

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
Friday, May 29, 2020
10:30 AM

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 10:30 a.m.

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

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

ORDERS OF BUSINESS

Item 1: Downtown Outdoor Seating and Carmel Beach Update

Council Member Reimers recused herself from the Downtown Outdoor Seating item because a restaurant resides on property her family owns near the location in question.

The City Administrator provided an update regarding Downtown Outdoor Seating.

Discussion among the City Council and staff included discussion of the size requirements of the sidewalk due to concerns with tables on the sidewalk and pedestrians walking past the tables while maintaining social distancing, discussion of what worked and what didn't work with the program, and discussion of the sale and consumption of alcohol. Additional discussion took place regarding trash and restroom facilities and the number of parking spots each restaurant may utilize for outdoor seating.

The following members of the public spoke:

Ken Spilfogel
Parker Logan
Jan Reimers
Kim Stemler
Sabrine Rodems
Suzanne Gravelle
Dale Byrne
Jeannie McCullough
Neal Kruse
Karen Ferlito
Stephen
Ken White
Lynette Zimmerman
Rich Pepe
Sheree Smith
Judy Refuerzo

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The following members of the public spoke:

Mary Crowe
John Plastini
Anthony Camazzo
Colleen Panzuto

Additional discussion among the City Council and staff included discussion of staff continuing to oversee the permit process with current guidelines, ensuring restaurants are doing business responsibly, and expecting restaurants to police themselves and their customers. The City council reminded the community this is temporary - until December or until full service returns without protocols/restrictions in place - as a way to stimulate business in the Village. The City Council discussed their concerns with sidewalks being used and not being able to walk on Ocean Avenue, community safety, and the City's liability. It was the consensus of the City Council that another discussion of this issue take place in June.

Council Member Reimers rejoined the meeting at this time.

The City Administrator provided the update regarding Carmel Beach and stated the parking restrictions will be continued through June 15, 2020.

Discussion among the City Council and staff included discussion of what can be done to deal with the issue of people coming to the beach, the timeframe chosen to reopen parking and the penalty for vandalism if the individuals can be identified.

The following members of the public spoke:

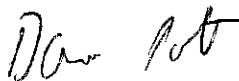
Karen Ferlito
Parker Logan
Jeannie McCullough
Caroline Stepovich

Additional discussion among the City Council and staff included discussion of actions being taken by other cities, determining if Monterey County has resources to provide and additional discussion of safety and protection of those who live here. The City Council thanked the community for their willingness to come together to discuss tough issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Potter adjourned the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

APPROVED:



Dave Potter, Mayor

ATTEST:



Britt Avrit, MMC
City Clerk