highway or part of the highway; and
 - (3) the number of vehicular accidents that resulted in injury or death and were attributable to speed limit violations on the highway or part of the highway.

Amended 1995, 2005, 2009, 2011

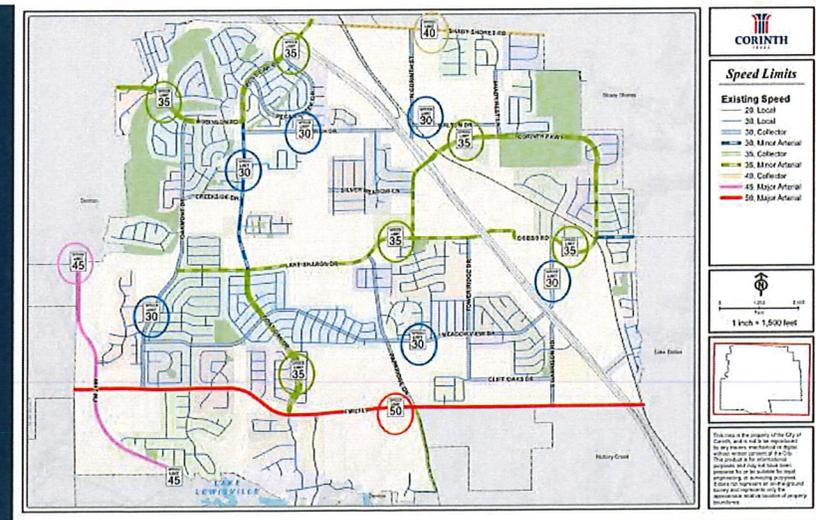
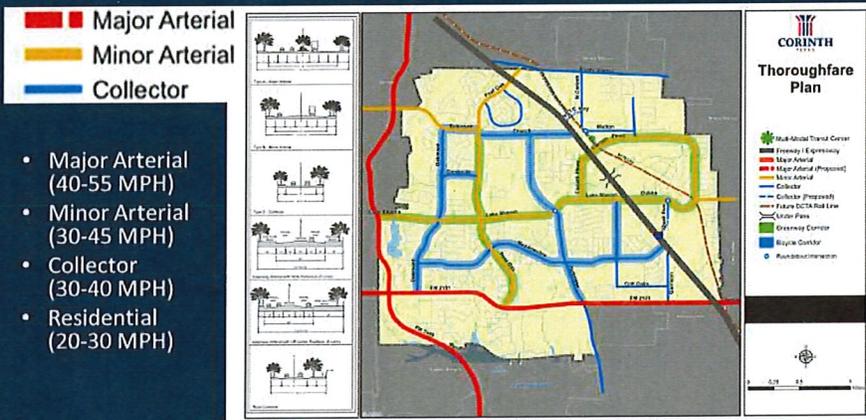
Functional Street Classifications



- I-35E
- FM 2181
- Lake Sharon
- Parkridge



Roadway Classifications



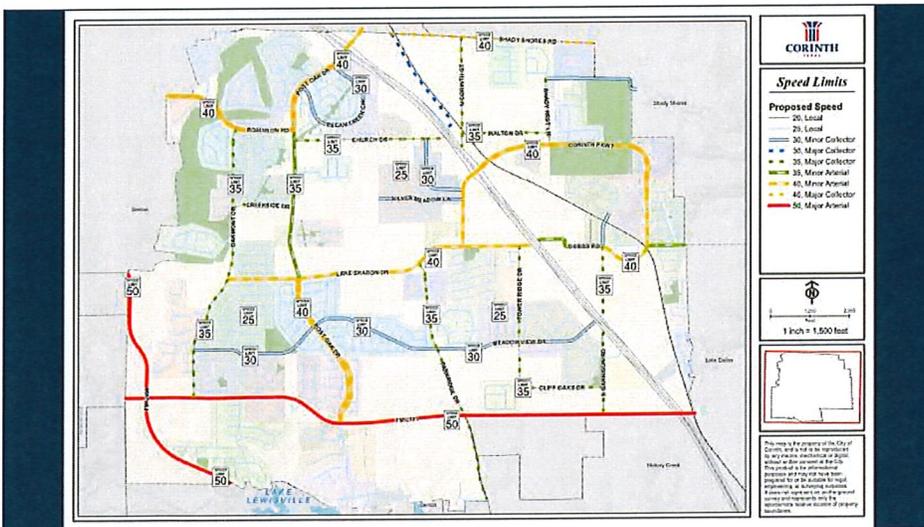
We received a request from Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to increase the speed on FM2499

from 45 miles per hour to 50 miles per hour.

Proposed Roadway Classifications

| Major Arterial (45-55 MPH) | Minor Arterial (30-45 MPH) | Major Collector (35-40 MPH) | Minor Collector (30-35 MPH) | Residential/Local (25 MPH) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FM 2181 & FM 2499 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Sharon • Post Oak • Corinth Parkway • Robinson | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parkridge • Church • Oakmont • Creekside • Quail Run • N. Corinth • Shady Rest • Shady Shores • Tower Ridge • Walton • Garrison • Cliff Oaks etc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meadowview • Silver Meadow • Pecan Creek • North Haven | |

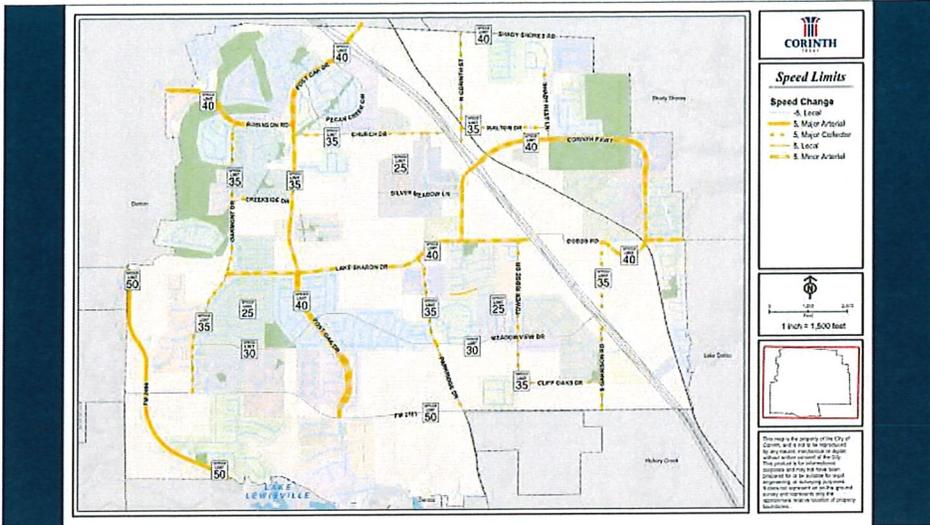
We would like to reduce the residential streets by five miles per hour and increase the other streets, no more than five miles per hour.



Scott Garber, Council Member – The speed limit on Shady Rest Lane, is there any discussion about changing it? We get a lot of questions on lowering the speed limits in neighborhoods, but we seem to get a lot of complaints about speeding on Shady Rest Lane.

George Marshall, City Engineer – Yes, I recommend bringing that up to 35mph. We are required to have the speed study to back up that data.

Sam Burke, Mayor Pro Tem – This strikes a nice balance.



Reaction Time and Breaking Distance



PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY WE ♥ OUR CHILDREN

WE ♥ OUR CHILDREN Please DRIVE CAREFULLY

| Velocity | Velocity ² | Breaking Deceleration Distance | Perception Reaction Distance | Total Stopping Distance | 5 MPH Change Distance | 5 MPH Change % |
|----------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| MPH | Ft/Sec. | Ft | Ft | Ft | Ft | % |
| 10 | 14.7 | 5 | 22 | 27 | | |
| 15 | 22 | 11 | 33 | 44 | 17 | 39% |
| 20 | 29.3 | 19 | 44 | 63 | 19 | 30% |
| 25 | 36 | 30 | 55 | 85 | 22 | 26% |
| 30 | 44 | 43 | 66 | 109 | 24 | 22% |
| 35 | 51.3 | 59 | 77 | 136 | 27 | 20% |
| 40 | 58.7 | 76 | 88 | 164 | 28 | 17% |
| 45 | 66 | 97 | 99 | 196 | 32 | 16% |
| 50 | 73.3 | 119 | 110 | 229 | 33 | 14% |
| 55 | 80.7 | 144 | 121 | 265 | 36 | 14% |
| 60 | 88 | 172 | 132 | 304 | 39 | 13% |
| 65 | 95.3 | 202 | 143 | 345 | 41 | 12% |
| 70 | 102.7 | 234 | 154 | 388 | 43 | 11% |
| 75 | 110 | 268 | 165 | 433 | 45 | 10% |
| 80 | 117.3 | 305 | 176 | 481 | 48 | 10% |
| 85 | 124.7 | 345 | 187 | 532 | 51 | 10% |
| 90 | 132 | 386 | 198 | 584 | 52 | 9% |



- Children Playing
- Children at Play
- Slow Children
 - All signs that promote children playing in the street.
 - Provides parents and children a false sense of security that they can play in the street
 - Not an approved TxMUTCD street sign.
 - Sign clutter
 - Does not provide clear guidance



Children Playing

- The signs are a suburban mainstay even though no evidence suggests they do anything but make parents feel better.
- Do streets without the signs *not* have children at play?
- Signs should only be installed when they fulfill a need based on an engineering study or engineering judgment. In general, signs are often ineffective in modifying driver behavior, and overuse of signs breeds disrespect and diminishes effectiveness. Unnecessary signs and posts represent a hazard to errant motorists and may cause an obstruction to pedestrians and bicyclists. Furthermore, unnecessary signs are a waste of taxpayer dollars, represent an ongoing maintenance cost, and are a source of visual blight

Scott Garber, Council Member – Besides the private signs, how many children playing signs do we have?

George Marshall, City Engineer – Cody said the signs are primarily at the entrances of subdivisions.

Scott Garber, Council Member – Do you foresee removing them to be a problem or not because we are reducing the speed?

George Marshall, City Engineer – I guarantee we will receive calls. We are only trying to solve a problem with the correct engineering tools.

Mayor Heidemann – Have you worked with the police department?

George Marshall, City Engineer – We have and will continue to work with them on the analysis of each street.

Jerry Garner, Police Chief – Our staff has reviewed the recommendations. We do not object to any of the changes. The specific issue of the children playing signs, my opinion is the 25mph sign will be more beneficial. I do agree we will receive phone calls.

Summary

- Propose to bring forward an ordinance to reduce speed limits in residential neighborhoods from 30 mph to 25.
 - Effective as soon as speed limit signs are installed
 - Remove “Children Playing” Signs. (good place for a 25mph sign to be installed.)
- Perform speed studies on other streets to evaluate for possibility of increasing speeds by approximately 5 mph.
 - Bring forward as either all one action or take separate action as the studies are performed.

Sam Burke, Mayor Pro Tem – I would prefer we do it all at once so we will not have inconsistent speed limits throughout the city, especially if we changed a neighborhood in one place but not another.

George Marshall, City Engineer – The 25mph speed limits, we can set those with an ordinance at the next council meeting. Are you asking for us to do everything at once or to go forward with dropping the residential speeds first and move forward later with the others?

Sam Burke, Mayor Pro Tem – I was thinking everything at once, but I am not sure if there is a good reason for holding off on lowering the speed limits. If you do it at once, it is a comprehensive plan as to what we are doing but safety first.

Tina Henderson, Council Member – With summer coming along, we could lower the residential neighborhoods, that does not require a study. The increased speed limit requires a study, so I would suggest we lower the neighborhoods now.

George Marshall, City Engineer – True, there are more people out on the streets today because of the stay at home order.

Mayor Heidemann – Is the recommendation for staff to come back with the decreased speed limits in the residential areas and then have the study on the other areas or hold off and do it all at once?

Tina Henderson, Council Member – I would vote to lower it next meeting and do the study.

Councilmember Burke, Garber, Johnson and Pickens agreed to Councilmember Henderson's suggestion.

3. Hold a discussion on City Broadband.

Bob Hart, City Manager – The four Lake Cities have been working together. We have a taskforce reviewing options. We are looking in two areas, we are working with Connected Nation; they will work with local communities to do an inventory on broadband capabilities, the level of support and alternatives that a community might pursue. They are working in cities, in a number of states across the country, with quite a few in Texas. The four Lake Cities managers will review this on May 4th so we can have some reaction to take back tot the task force when they meet mid-May. Concurrent with this, we have had conversations with Next Link, they do a combination of hardwire and fiber internet services. We've discussed with them particularly about Corinth but also discussing options within the Lake Cities. Next Link could be a good option, coming out of Connected Nation and that has happened in a few cases. We will continue that conversation and try to schedule both companies to look at options within the task force. We are maintaining a schedule so we will have options for you to consider toward the middle or end of summer.

Sam Burke, Mayor Pro Tem – Next Link's service is good so far, from personal experience.

Bob Hart, City Manager – They use the water towers to help with the line of sight connection and in the case of a place like Corinth, it would be that line of sight coming off the water towers and also off the LCMUA towers and having some fiber in some of the areas that are difficult to reach.

4. Provide an update and hold a discussion on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in regard to City operations and practices.

Bob Hart, City Manager – We are working with staff and involved with a call in from the North Texas Commission. There is a lot of information available. Based on the information we have locally, we will have approximately five more weeks of the stay at home mandate. Most of the health experts, within Texas, are projecting a peak about three weeks from now and want to maintain the quarantine two weeks following the peak. We would look forward to a general reopening Monday, May 25th.



Scott Garber, Council Member – Where in the plan, are you able to tell when they are going to reopen schools?

Bob Hart, City Manager – I am not sure, probably sometime in the fall. The call today included judges and representatives within a business roundtable in the Dallas/Fort Worth region.

Sam Burke, Mayor Pro Tem – Did they discuss when businesses reopen, that it will be back to normal operations or recommendations of continued social distancing/extra precautions?

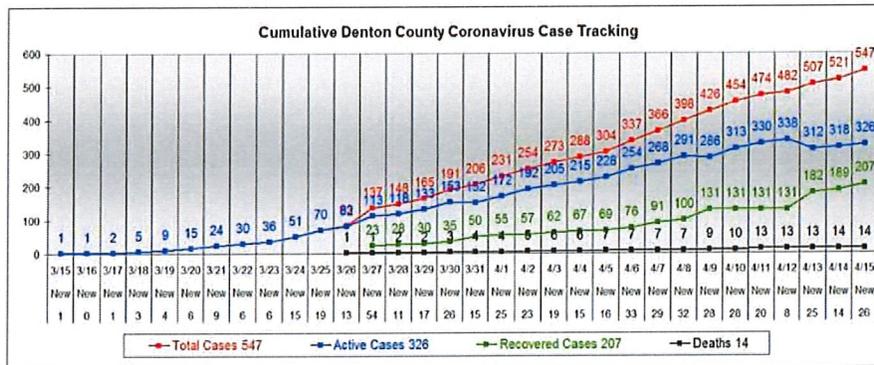
Bob Hart, City Manager – There will be extra precautions, masks and gloves. One discussion was with restaurants having partitions between tables to maintain some distancing. They also talked about the servers wearing gloves and masks. As they would begin the two week intervals, they would do by business sector, apply the best practices, make sure they work and then go to the next business sector. They will continue these calls intensively over the next several weeks. The county judges are concerned partly with compliance but mainly with support. They are beginning to understand we need a clear plan or there will be a decline in compliance. The business round table is looking at how to get the businesses reopened and best practices. I think everyone is waiting on the governor's press conference tomorrow to lay out expectations.

COVID19 - What we know so far?

- » 16,553+ cases in Texas
 - » Total Cases in Denton County 564
 - 335 active cases
 - 214 total recovered
 - » 8 confirmed positives in City of Corinth.
 - 4 Recovered, 4 Active
 - » Zero Corinth employees have tested positive or have symptoms of COVID-19
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- » Declarations from Denton County and Governor Abbott
 - Both issued "Stay at Home" mandate until April 30th.
 - Golf Courses Allowed to Reopen
 - Governor Abbott to form committee that will develop plan to reopen businesses. Plan is to be completed by April 30th.
 - Expect a minimum of 5 more weeks with "Stay Home" mandate.
 - Three weeks to peak. 2 additional weeks of quarantine.
 - Reopening will be in 2 week increments by business sector.

| Denton County COVID-19 Confirmed Cases in Denton County | |
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| Total Cases | 564 |
| Active Cases | 335 |
| Total Recovered | 214 |
| Total Deaths | 15 |
| Location | |
| Argyle | 2 |
| Aubrey | 3 |
| Belmonte | 3 |
| Carrollton | 42 |
| Corinth | 8 |
| Copper Canyon | 4 |
| Garvin | 4 |
| Greenville | 3 |
| Haltom City | 23 |
| Irving | 25 |
| Denton (Denton County) | 54 |
| Double Oak | 6 |
| Flower Mound | 22 |
| Fort Worth | 7 |
| Frisco | 43 |
| Hebron Creek | 3 |
| Highland Village | 8 |
| Irving | 25 |
| Little Elm | 40 |
| Littleton | 2 |
| Northlake | 2 |
| Northwest | 3 |
| Plano | 3 |
| Richardson | 1 |
| Rowlett | 6 |
| Springer | 6 |
| Waxahatchee | 4 |
| Wylie | 3 |
| Wylie | 2 |
| Wylie | 3 |
| Wylie | 15 |
| Wylie | 7 |
| Wylie | 58 |
| Unincorporated Locations | |
| Northwest | 15 |
| Southwest | 22 |
| Northwest | 3 |
| Southwest | 18 |
| Age | |
| 0-19 | 12 |
| 20-29 | 24 |
| 30-39 | 66 |
| 40-49 | 115 |
| 50-59 | 114 |
| 60-69 | 104 |
| 70-79 | 48 |
| 80+ | 16 |
| Sex | |
| Male | 281 |
| Female | 243 |
| Initial Infection Status | |
| Community | 462 |
| Hospital | 101 |
| Family Transmission | 0 |
| Transmission Type | |
| Person to Person | 107 |
| Local Transmission | 215 |
| Contact with Confirmed Case | 24 |
| Person to Person | 0 |
| Undetermined | 8 |
| *Unincorporated locations reported only by ZIP | |
| Last updated on 04/14/2020 | |
| Information is subject to change as additional data is provided from hospitals, physicians, or participants. | |

COVID19 Curve



Golf Courses Amended Regulations



Golf courses are permitted to re-open to the public today, following an amendment to the Denton County executive order. On April 11, the Texas Attorney General posted a letter clarifying the Governor's Executive Order GA-14, as it relates to golf courses. As a result, Denton County determined the following rules to be best practices at this time, in keeping with the classification of essential activities.

- » **Golf pro shop and clubhouse must remain closed to all guests. No restrooms in the clubhouse can be used.**
- » All tee times must be made in advance by phone or online. Fees must be collected over the phone or online. No cash or credit payments are allowed onsite, no walk-ups.
- » Must schedule a minimum of 15 minutes between each tee time.
- » Only golfers will be allowed on the course.
- » Walking is preferred and pull carts are allowed. The use of golf carts is permitted only if the cart is privately owned and operated by the owner, or is a cart that has been assigned to an individual and the individual is the sole user for the duration of the Stay at Home order. In either case, usage of a cart is limited to a single person and anyone living in their same household. No more than four golfers will be allowed to tee off every 15 minutes.
- » Golfers must self-park.
- » **Members only at this time. No guests of members allowed.**
- » **All players must maintain a minimum of six feet between each person.**
- » No tees or amenity stations may be made available.
- » Driving range and practice areas will remain closed.
- » Minimal staffing beyond those for golf course maintenance and security is allowed.
- » Please arrive on time for a tee time, and leave immediately following your round of golf.
- » No rakes will be in the bunkers. Bunkers should be considered ground under repair.
- » No ball washers will be available for use.
- » Please do not touch the flagsticks.
- » No coolers or ice will be available on course. Please bring water or beverage.
- » Exhibit social distancing of 6 feet at all times, no exceptions.
- » No direct contact with any staff members.
- » Groups are not permitted to congregate anywhere.
- » **Only takeout and delivery of food is allowed at clubhouse restaurants.**

We extended Level Red through May 8th. The Mayor has signed a declaration proclamation that will

continue through May 8th with the possibility of extending through May 22nd. We are beginning to evaluate return to work schedules.

Level 1 - Red **Widespread confirmed COVID-19**

Public

- » City facilities closed except for essential personnel.
- » Members of the public are to conduct business with city staff online and through phone calls and emails.
- » All public places of business are required to adhere to recommendations made by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as Governmental Declarations eliminating person-to-person exposure.
- » City Council and Boards will transition to teleconferencing meetings consistent with the Open Meetings Act.

Internal

- » City facilities closed except for essential personnel.
- » All gatherings canceled.
- » All travel contingent to prior approval.
- » Remote work policy in full effect.

Extended Level Red until May 8th.
Planning for a gradual return to normal operations

Community Waste Disposal



- » Zero CWD employees have tested positive or have symptoms of COVID-19
- » Zero work stoppage has occurred at CWD, all waste and recycling is being picked up and processed as usual.
- » There is a substantial increase in residential volumes and CWD has strived daily to complete all routes in full and on schedule.
- » Customers have been encouraged, but not required, to bag and tie their waste
- » CWD made adjustments to their work accommodations to protect all personnel from exposure.

Operational & Budgetary Changes due to COVID-19



» Revenue Impacts

- **Municipal Court** is continuing to delay court proceedings until June 16.
 - Current projections of \$250,000 (33%) loss of revenue.
- **Development Fines & Fees.** Currently projecting \$150,000 (32%) loss of revenue.
- **Property Taxes.** Current unpaid property taxes of \$229,090.
- **Sales Tax receipts** lag two months. 10% equals \$168,329.

» Summer Activities

- **Summer Camp** - Canceled. Loss of revenue of approximately \$35,000.
- **CSI Camp**- Delaying start of camp for at least a month (August) and will delay advertising until June/July.

» Expenditure Impacts

- » Departments are limiting expenditures and are looking at possible budgetary cuts
 - **Salary Savings** from vacant positions of \$422,090
 - Currently have realized \$312,741 from vacant positions from Oct – Mar.
 - Have 6 vacant positions. Projections total \$109,349 from Apr –Sept.
 - **Suspended Training** for the rest of the fiscal year. Approximately \$125,000 savings
 - **Cancellation of Special Events** (Easter & Fish N' Fun). Savings of \$24,000.

Tina Henderson, Council Member – How do our vacant positions affect operations?

Bob Hart, City Manager – It creates additional work for others and affects us when others are out sick or on vacation. There are two vacancies in police, one in public works, two in planning and Kim will be leaving soon. I will keep that open a couple months and capture some salary savings there.

Looking Ahead at FY 2020-2021 Budget



- » Council Budget Planning and Priority Session on May 28

» Revenues

- **SB2** Property Tax Limits
- Fire Service Agreements with Lake Cities

» Expenditures

- Anticipate a fairly flat budget
- Focus on Broadband, TOD and TIRZ Development
- No pay increases are anticipated at this time
- Health Insurance increase projected at 25%

Mayor Heidemann – Thank you and your staff for being proactive and getting us up to speed.

5. **Discuss Regular Meeting Items on Regular Session Agenda, including the consideration of closed session items as set forth in the Closed Session agenda items below.**

There was no discussion on regular session agenda items.

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council will convene in such executive or (closed session) to consider any matters regarding any of the above agenda items as well as the following matters pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Section 551.071. (1) Private consultation with its attorney to seek advice about pending or contemplated litigation; and/or settlement offer; and/or (2) a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the government body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Section 551.072. To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

Section 551.074. To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.

Section 551.087. To deliberate or discuss regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF NECESSARY, ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS.

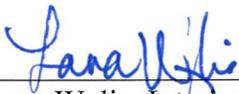
ADJOURN:

Mayor Heidemann adjourned the work session at 6:34 p.m.

AYES:

Meeting adjourned.

Approved by Council on the 21 day of May, 2020.



Lana Wylie, Interim City Secretary
City of Corinth, Texas

