

**City Health Board Meeting Discussion Record
December 1, 2020**

Voting members in attendance: Dr. Mary Milroy, Mayor Nathan Johnson and City Manager Amy Leon.

Ex Officio members in attendance: City Attorney Ross Den Herder, Police Commander Jason Foote, Community Development Manager Brad Bies and Community and Economic Development Director Dave Mingo. Ex Officio member Kate Huff was also in attendance for a portion of the meeting.

Leon called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of this meeting is to develop a recommendation regarding face coverings that can be forwarded to the City Commission in advance of their December 2, 2020 first reading of a proposed ordinance.

Dr. Milroy started the discussion stating that she urges the City Commission to adopt a temporary mask wearing mandate. She stated we are in a crisis situation and there is strong medical evidence that wearing masks can help reduce the transmission of COVID-19. She also discussed hospitals and clinics being overwhelmed and health care staff being exhausted.

Mayor Johnson described the information about mask wearing as being messaging chaos and is in favor of a clear message in favor of wearing masks. He stated he had spoken with the Mayor of Sioux Falls recently who told him that mask wearing had increased since they adopted a mandate and also that their police department had only received three mask wearing compliance related calls.

Ross Den Herder provided a brief summary of the language included in the draft ordinance, that if adopted, would require the wearing of face coverings in certain situations. The draft ordinance is available for review on the City's website and through social media.

Commander Foote stated his concurrence with the language in the draft ordinance if an ordinance is to be adopted. He prefers the language whereby enforcement is tied to property owner decisions and related to existing trespassing laws as opposed to having a situation where officers would need to be involved with making determinations about individuals wearing or not wearing masks.

Chief John Harris concurred with Commander Foote's comments about enforcement and also reviewed some information he has received about the success of the no penalty ordinance language being used in other communities.

Leon commented about her role in the organization and that when decisions on this or other issues are made by a vote of the commission, they will be carried out by her and staff.

Dave Mingo concurred about implementing commission actions. He also made a general statement about the productive, positive and collaborative atmosphere in the community being very high 10 months ago. He stated that masking is a very personal and emotional issue for people and he is hopeful that no single issue divides the community and that people are able to look past different opinions about any one issue.

Leon stated that in her role as City Manager, and since this is an ordinance that if approved the staff will implement, she will not make a motion and will be abstaining if there is a vote.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Milroy to recommend that the City Commission adopt the temporary ordinance requiring the wearing of face coverings in certain situations to slow the spread of the Novel Coronavirus causing COVID-19 Disease. Voting aye - Johnson and Milroy. Abstained, Leon. Motion passes.

With no further business on the agenda and no other business proposed for discussion, Leon adjourned the meeting.