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Deadlines suspended
Lays Groundwork for
tax relief matters
+ for continuation
resumption of City
Council business § 14

Continuity of Government

Va Code 15.2-1413

any locality may
by ordinance
provide a method for continuity
in its government
in the event of a disaster
"notwithstanding any contrary provision of law"

AG Op Mar 20th:

may adopt in an e-meeting to address emergency
limited in duration - 6 months after the disaster

the "notwithstanding" authority must be
carefully limited in scope to assure continuity in govt

Disaster = COVID-19 pandemic

limits or prohibits gatherings of people
in order to slow or limit the spread of the virus
not consistent w/ the public meeting
requirements of FOIA (meeting = emergency
response only)

Therefore: propose to authorize e-meetings
for City Council + boards/commissions
created by Council or whose members
appointed by Council "Public Entities"
Specifically name the School Board so it
may continue to function

Public access + participation also provided
for: for CC continue Go 6 Mtg setup
Public Comment - 3 methods
Public Hearings = public comment period
vote next mtg.

Rules - permits CC to vote
at an ordinance on first
second meeting w/o suspending
the rules.
intervening
a separate
vote

Permits -
Convenience of City Council
+ cut down on possible
confusion or clutter
try w/ roll call voting

1B - Ord

6B 2 Ords

6C 1st rdg only proposed
for this meeting