CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, November 23, 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 4:32 p.m.

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

PUBLIC APPEARANCES
None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Item 1: CDP 18-231 - Beach Fire Management Pilot Program

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

The following members of the public spoke on this item
Amy Hall
Jeannie McCullough

Discussion among the City Council and staff included discussion of the current program, the fiscal impact of the fire pits in a COVID and non-COVID era, a propane only program, potential "community fires" at which the community could enjoy a fire on the beach and discussion of other city's beach fire programs and restrictions. Additional discussion took place regarding the purpose for the item being heard by the City Council at this time and the implications if the City Council does not take action on the Pilot Program. The City Council discussed a previous request that the two sides of the issue get together and try to reach a compromise and discussed potentially extending the program for a year and a half or two years to allow time to test the success of the Pilot Program at a time when restrictions due to COVID are not in place. Discussion of the importance of taking action on the Pilot Program and discussion of potentially making the Pilot Program permanent took place.

On a motion by Council Member Theis and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Richards, the City Council approved extending the current Beach Fire Pilot Program to May 31, 2022, by the following roll call vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT
Mayor Potter adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

APPROVED:

Dave Potter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Britt Avrit, MMC
City Clerk