

CITY OF VENTURA  
**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Matt LaVere**  
Mayor

**Lorrie Brown**  
Councilmember District 6

**Erik Nasarenko**  
Councilmember District 4

**Jim Friedman**  
Councilmember District 5

**Sofia Rubalcava**, Deputy Mayor  
Councilmember District 1

**Cheryl Heitmann**  
Councilmember At-Large

**Christy Weir**  
Councilmember At-Large

Alex D. McIntyre, City Manager  
Gregory G. Diaz, City Attorney  
Antoinette M. Mann, City Clerk

**SPECIAL MEETING/TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

**MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE STAY AT HOME ORDER AND THE COUNTY OF VENTURA HEALTH OFFICER DECLARED LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY AND BE WELL AT HOME ORDER RESULTING FROM THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19), CITY HALL IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

*City Council conducted this meeting in accordance with California Governor Newsom's Executive Orders N-20-20 and N-35-20 and COVID-19 pandemic protocols.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER – SPECIAL MEETING SESSION**

The San Buenaventura (Ventura) City Council met in Regular Session utilizing WebEx Events Meeting software from various Ventura locations 4:35 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Councilmembers Nasarenko, Brown, Friedman, Heitmann, Weir, Deputy Mayor Rubalcava and Mayor LaVere (via teleconference/video conference)

ABSENT: None

Mayor LaVere presided.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor LaVere led the pledge of allegiance.

**6. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Friedman requested a confirmation from City Attorney Greg Diaz, about a request made for the opening of pet groomers. To confirm that Council has no authority to make the decision on the opening of pet groomers and only the County or State have that authority. City Attorney Greg Diaz confirmed that due to the County State Emergency the County has authority over opening pet groomers at this time, not the City Council.

**7. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

City Clerk Antoinette Mann read the following names and topics of electronic communications into the record:

Comments-via Email	Laurie Corsi, Wendy Cogen, Nelson Wallace, Carol Brock, George Amandola, Natasha Ikeda, Sheila Ikeda, Abel Flores, YG and Michael Almeida
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Supplemental Packet	All Public Communications are listed and posted online
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**12. FORMAL AGENDA ITEM**

**12A. Consideration of Amendment to Park and Beach Closure Emergency Ordinance – Permitting Certain Activities and Uses**

SPEAKERS

Presenters City Attorney Gregory G. Diaz, City Manager Alex McIntyre, Police Chief Darin Schindler, Parks, Recreation & Community Partnerships Director Nancy O’Connor and Fire Chief David Endaya

DOCUMENTS

Mayor LaVere inquired with City Clerk Mann if any communications were received from the public on Agenda Item 12A. City Clerk Antoinette Mann stated 40 email communications were received. Mayor LaVere requested that all names be reflected in the minutes.

Comments-via Email Bambi Ruebe, Peter J. Carlson, Brian Farrell, Laura Healy, Fred Perez, Christine Effimoff, Sue Hummer, Marilyn Angelo, Susan Balevre, Deborah Downey, Arlene Horwitz, Wendy Sauter, Jessica Militello, Robert Guthrie, Maegan, Frank R. Tallavas, Lauren Taluy, Mary Winslow, Mike Merewether, Jaimie Watson, Kimberly Castro, John Hansen, Judy Eubanks, Gina Tanner, Natalie Oman, Chris Denger, Carolyn Kirby, Herbert L. Schwind, B. Kemble, John Zilles, Richard Dietz, Gordon Broberg, Blake Merryman, Felicia Gibson, Kimberly Castro (2), Joan Lopez, Sara Dreher, Liz Watts, Kelly Wilmer, Darcie Ouerbacker (2) and Peter Anderson

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**4/5 Vote is required for the Emergency Ordinance to Pass**

**12. FORMAL AGENDA ITEM (continued)**

Councilmember Weir moved to approve the recommendation to:

1. Introduce and adopt as an Emergency Ordinance after making the findings required by the Charter the Emergency Ordinance, title as follows:

“AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 8.1000, “TEMPORARY PARK AND BEACH CLOSURE,” OF THE SAN BUENAVENTURA MUNICIPAL CODE TO TRANSITION TO A LIMITED CLOSURE OF PARKS AND BEACHES AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF”

With the following amendments to the Ordinance:

- a. Keep Parks and Beaches closed with limited access; no gatherings allowed, and social distancing must be maintained.
  - b. Adjust the progressive enforcement in Sec. 8.1000.020. -- Limited Closure of Parks and Section Sec. 8.1000.030. -- Limited Closure of Beaches to reflect 24 hours closure for first violation; 48 hours for second violation and third violation will be closure of park for the remainder of the local emergency.
  - c. Ordinance wording to included that there is to be no standing and sitting in the Parks and/or Beaches. Standing, Sitting and laying are prohibited.
2. Additional signage must be placed at all Parks and Beaches. Wording must be clear and extensive, in English and Spanish.
  3. Assessment metrics to be reported to Council, at least every two weeks, to determine if any modifications are needed.

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**12. FORMAL AGENDA ITEM (continued)**

Councilmember Friedman seconded.

Councilmember Nasarenko asked for a modification to the motion, adding that standing, sitting and laying are prohibited in the parks and beaches.

Weir and Friedman approved the motion amended and it was added to the motion as stated above.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Nasarenko, Brown, Friedman, Weir,  
Heitmann Deputy Mayor Rubalcava and Mayor LaVere  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

City Clerk Antoinette M. Mann declared the motion carried 7-0.

**15. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS – REGIONAL  
BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES – None****16. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS – None**

Mayor LaVere announced Closed Session following adjournment of this meeting.

**CS4. CLOSED SESSION – Teleconference/Video Conference****1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Name of Case: Santa Barbara Channelkeeper v. State Water Resources  
Control Board and City of San Buenaventura  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No.: 19STCP01176 (previously San  
Francisco Superior Court Case No.: CPF-14-513875)  
Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. to Closed Session. Closed Session began at 6:10 p.m. and adjourned at 7:43 p.m.



Antoinette M. Mann, MPPA, MMC, CRM  
City Clerk