

CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE

City Council Minutes

Adjourned Regular Meeting – May 27, 2020

These minutes reflect the order in which items appeared on the meeting agenda and do not necessarily reflect the order in which items were actually considered.

An Adjourned Regular City Council Meeting was called to order on May 27, 2020 at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson. This meeting was conducted via teleconference.

PRESENT HAMM, JAMES, WARD, MAYOR PRO TEM FERGUSON

ABSENT None.

STAFF PRESENT Robert Dunek, Interim City Manager; Scott Smith, City Attorney; Erik Sund, Assistant City Manager; Joanne Baade, City Clerk; Laura Campagnolo, Deputy City Clerk

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember James led the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEWLY-ADDED AGENDA ITEM - PARKING RE-OPENING PLAN

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER JAMES, SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM FERGUSON to add to the agenda the letter from Sheriff Barnes, dated May 22, 2020, temporary fence issue and parking, based on the fact that the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda and action cannot wait until the next Council meeting.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER HAMM, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER WARD, CARRIED 4-0, to add to the agenda Staff's parking re-opening plan that was to be agendized for Council consideration on June 2, 2020 because the Orange County Health Officer's changes of May 23, 2020 may allow the City to reopen parking lots earlier than planned.

Following introductory comments by Assistant City Manager Sund, Public Works Director Bonigut communicated Staff's parking reopening plan for Council's consideration as follows:

- Completely open metered parking on Camino Capistrano.
- Completely open on-street metered parking on Avenida Calafia.

- Remove the parking restrictions on a portion of W. Avenida Mariposa by the Mariposa access.
- Completely open on-street parking in the North Beach area (Calle Deshecha, W. Avenida Pico and Boca de la Playa, surrounding the Ole Hanson Beach Club.
- Open the North Beach parking lot along the beach frontage down to the North Beach trailhead. The central triangle portion of the lot will remain closed.
- Open the entire lower Linda Lane parking lot.
- Open the lower Pier Bowl parking lot, keeping the upper lot closed.
- Remove parking restrictions on Avenida Del Mar and Avenida Victoria.
- Open all metered parking on Paseo de Cristobal and remove all permit parking restrictions in the T Street neighborhood.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER HAMM, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER WARD, CARRIED 4-0, to approve implementation of Staff's parking lot re-opening plan as outlined above, authorize Staff to open parking areas to full capacity when surrounding State and County parking lots are opened, and to direct that all temporary fences be removed.

1. **FISCAL YEAR 20-21 CITY BUDGET**

Public Hearing and workshop concerning the City of San Clemente proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson opened the Public Hearing.

City Clerk staff read the following emails, which are on file with the City Clerk:

Anita Mattos, email dated May 26, 2020
John Hutchinson, email dated May 26, 2020
Marty Weinberg, email dated May 27, 2020
Linda and Jim Flanagan, email dated May 27, 2020
Jim Dahl, email dated May 26, 2020
Anita Luck, email dated May 27, 2020
Vonne Barnes, email dated May 27, 2020
Kevin Dunigan, email dated May 27, 2020
Don Niklas, email dated May 27, 2020
Kevin Chaidez, email dated May 27, 2020
Bill Miller, email dated May 27, 2020
Nate Vance, email dated May 27, 2020
Bill Hart, email dated May 27, 2020
Ryan Bourque, email dated May 27, 2020

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WARD, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JAMES, CARRIED 4-0, to close the Public Hearing.

Interim City Manager Dunek stated that Staff is proposing a conservative and balanced budget for Council's consideration; explained that cities are experiencing uncertainties with regard to forecasting revenue due to the pandemic and resulting economic slowdown; stated that the full implications of property tax revenues (on which the City is heavily dependent), will be fully understood in November 2020; stated that the City will be able to make any needed modifications to the budget after the City's property tax revenue situation is known; explained that Council will be provided with monthly (instead of quarterly) reports on revenues and expenditures to ensure that the budget remains balanced throughout the entire fiscal year.

Assistant City Manager Sund and Financial Services Officer Rahn narrated a PowerPoint presentation entitled "City of San Clemente Budget Workshop/Public Hearing Fiscal Year 2020-21", which is on file with the City Clerk; responded to Council inquiries.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WARD, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER HAMM, CARRIED 4-0, to consider the following decision items during the Council Meeting of June 2, 2020. The below projects were previously supported by Council, but require significant funding to proceed:

- **Zoning to permit hospitals on additional sites.** Requires a \$90,000 appropriation. (Discussion concerning the possibility of acquiring the San Clemente Hospital site or other location through purchase and sale or by condemnation will be discussed in Closed Session. The broader land use issue will occur during the public budget session.)
- **Rancho San Clemente public safety uses.** Requires a \$113,000 appropriation. (The issue of the legal challenge relating to the adequacy of the City's SB2 ordinance will be discussed in Closed Session. The remainder of the project will occur during the public budget session.)

During the ensuing discussion, individual Councilmembers provided commentary relating to the possibility of utilizing a zero-based budget, capping legal fees, assessing the pilot program for Park Rangers, re-negotiating the Memorandum of Understanding with employees, issuing a Request for Proposal for a risk management firm to recommend ways to achieve lower insurance costs, and reducing the City's use of consultants and lobbyists.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM FERGUSON, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JAMES, **FAILED 2-2** (COUNCILMEMBERS HAMM AND WARD VOTING NOE), to direct Staff to develop contingency budgets for Council consideration which reflect 5%, 10% and 15% reductions in expenditures.

It was agreed that Staff will provide Council with a listing of Capital Improvement Projects that were deferred.

2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

City Clerk staff read the following email, which is on file with the City Clerk:

Ryan Bourque, email dated May 27, 2020 urging respectful Council discourse.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER JAMES, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER WARD, CARRIED 4-0, to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. The next Regular Council Meeting will take place on June 2, 2020. Closed Session items will be considered at 5:00 p.m. and the Regular Business Meeting will commence at 6:00 p.m., via teleconference.

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San Clemente, California

MAYOR PRO TEM of the City of
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