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Subject: RE: Budget 2021/Citizens input and questions

Patti:

This was posted Dec. 18 on the city's social media:

City Remains Under COVID Guidelines Into 2021

City of Jonesboro operations will remain under guidelines enacted because of the COVID-19 pandemic through the holidays, as cases of the coronavirus continue to spike.

Mayor Harold Perrin and Mayor-elect Harold Copenhaver both have ordered meetings of City Council to remain virtual in coming weeks, and City departments will rotate staff who can work from home to prevent spread within departments.

The order will affect Tuesday's meetings of the Finance Committee and MAPC, as well as all Council committees and the full City Council meeting of Jan. 5.

"We will proceed with caution," said Mayor-elect Harold Copenhaver, whose administration takes over Jan. 1. "I certainly plan to do as much City business as possible in my physical office, as I consider it a safe environment. But as the coronavirus has not abated in Jonesboro, I don't want to expose staffers unnecessarily and certainly will extend Mayor Perrin's order until we see improvement."

Thursday was the city's first day of more than 1,000 active cases reported in Craighead County. Both Perrin and Copenhaver ask residents to continue to practice social distancing and masking, as well as other recommended strategies, through the holiday season.

"It's critical," Perrin said. "Our hospital staffs are overburdened, and too many of our loved ones are suffering already. We have to get control of this pandemic in Jonesboro."

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In addition, the following is on the city's website at
<https://www.jonesboro.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1115>
Posted on: December 23, 2020

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2020 AT 4:00 P.M. (Virtual) The agenda for the Finance & Administration Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. is posted on our calendar. Please visit Legistar to view the agenda. <https://jonesboro.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

*NOTICE: Please refer to special procedures for meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many City staff members will work remotely and no in-person participation in City meetings will be permitted at this time.

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