

CITY OF SAN MATEO

Special Meeting Minutes

City Council

Monday, March 30, 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

OLD BUSINESS

1. 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 the County's ordinance on evictions, changing situations since the adoption the City's emergency ordinance imposing a moratorium on evictions for businesses and non-profits for nonpayment of rent by tenants impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic on March 23, 2020. He clarified technical aspects of the amendments proposed to the emergency ordinance. Council asked questions of staff and directed further changes.

Public Comment – The Clerk read into the record e-Comment received by Katie Carlin, Equal Play, commented on the need for the City to protect small business investment. Joe Goethals commented to demonstrate the ease of commenting via eComment.

Council took up Item 2, in order to allow the City Attorney time to make the proposed changes. Following item 2, and Mason's outline of the changes, Council made the following motion.

Adopt an emergency ordinance, as amended from action taken on March 23, 2020, imposing a moratorium on evictions for nonpayment of rent by tenants impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Motion passed 5-0.

Moved: Papan, Seconded: Rodriguez

Ayes: Goethals, Rodriguez, Bonilla, Papan and Lee

Noes: None

2. COVID-19 Update

City Manager Drew Corbett provided an update on operational impacts and other City efforts related to the COVID-19 health emergency including employee status and financial updates, noting there would be significant revenue impacts. He requested confirmation of actions taken in response to the Council's proclamation of an emergency, adjustments to operations, adjustments to deployment of personnel and closure of city facilities. He asked for direction on deferment of April rent to private tenants of City-owned properties and waiving of late fees for business license tax. Council asked questions of staff.

Public Comment via eComment – Adam Loraine expressed appreciation for the work the City is doing to do the right thing at this very difficult time.

Confirm the direction and decisions by the City Manager acting as the Director of Emergency Services in response to the declared emergency.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Joe Goethals, Mayor

Patrice M. Olds, City Clerk