CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, May 3, 2021

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 4:34 p.m.

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

EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

Item A: Visit Carmel Presentation

Item B: Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau (MCCVB) Presentation

Item C: Sunset Center Presentation

PUBLIC APPEARANCES
The following member of the public spoke:
Denny Levett

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item A: City Administrator Announcements
The City Administrator thanked the Police Department, Fire Department and CERT Team for hosting the recent vaccination clinic.

Item B: City Attorney Announcements
None

Item C: Councilmember Announcements
Mayor Pro Tem Richards discussed a recent evening spent in town and discussed his excitement at the return of live music and people attending an event at the Forest Theater.

Council Member Baron discussed the upcoming Climate Committee Meeting.

Mayor Potter discussed upcoming City Council meetings May 4, 2021, the Council Retreat on May 12, 2021, and Special Budget Meeting on May 18, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA
Council Member Theis requested that Item No. 5 be removed for separate discussion.

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Richards and seconded by Council Member Ferlito, the City Council approved the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item No. 5 by the following roll call vote:

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

Item 5:
Council Member Theis discussed her concerns with approving street closures related to the event without understanding how the event organizers are planning to scale back the event due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Chief Tomasi and the Director of Library & Community Activities provided progress on the event and discussed the background regarding the challenges associated with events and outdoor gatherings in the City due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Questions from the City Council to staff included clarification of the safety measures being considered by the event organizers, options for scaling back the event, how other cities' events and Car Week events are being handled, the challenges associated with holding an event in a public place and hiring of security guards to enforce mask wearing and social distancing.

The following members of the public spoke:

Gerard Mattimoe
Mitch & Marsha Taylor
Kimberly Willison
Jenny MacMurdo
Jill Sheffield
Dale Byrne
Doug Freeman
Stacy Steele
Judy Refuerzo
Ashley Bennet Stoddard
Richard Kreitman
Mike Brown

Discussion among the City Council and staff included discussion of reducing the number of cars and discussion of requiring applicants to submit a budget. The City Council discussed their support of the event and discussed the current unique situation regarding County and State restrictions for outdoor, large-scale events. Staff stated the item is being presented at this time so that in the event restrictions are lifted, planning for the event can continue. Discussion of the importance of the need for the event organizers to be flexible and work with City staff took place. The City Council discussed concerns with moving forward without a safety plan.

Item 5 continued…
Mayor Pro Tem Richards made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-013 authorizing the closure of certain streets and the erection of tents on public property for Concours on the Avenue.

The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Council Member Baron made a motion to continue the item to the June City Council meeting with direction to staff to develop a safety plan with the applicants and bring back to Council.

Council Member Theis seconded the motion.

Discussion took place regarding the Council's desire to ensure the public will be safe at the event.

On a motion by Council Member Baron and seconded by Council Member Theis, the City Council continued Item 5 to the June City Council meeting with direction to staff to develop a safety plan with the applicants and bring back to Council, by the following roll call vote:

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

Item 1: April 6, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Item 2: Monthly Reports for March: 1) City Administrator Contract Log;2) Community Planning and Building Department Reports; 3) Police, Fire, and Ambulance Reports; 4) Public Records Act Requests, and 5) Public Works Department Report

Item 3: March 2021 Check Register Summary

Item 4: Resolution 2021-012 approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) shared seats with the Cities of Monterey and Pacific Grove and appointing Council Member Baron as the Policy Board Alternate pursuant to the MOU

Item 5: Resolution 2021-013 authorizing the closure of certain streets and the erection of tents on public property for Concours on the Avenue.

ORDERS OF BUSINESS

Item 6: Update on paid parking in Carmel-by-the-Sea and provide direction to staff

The Community Planning & Building Director provided the staff report for this item.

Questions from the City Council to staff included clarification of the specific area to be included in the Ocean Avenue plan, clarification of the residential permit system, costs involved if a consultant is needed and clarification regarding the construction vehicle permit system.

Item 6 continued...

The following members of the public spoke regarding this item:

Richard Kreitman
Steve Dallas

Discussion among the City Council and staff included discussion of the goal of increased revenue and addressing parking congestion issues. The City Council and staff discussed the theory behind not charging for parking at Vista Lobos and the Sunset Center parking lots and discussed getting employees and business owners to park outside of the paid parking zones. Discussion took place regarding the importance of getting the plan for Del Mar to the Coastal Commission as quickly as possible. Concerns of the impact on side streets, the importance of permits being needed for construction vehicles and consideration of an RFP for development of a public/private parking lot option at the north lot at Sunset Center were discussed.

It was the consensus of the City Council to include the entire Commercial District in the Ocean Avenue Plan and to provide the Del Mar plan to the Coastal Commission as soon as possible.

No action necessary, direction provided to staff.

Mayor Potter requested a brief recess at this time.

Mayor Potter reconvened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Item 7: Resolution 2021-015 authorizing the City Administrator to execute a Lease Agreement with GTE MOBILNET of California Limited Partnership, a California Limited Partnership, D/B/A Verizon Wireless and a Memorandum of Building and Rooftop Lease Agreement

The City Attorney provided the staff report for this item.

Questions from the City Council to staff included clarification of why approval of the lease is being requested before the application goes to either the Historic Resources Board or the Planning Commission and clarification of the consideration of alternate locations other than the roof at the Sunset Center.

The following members of the public spoke regarding this item:

Mike Brown
Brian Cayne
Sue McCloud
Judy Refuerzo
Michael McWalters
Neils Reimers
Jan Reimers
Kristi Hollenbeck
Wayne Moon

Item 7 continued…

Discussion among the City Council and staff included discussion of the choices for the Council to consider, what can be done to satisfy the residents and discussion of the impact of the City's Zoning Ordinance on cell sites. The City Attorney's Office stated the City Council is only considering the Lease at this time; the decision regarding potential related permits may come to the City Council at another time; consideration of this item does not prejudice the Council for future review (if any) of the application. The City Attorney's office read a sentence from paragraph 34 from the Lease regarding no guarantees with the Lease regarding the permitting process. Discussion took place regarding the public process.

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Richards and seconded by Council Member Theis, the City Council adopted Resolution 2021-015 authorizing the City Administrator to execute a Lease Agreement with GTE MOBILNET of California Limited Partnership, a California Limited Partnership, D/B/A Verizon Wireless and a Memorandum of Building and Rooftop Lease Agreement, by the following roll call vote:

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Potter adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

APPROVED:	ATTEST:
Dave Potter, Mayor	Britt Avrit, MMC City Clerk