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Vienna Council adopts ‘continuity of government’ ordinance

In a special/emergency meeting March 31, Vienna Town Council adopted a continuity of government ordinance that allows Town board and commission meetings to be held using emergency procedures. Measures outlined in the [ordinance](#) allow for continuity of government during the coronavirus emergency. These measures temporarily suspend the requirement for a physical quorum and allow meetings and activities of boards and commissions to be held through real-time electronic means.

The ordinance mandates that any electronic meetings shall be open to the public via electronic participation. In addition, public comments on matters requiring a public hearing may be made in writing or electronically. The ordinance also provides for postponement of non-emergency or non-essential public hearings and action items.

The ordinance adopted during the March 31 meeting is valid for up to 60 days. Council will consider re-adopting the ordinance at its April 13 meeting for a period of up to six months.

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