

ACTION MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 215 E. BRANCH STREET ARROYO GRANDE, CALIFORNIA

In compliance with the State and County Shelter at Home Orders due to the coronavirus pandemic, and as allowed by the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, which allows for a deviation of teleconference rules required by the Ralph M. Brown Act, this meeting was held by teleconference.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ray Russom called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. via teleconference.

2. ROLL CALL

Council Members Lan George, Jimmy Paulding, Kristen Barneich, Mayor Pro Tem Keith Storton, and Mayor Caren Ray Russom were present via teleconference.

Staff members present via teleconference were Acting City Manager Bill Robeson, Acting Deputy City Manager Whitney McDonald, Administrative Services Director Mike Stevens, Chief of Police Beau Pryor, Accounting Manager Nicole Valentine, Five Cities Fire Chief Steve Lieberman, and City Attorney Timothy Carmel. Deputy City Clerk Jessica Matson, Information Technology Specialist Jason Hodges, and Sr. Office Assistant Kendra Reynolds were present in the Council Chambers.

3. FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Ray Russom led the flag salute.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Ray Russom invited public comment. No public comments were received.

5. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Regular Meeting of May 12, 2020

- a) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: One potential case.

City Attorney Carmel announced that there was no reportable action.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS:

6.a. Update Regarding Countywide COVID-19 Efforts.

Acting Deputy City Manager McDonald provided a brief update regarding the COVID—19 pandemic and stated that the County Shelter-at-Home Order was not extended and the County is now operating under the State Order and Resiliency Roadmap guidelines. The

County has an information line that can be reached at (805) 543-2444. The City also has an information line at (805) 473-5404.

Acting Deputy City Manager McDonald then commented that the County issued an Order requiring hotels to reduce occupancy by 50% to stem tourism during the pandemic; the Order will be reviewed in 14 days.

Acting Deputy City Manager McDonald also commented that the County Board of Supervisors will be considering the submission of an attestation to the State that the County is ready to move into Stage 2 of the State's Resiliency Roadmap. If approved by the State, retail would be allowed to re-open indoor shopping and in-restaurant dining would also be allowed under certain criteria. Information regarding re-opening is available on the County's website at ReadySLO.org. Currently, 23 counties in California have been allowed to move forward with re-opening their communities. Staff are looking into criteria for gatherings under the State Order and will report back to Council at a later time.

Staff responded to questions from Council.

No action was taken on this item.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

/s/Caren Ray Russom, Mayor/Chair

ATTEST:

/s/Jessica Matson, Deputy City Clerk

(Approved at CC Mtg 05-26-2020)