

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-60**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, RELEASING THE BUDGET RESTRICTIONS DISCUSSED AT A CITY COUNCIL UPDATE ON APRIL 14, 2020; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, considering the restrictions put in place by the government leaders and the businesses that are having to close due to COVID-19, staff reviewed the General Fund budgeted revenues and expenditures; and

**WHEREAS**, because the General Funds highest revenue category is sales tax, a conservative estimate was calculated showing how much shortfall might be anticipated; and

**WHEREAS**, at the April 14, 2020, City Council was updated on the forecast of the Fiscal Year 2020, estimating a total revenue shortfall of \$761,000; and

**WHEREAS**, at this same meeting, staff brought forward recommendations to offset this shortfall that included freezing 12 currently vacant budgeted positions, deferring internal lease payments and loan payments, and identify line item savings including travel and training; and

**WHEREAS**, since this initial forecast, the city has received two months' worth of sales tax receipts from the state. The April sales tax deposit was received on June 12, 2020. The actual sales tax received for April was significantly higher than initially forecasted even though it was 9.8% less than current taxes collected for April 2019: and

**WHEREAS**, staff has adjusted the estimated sales tax receipts for the rest of the Fiscal Year 2020 budget based on the March and April actual receipts and the calculated shortfall has been reduced by approximately \$605,500; and

**WHEREAS**, with this updated information and the savings that has already been realized from the vacant budgeted positions, staff would like to move forward with posting and filling the following seven (7) budgeted vacant positions: Accountant, Director of Planning & Development, Planning Permit Tech, Public Works Equipment Operator I (2), Public Works Maintenance Worker II, and Police Records Technician. The internal transfers that had been put on hold can also be released.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council hereby approves the unfreezing of the following seven (7) vacant budgeted positions: Accountant, Director of Planning & Development, Planning Permit Tech, Public Works Equipment Operator I (2), Public Works Maintenance Worker II, and Police Records Technician, and the internal transfers that had been put on hold. Meetings will be posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.


**SECTION 2.** Any prior resolution of the City Council in conflict with the provisions contained in this resolution are hereby repealed and revoked.

**SECTION 3.** Should any part of this resolution be held to be invalid for any reason, the remainder shall not be affected thereby, and such remaining portions are hereby declared to be severable.


**SECTION 4.** This resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, and it is duly resolved.

**DULY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Bastrop this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Connie Schroeder, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Ann Franklin, City Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Alan Bojorquez, City Attorney