

# CITY OF SAN MATEO

## Special Meeting Minutes

### City Council

**Monday, March 23, 2020**  
**Council Chamber 6:00 PM**  
**Special Meeting**

This meeting is being held under the provisions of State of California Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20; in which Brown Act regulations are relaxed to allow members to remote in due to the Coronavirus Covid-19 health emergency.

## CALL TO ORDER

### Roll Call

Remote: Mayor Goethals, Deputy Mayor Rodriguez, Council Members: Bonilla, Papan and Lee

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. City Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee – Appointment – No Action Taken

THIS ITEM WAS NOT HEARD AS DUE TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY AND PER THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S EXECUTIVE ORDER – It is no longer required to "Select up to two City Councilmembers to participate in Countywide COVID-19 Updates as an ad hoc subcommittee."

### 2. Emergency Ordinance Imposing a Moratorium on Evictions for Nonpayment of Rent by Tenants Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic

City Attorney Shawn Mason provided an update on consideration of the adoption of an emergency ordinance imposing a moratorium on evictions for nonpayment of rent by tenants impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. He outlined the actions the City, County and State have taken, or may be taking, and noted the changing nature of this evolving legal issue and noted that more changes are expected from the state and county level. He asked Council for direction at this time on this issue to: 1) Do nothing; 2) Wait to act until after the County Board meeting on the same topic scheduled for tomorrow; 3) Adopt ordinance for business tenants and wait on county meeting for residential tenants; or 4) Adopt an ordinance for both business and residential tenants. Council asked questions of staff.

Public Comment – The Clerk read into the record e-Comment received by Paul Tappan expressing concern for small landlords. Council and staff responded to questions raised. Discussion ensued on waiting on the County to see what they are going to do as a county eviction moratorium would invalidate the City's. Concern and discussion around defining and helping San Mateo small businesses and non-profits ensued as well as on the process for taking action now or waiting on the County's vote on an ordinance tomorrow.

Adopt ordinance as it relates to business tenants adding in non-profits and wait for the County to adopt a residential moratorium on evictions tomorrow with the direction that if the County does not adopt an ordinance tomorrow then the Council will meet on Wednesday evening to take up a residential moratorium on evictions. Motion passed initially 4-1 with Goethals voting no, noting for the record that he did not want to delay the residential ordinance until Wednesday. Upon clarification of the motion, Goethals then asked to change his vote to Aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Moved: Papan, Seconded: Rodriguez

Ayes: Rodriguez, Bonilla, Papan, Lee and Goethals  
Noes: None

## OLD BUSINESS

### 3. COVID-19 Update

City Manager Drew Corbett provided an update on operational impacts and other City efforts related to the COVID-19 health emergency. Department Heads provided updates on their operations. Council asked questions of staff. Public Comment was offered, there were no speakers. Council by consensus confirmed the rules and regulations issued by the City Manager acting as the Director of Emergency Services in response to the declared emergency.

## ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

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Joe Goethals, Mayor

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Patrice M. Olds, City Clerk