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**CITY COUNCIL  
EMERGENCY MEETING AGENDA  
April 2, 2020  
9:00 A.M.**

**MEETING TO BE HELD TELEPHONICALLY**

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call**

1. Resolution of Declaration for the City of Deming to be an Emergency Area as a Result of COVID-19—Roll Call Vote
2. Resolution to Request Stimulus Financial Support from the New Mexico State Governor's Office Through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act—Roll Call Vote
3. Adjourn Meeting

*The next regular City Council Meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.*

**CITY COUNCIL EMERGENCY  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 2, 2020  
9:00 a.m.**

**Remote meeting in compliance with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act due to COVID-19 Pandemic.**

**Council Present:**

Benny L. Jasso, Mayor  
 David L. Sanchez, Councilor *(Telephonically)*  
 Irmaisela “Irma” A. Rodriguez, Councilor *(Telephonically)*  
 Joe “Butter” Milo, Mayor Pro Tem *(Telephonically)*  
 Dr. Victor Cruz, Councilor *(Telephonically)*

**Council/Staff Absent:** none known

**Staff Present:**

Aaron Sera, City Administrator  
 Laura Holguin, Treasurer *(Telephonically)*  
 Alexi Jackson, Community Svcs. Director *(Telephonically)*  
 Alex Valdespino, Police Chief *(Telephonically)*  
 Jim Massengill, Public Works Director *(Telephonically)*  
 Raul Mercado, Fire Chief

**Recording Secretary:**

Lila Jasso, Admin. Secretary/Assistant Deputy Clerk

Mayor Jasso called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He announced that the meeting was held remotely and briefly explained some housekeeping rules. He announced that whenever a Councilor spoke they should identify themselves and that all votes would be done by roll call.

The attendance was taken by the following roll call:

<b>ROLL CALL</b>	
Mayor Pro Tem Milo	Aye
Councilor Sanchez	Aye
Councilor Rodriguez	Aye
Councilor Cruz	Aye

**1. Resolution of Declaration for the City of Deming to be an Emergency Area as a Result of COVID-19—Roll Call Vote**

Mr. Sera read the resolution into record.

Mayor Pro Tem Milo moved to approve the resolution to declare the City of Deming to be an Emergency Area as a result of COVID-19. Councilor Rodriguez seconded the motion; motion

carried by the following roll call vote:

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Mayor Pro Tem Milo	Aye
Councilor Sanchez	Aye
Councilor Rodriguez	Aye
Councilor Cruz	Aye

**2. Resolution to Request Stimulus Financial Support from the New Mexico State Governor's Office Through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act—Roll Call Vote**

Mr. Sera stated that this act is an act that the federal government passed. He read the resolution into record.

Mayor Jasso asked if there were any questions from Council.

Councilor Cruz moved to approve the resolution to request stimulus financial support from the New Mexico State Governor's Office through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Councilor Sanchez seconded the motion; motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Councilor Rodriguez	Aye
Councilor Cruz	Aye
Councilor Sanchez	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Milo	Aye

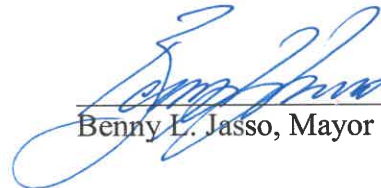
**3. Adjourn Meeting**

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Jasso entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Councilor Sanchez moved to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Milo seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.



**CITY OF DEMING, NEW MEXICO**

  
Benny L. Jasso, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Aaron Sera, Administrator/Clerk

**CITY OF DEMING  
RESOLUTION NO. 20-13**

**RESOLUTION OF DECLARATION FOR THE CITY OF DEMING TO BE AN  
EMERGENCY AREA AS A RESULT OF COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham proclaimed a public health emergency and invoked all powers under the All Hazard Emergency Act, NMSA 1978 §§12-10-1 through 12-10-10, for a minimum period of thirty (30) days; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Health Secretary has issued a Public Health Order suspending mass gatherings in New Mexico effective immediately in order to prevent the spread of the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has advised that local governments should take immediate action to limit the spread of the virus through social distancing, cancellation of public meetings, limiting public gatherings and events, and implementing additional public health and education measures to prevent, contain and mitigate the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person- to-person transmission throughout New Mexico, Luna County, and City of Deming significantly impacts the life and health of our people, as well as the economy of the City of Deming, and is a public disaster that affects life, health, property and the public peace.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the governing body of the City of Deming, by this Resolution, declares as follows:

1. By virtue of the authority provided by local ordinances and by the All Hazard Emergency Management Act (NMSA 1978 §§12-10-1 through 12-10-10,), we do hereby declare the City of Deming to be an emergency area as a result of COVID-19 for the purpose of exercising necessary emergency powers and expenditure of available resources, and requesting aid, assistance, and relief programs and funds available from the State of New Mexico and the Federal Government; and
2. The City Administrator can defer utility disconnects and create a repayment plan to assist the community during this emergency. Section two of this declaration will be reviewed periodically as needed.
3. All City public events, trainings and non-Council meetings and all such events, planned to be held in or on City property are hereby cancelled until further notice, with the status to be reviewed periodically.
4. The city shall follow, and support efforts made by the Luna County Emergency Management and operate in cooperation with the county wide emergency management plan.
5. The City Administrator may implement all necessary and proper measures to allow for flexibility of time and location of work, including for offsite and telecommuting for all employees during the period of this emergency.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2020.

CITY OF DEMING, NEW MEXICO



ATTEST

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Aaron Sera, City Administrator/Clerk

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Benny L. Jasso, Mayor

**CITY OF DEMING  
RESOLUTION NO. 20-14**

**RESOLUTION TO REQUEST STIMULUS FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE  
NEW MEXICO STATE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE THROUGH THE  
CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY(CARES) ACT**

**WHEREAS**, on March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law; and

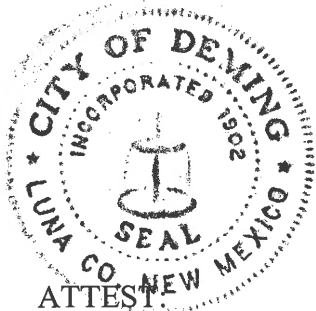
**WHEREAS**, the City of Deming, New Mexico, on April 2, 2020, approved a Resolution of Declaration for the City of Deming to be an Emergency Area as a Result of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Deming is a rural community of less than 15,000 population where the closing of local businesses in the City has an adverse effect on the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, without Federal and State financial support, the economic recovery may never cycle through a rebound process.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Deming respectfully requests financial support from the Federal CARES Act, and the State of New Mexico Governor, Michelle Lujan Grisham.

**PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2020 in the City of Deming, New Mexico.



*Aaron Sera*  
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Aaron Sera, City Administrator/Clerk

**CITY OF DEMING, NEW MEXICO**

*Benny L. Jasso*  
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Benny L. Jasso, Mayor