

**Open Work Session
Update on COVID-19
March 17, 2020**

Mr. Wayne Strausburg, Director of Administration, came before Council and said he would like to share what the Governor said during his press conference, and he will just hit the high points. He said the major next steps include that the upcoming primary is going to be delayed, and he believes Governor Hogan said until June 2. He said there are ongoing discussions, and the Kentucky Derby has already been delayed until September. He said it appears that the Preakness will be delayed until September as well. He said restrictions to BWI are being imposed where only employees and ticketed passengers will be allowed into the terminal, and Motor Vehicle Administration hours are going to be restricted.

Mr. Strausburg said, with that in mind, he knows the County is under a seven day emergency order right now, and he will tell Council that, from everything they are learning, seven days is not going to be enough. He said there has been pretty serious discussion at the State level about indefinitely delaying K-12 return, and, quite honestly, he fully expected that to be part of the package today. He said, from his standpoint, this is part and parcel with what Mr. Miller was just talking about. He clarified, the situation at the Civic Center is not going to get any better, and it is going to get worse because they cannot have public gatherings of any more than 50 people.


Mr. Strausburg said he has been invited to a 2:00 p.m. roundtable discussion at Sperry VanNess that is being arranged by the Chamber and the Mayor to talk about small business relief, and he thinks that is critically important because, with restaurants and movie theaters closed, they are displacing a lot of workers, so he thinks this is going to have a significant snowballing effect with their local economy and their State economy. He said they realize they need Council approval to extend that state of emergency, but he will tell Council that he believes they have to do that. He said this is not going to resolve itself in seven days, to which Mr. Dodd responded, they are going to discuss that in a Work Session later in the meeting. There was no further discussion.

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Larry Dodd, Council President



John T. Cannon, Council Vice President

Ernie Davis, District 1



Nicole Acle, District 2



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absent

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Laura Hurley, Council Administrator