

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, June 16, 2020
4:30 PM

This meeting was held via teleconference due to the Shelter in Place Order issued by Monterey County and Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Potter called the meeting to order at 4:30

Present: Council Members Reimers, Baron, Theis, Mayor Pro Tem Richards, Mayor Potter

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Reimers requested Item No. 1 be removed for discussion.

Council Member Reimers discussed her concerns with the Program.

Discussion took place regarding the requirements of the State as it relates to housing, the need to move forward, and the impact to the General Plan.

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Richards and seconded by Council Member Baron, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	BARON, THEIS, RICHARDS, POTTER
NOES:	REIMERS
ABSENT:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE

Item 1: Adopt Resolution 2020-039, authorizing application for, and receipt of, State of California Local Early Action Program (LEAP) Planning Grant Program funds.

ORDERS OF BUSINESS

Item 2: Outdoor Seating in the Public Way

Council Member Reimers recused herself because her family owns property that has a restaurant leased to it.

The City Administrator and the Acting Community Planning & Building Director provided the staff report for this item.

Item 2 continued...

The following members of the public spoke:

Sue McCloud
Shane
Jan Reimers
Kim Stemler
Gaston Georis
Parker Logan
David Fink
Porta Bella Restaurant
Sabrine Rodems
Lynette Zimmerman
Karen Ferlito
Dale Byrne
Rich Pepe
Todd Tice
Anthony Camazo
Ken Spilfogel
Jeff Greenberg
Dametra Cafe
Sue McCloud
Colleen
Mary Crowe
Scott Caricholli

The City Administrator stated the purpose of this item is to provide direction moving forward and stated all decisions have been made under the City Administrator's authority. Discussion among the City Council and staff took place regarding the applicability to restaurants within hotels, discussion of sidewalk and street cleaning, and the impact to wine tasting rooms. The City Council stated this is temporary until restaurants can open without restrictions and discussed the impact to the "charm of the Village over the last few weeks. The current program provides the City the opportunity to vet ideas and find solutions to problems. Discussion took place regarding the requirement for businesses to be up-to-date with their tax payments in order to receive a permit for outdoor seating as well as the requirement for the outside areas to provide a safe barrier to patrons. Suggestions from the Council were provided to staff regarding needing the Police Chief's review for safety, the need for substantial barriers, use of the sidewalk, location of tables and chairs within parking stalls, number of seats per parking stall, serving of alcohol, umbrellas, propane heaters, table cloths and remaining true to Carmel's style. Additional direction and discussion took place regarding not providing alcohol in to-go cups, how the program impacts wine tasting rooms and bars, ADA restrictions, smoking in the Village and keeping the outside dining areas clean. The Council provided suggestions for messaging to visitors regarding the importance of wearing masks. Staff discussed the importance of restaurants taking pride in the outdoor seating areas and stated more discussion will be needed, to include the Planning Commission, to determine what the program looks like after the end of the calendar year. It was the consensus of the Council to further discuss the item in July.

Council Member Reimers returned to the meeting at this time

Item 3: Resolution 2020-040 adopting the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget

The Director of Budgets & Contracts provided the staff report for this item.

The City Council requested clarification regarding the response from the unions on being willing to take cuts.

The following members of the public spoke:

Sue McCloud

David Fink

Discussion among the City Council and staff included discussion of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) funds listed in the proposed budget document and forecasting Transient Occupancy Taxes. Concerns with funding related to State SB2 Affordable Housing Reimbursable Grant and funding for Sunset Cultural Center were discussed. Christine Sandin, the Executive & Artistic Director for the Sunset Cultural Center (SCC) provided information regarding funding for the SCC.

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Richards and seconded by Council Member Theis, the City Council adopted Resolution 2020-040 adopting the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget, approving all expenditures listed in the budget except for expenditure of \$577,500 for the Sunset Cultural Center (SCC) and \$160,000 for State SB2 Affordable Housing Reimbursable Grant, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: BARON, REIMERS, THEIS; RICHARDS; POTTER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Richards and seconded by Council Member Reimers, the City Council adopted Resolution 2020-040 adopting the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget, approving expenditure of \$577, 500 for the Sunset Cultural Center (SCC), by the following vote:

AYES: REIMERS, THEIS; RICHARDS; POTTER
NOES: BARON
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

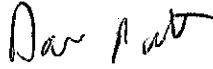
On a motion by Council Member Baron and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Richards, the City Council adopted Resolution 2020-040 adopting the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget, approving expenditure of \$160,000 for State SB2 Affordable Housing Reimbursable Grant, by the following vote:

AYES: BARON, THEIS; RICHARDS; POTTER
NOES: REIMERS
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Potter adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

APPROVED:



Dave Potter, Mayor

ATTEST:



Britt Avrit, MMC
City Clerk