


MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 19, 2021

TO: Mayor & City Council

VIA: Mercy Rushing, City Manager

FROM: Cindy Karch, City Secretary 

SUBJECT: Discuss and consider action to resume In-Person City Council Meetings
Council Meeting date March 22, 2021

Background Information:

In March, 2020, Governor Abbott suspended certain requirements in the Open Meetings Act to allow for public meetings via video and phone conference. As of this date, he has not lifted that suspension and according to TML, it is not suspected that he will anytime soon. However, while the suspensions allow governmental bodies to conduct meetings via telephone or video conference, they don't require such meetings.

A poll of area cities revealed that Athens, Canton, Grand Saline, Frankston, Lindale, Ore City, Overton, Sulphur Springs, Van, Whitehouse, and Wills Point are all in-person.

Recommendation:

Final Disposition: