

Starting by video on Zoom, the Knoxville City Council had some lighter moments. The council is one of the first government bodies in the state to use video conferencing, permitted in an order from the governor during the Coronavirus emergency. Approved at 9:25 a.m.

# Council passes bond issues and home delivery of beer

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In an online video conference of the Knoxville City Council on Zoom, several important bond issuance resolutions passed. Mayor Gore immediately introduced an emergency ordinance introduced by Councilman Andrew Roarty to permit home delivery of beer.

"Emotionally well," commented Mayor Gore following after the two-hour

meeting. City Council the session with images of the council members. The test of the system earlier in the week apparently helped iron out difficulties. Each council member responded from their homes and each could see the other members.

Roarty, who chairs the city's Beer Board, moved the beer delivery with the city attorney and said the resolution will "help support our local vendors and keep folks employed." New Mayor

Gore likewise supported the motion to add the city's emergency ordinance and the matter passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Amelia Parker also offered a resolution that passed, supporting the city's Coronavirus effort and authorizing the use of emergency funds when needed including possible rent subsidies. The funding is for the Community Action Corporation or other agencies.

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City Council on Zoom session, getting term extension for the East Tower and a permanent extension to the Summit Plaza Complex.

A second resolution would appropriate \$1.6 million to the acquisition of the Summit Plaza Complex there via a joint maintenance and sublease agreement with the State Department.

Both resolutions were requested by the Finance Department.

In the digital meeting format, Knox County Commissioner Hugh Hays from east. "We will be sending out the agenda along with insight to Zoom process and everything is moving pretty quickly" of information going out to the commissioners.

When asked if he's been eating, Hays from said, "Other than taking food and eating to my mother's house, I have not been away from our house in about 10 days. I have spent a lot of time on phone calls."

The meeting will be another Community Network of Knoxville and streamed on their website, continuing at 10 a.m. today.

## CAC Emergency Response Fund

## Knox County Schools unveils voluntary distance learning plan