



# HAINES CITY

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### From the Desk of Mayor Morris West

*"A video conference was held with members of the city administrative team to discuss the latest reports coming from our national, state and county leaders. As the Mayor of this great city, the safety of our employees, residents, businesses and visitors is my priority. During this COVID-19 pandemic, we are working daily to monitor and implement policies to protect the health, safety and welfare of our community. We will continue to be vigilant in making sure our state and federal leaders hear your concerns and how this affect your business and your ability to work.*

*During this global crisis, I recognize the impact and severity of financial strain this pandemic has on families. As a result, all late fees on water utilities have been suspended. As of March 21, there is not a curfew in place. However, it is being evaluated and we will follow the guidelines of Polk County. We are following the Executive Orders of the Governor and need your help to flatten the curve of this pandemic. Please continue to practice social distancing and hand washing as frequently as possible.*

*To keep you up to date on COVID-19, there are resources available at the Centers for Disease Control ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)), Florida Department of Health ([www.floridahealth.gov](http://www.floridahealth.gov)), World Health Organization ([www.who.int](http://www.who.int)). Additionally, we are fortunate to have hospitals and partners such as Advent Health Heart of Florida, Central Florida Health Clinics, Polk County Health Department and Bay Care Health Centers as well as other health care providers in our city to assist with combating this disease. If you feel that you or someone you know need to be tested, please contact the Florida Department of Health at (863) 519-7900.*

*It is with sincere gratitude that I would like to express my appreciation to our employees, all of our health professionals and first responders who engage daily to support efforts in keeping us safe."*

*In solidarity,*

*Mayor Morris West*

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#### OUR MISSION

*"Our team of professionals will provide our residents and business community with the highest quality services in a fiscally responsible manner through cooperation, strong ethical leadership with a lifelong commitment to enriching lives."*