

# CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA



**MEDFORD**  
OREGON

**September 10, 2020**

Immediately following the City Council Executive Session  
Prescott Room, Medford Police Station  
219 S. Ivy Street, Medford, Oregon

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10. **Roll Call**
20. **Recognitions, Community Group Reports**  
None.
30. **Oral Requests and Communications from the Audience**  
Comments will be limited to 4 minutes per individual, group or organization. PLEASE SIGN IN.
40. **Approval or Correction of the Minutes**
50. **Consent Calendar**
60. **Items Removed from Consent Calendar**
70. **Ordinances and Resolutions**
  - 80.3 **COUNCIL BILL 2020-124**  
A RESOLUTION ratifying the Mayor's Administrative Order dated September 9, 2020 for a Declaration of a Local State of Emergency in the City of Medford as a Result of the Alameda Fire in effect through October 8, 2020.
80. **Public Hearings**
90. **Council Business**
  - 90.1 **Committee Reports and Communications**
    - a. Council Officers Update
100. **City Manager and Staff Reports**
110. **Adjournment**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-124

A RESOLUTION ratifying the Mayor's Administrative Order dated September 9, 2020 for a Declaration of a Local State of Emergency in the City of Medford as a Result of the Almeda Fire in effect through October 8, 2020.

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Medford declared a local state of emergency on September 9, 2020 related to the Almeda Fire;

WHEREAS, declarations of emergency by the Mayor, including any extensions of the declaration, must be ratified by City Council pursuant to Medford Municipal Code 12.050; and

WHEREAS, City Council is in full agreement with the Declaration, and all the contents thereof, and desires to ratify and extend the Declaration; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEDFORD, OREGON:

Section 1. The Mayor's Administrative Order dated September 9, 2020 Declaring a Local State of Emergency in the City of Medford as a Result of the Almeda Fire, in effect through October 8, 2020 and attached hereto, is hereby ratified.

Section 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage by the Council and approval of the Mayor.

PASSED by the Council and signed by me in authentication of its passage this 10th day of September, 2020.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Recorder

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Mayor



ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 2020  
of the  
Mayor of the City of Medford, Oregon

**DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF  
MEDFORD AS A RESULT OF THE ALMEDA FIRE**

The Mayor of the City of Medford finds that:

- A. The following conditions have resulted in the need for a local state of emergency declaration.
- B. Whereas on September 8, 2020, the Almeda Fire, also known as the Glendower Fire, started burning north of Ashland, swept through the Cities of Phoenix and Talent, and approached the City of Medford, resulting in Level 2 or Level 3 evacuation orders for a significant area within the City of Medford;
- C. Whereas the Almeda Fire destroyed a yet-undetermined number of homes and businesses, causing substantial property damage, displacing up to or exceeding 15,000 people, and causing other injuries or damage not yet determined;
- D. Whereas on September 8, 2020, at 6:35 pm, Governor Kate Brown declared the Almeda Fire a conflagration pursuant to ORS 476.510 through 476.610, and determined that a threat to life, safety, and property exists due to the fire, and that the threat exceeds the firefighting capabilities of local firefighting personnel and equipment, and thereby authorized the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal to mobilize resources to assist local resources battling the fire;
- E. Whereas the Almeda Fire is not yet fully contained or controlled and it has caused, and will continue to cause, significant human impact and financial impact to the City of Medford and surrounding communities;
- F. Whereas weather conditions create a substantial risk of other similar fires in the Medford area;
- G. Whereas pursuant to ORS 401.309(1), the governing body of a city may declare, by ordinance or resolution, that a state of emergency exists within the city.
- H. Whereas pursuant to MMC Chapter 12, if the Mayor determines that a state of emergency exists, the City may declare a state of emergency when there exists "any human caused or natural event or circumstances causing or threatening loss of life,

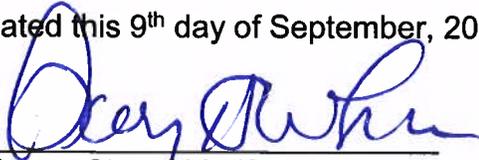
injury to person or property, human suffering or financial loss, and includes, but is not limited to, fire, explosion, flood, severe weather, earthquake, spills or releases of oil or hazardous material, contamination, disease, civil disturbance, terrorism, riot, or the interruption of essential public services." MMC 12.060 sets out the actions the City can take, which include appropriate financial and procurement procedures and various actions to address human suffering and financial loss resulting from emergencies;

1. And whereas Pursuant to MMC 12.050(1), the City Council shall consider ratification of the Declaration of a State of Emergency at its next Council meeting;

Now, therefore, based on the above findings, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MEDFORD ORDERS THAT:

1. A Local State of Emergency is declared to continue to exist throughout the City of Medford.
2. This extended Declaration of Local State of Emergency is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until October 8, 2020, but may be further extended so long as the consequences of the Alameda Fire, or other regional fires, pose an ongoing, immediate, and substantial threat to the life, safety, health, or property in the City of Medford;
3. To respond to the fire emergency, the City may procure needed goods and services in accordance with ORS 279B.080 and without compliance with normal procurement procedures, redirect any necessary City funds for emergency purposes, and take any other action set forth in MMC 12.060 as if fully set forth herein, including any actions necessary for the protection of health and safety.
4. The City will take all necessary steps authorized by law to coordinate the response to and recovery from this emergency, including but not limited to, requesting financial and other relief measures from the State of Oregon and/or the Federal government.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

  
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Mayor, City of Medford

Ratified by City Council action on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

ATTEST:   
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Deputy City Recorder, City of Medford