

CITY OF VENTURA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Matt LaVere
Mayor

Lorrie Brown
Councilmember District 6

Jim Friedman
Councilmember District 5

Cheryl Heitmann
Councilmember At-Large

Erik Nasarenko
Councilmember District 4

Sofia Rubalcava, Deputy Mayor
Councilmember District 1

Christy Weir
Councilmember At-Large

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

REGULAR MEETING/TELECONFERENCE MEETING

APRIL 27, 2020

REGULAR MEETING – 4:30 P.M.

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 – REGULAR SESSION

The San Buenaventura (Ventura) City Council met in Regular Session utilizing WebEx Events Meeting software from various Ventura locations at 4:39 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Councilmembers Heitmann and Brown

Mayor LaVere presided.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor LaVere led the pledge of allegiance.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor LaVere announced and introduced student, Kalen Nobel, Sunset Elementary 5th grader who joined the virtual Council meeting to accept the duty as Mayor for a Moment. A Community Access Partners (CAPS) video about Kalen Nobel, Sunset Elementary School and Sportsmanship was shown. Kalen read his essay on Sportsmanship. Mayor LaVere informed Kalen that a few items would be arriving from the City that would include his name plate for Mayor for a Moment and a key to the City. Mayor LaVere thanked Kalen for joining the City Council meeting this evening.

At 4:41 p.m. Councilmember Heitmann joined the meeting.

A COVID-19 Update was provided by City Manager Alex McIntyre, Fire Chief David Endaya, Parks Recreation & Community Partnerships Director Nancy O'Connor, Police Chief Darin Schindler, Public Works Director Phil Nelson and Finance and Technology Director Michael Coon.

5. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Gregory Diaz stated City Council had no closed session tonight and there was no reportable action.

6. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Nasarenko requested that tonight's meeting be adjourned in memory of his sister, Lida Ariane Bogert.

8. CONSENT ITEMS

Councilmember Friedman moved to approve the recommendation to:

8A. Move all resolutions and ordinances presented tonight be deemed read by title only and all further reading be waived.

Councilmember Weir seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

City Clerk Antoinette M. Mann declared the motion carried, 6-1 with Councilmember Brown absent.

8B. Approval of City Council Minutes – April 7, 2020, April 13, 2020 and April 20, 2020

Councilmember Friedman moved to approve the recommendation to:

Approve City Council Minutes for April 7, 2020, April 13, 2020 and April 20, 2020.

Councilmember Weir seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

City Clerk Antoinette M. Mann declared the motion carried, 6-1 with Councilmember Brown absent.

8C. City Council Quarterly Travel Report

Councilmember Friedman moved to approve the recommendation to:

Receive and file the Quarterly Travel Report for January through March 2020

8. CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)

Councilmember Weir seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

City Clerk Antoinette M. Mann declared the motion carried, 6-1 with Councilmember Brown absent.

8D. Ventura Visitors and Convention Bureau Three-Month Contract Extension

Councilmember Friedman moved to approve the recommendation to:

Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Ventura Visitors and Convention Bureau contract to extend the existing contract term by three-months (July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020) for an additional total amount of \$242,019.41. AGREEMENT NO. 2015-020.1

Councilmember Weir seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

City Clerk Antoinette M. Mann declared the motion carried, 6-1 with Councilmember Brown absent.

8E. Resolution Reconfirming the Existence of a Local Emergency**DOCUMENTS**

Comments-via Email Daniel Yukelson (2)

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8. CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)

Councilmember Friedman moved to approve the recommendation to:

Adopt the Resolution, title as follows:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, RECONFIRMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY”

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, RECONFIRMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY RESOLUTION NO. 2020-017

Councilmember Weir seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

City Clerk Antoinette M. Mann declared the motion carried, 6-1 with Councilmember Brown absent.

8F. Southern California Edison License Agreement for Bike Path Adjacent to Highway 126

Councilmember Friedman moved to approve the recommendation to:

Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a license agreement with Southern California Edison, providing continued access to two portions of the Bike Path located adjacent to Highway 126 near Harmon Barranca bordered by Telephone and Kimball Roads (PM ID: 100348); term of the license agreement: July 1, 2020 through July 31, 2025.

AGREEMENT NO. 2020-012

Councilmember Weir seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

City Clerk Antoinette M. Mann declared the motion carried, 6-1 with Councilmember Brown absent.

12. FORMAL ITEMS

***12B. Emergency Ordinance Requiring Lodging Establishments to Provide Notice of COVID-19 Directives and Temporarily Limiting Occupancy of Short-Term Vacation Rentals**

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

Councilmember Weir stated she had a conflict of Interest related to this Agenda Topic. City Attorney Gregory G. Diaz then stated for the record that Councilmember Weir has a conflict of interest as she holds a Short-Term Vacation Rental Permit and per the Fair Political Practices Commission, Councilmember Heitmann has a conflict of Interest as many Short-Term Vacation Rental Properties are within the 500 foot radius around her primary residency.

City Clerk Mann moved Councilmembers Weir and Heitmann into the attendee list while the item was heard.

SPEAKERS

Presenters City Attorney Gregory G. Diaz and Senior Assistant City Attorney Andy Heglund

DOCUMENTS

Comments-via Email Roger Fisher, Shelley, Kimberly Landberg (2), Dena Mercer, Patty Ritchie, Glenn Ross, Craig Hood, Lee S. Sehon, Tom Fineman, Diane Jones, Suzanne McCombs (2), Mike Biedebach, Patti Felker, Laura Kinney, Paddi Jirkovsky and Jane M. Spiller

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Councilmember Friedman moved to approve the recommendation to:

After making the findings required by the Charter, introduce and adopt the following Emergency Ordinance, as amended:

12. FORMAL ITEMS (continued)

“AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 6.457, “LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS – NOTICE REQUIRED AND TEMPORARY LIMITATIONS ON OCCUPANCY OF SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS,” TO THE SAN BUENAVENTURA MUNICIPAL CODE AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF”

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ORDINANCE NO. 2020-016

Councilmember Nasarenko seconded. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Nasarenko, Friedman, Deputy Mayor Rubalcava and Mayor LaVere
 NOES: None
 ABSTAIN: Councilmembers Weir and Heitmann (Conflict of Interest)
 ABSENT: Councilmember Brown

City Clerk Antoinette M. Mann declared the motion carried, 4-3 with Councilmembers Weir and Heitmann abstaining and Councilmember Brown absent.

12A. Rent Relief for City Property Tenants Due to the COVID-19 Crisis*SPEAKER**

Presenter Public Works Director Phillip Nelson

DOCUMENTS

Comments-via Email Rae Hoyt and Donna Granata, Focus On The Masters

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12. FORMAL ITEMS (continued)

Councilmember Friedman moved to approve the recommendation to:

For staff to apply the moratorium on evictions to tenants of City owned property and to consult the City Attorney's Office as needed.

Deputy Mayor Rubalcava seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

City Clerk Antoinette M. Mann declared the motion carried, 6-1 with Councilmember Brown absent.

***12C. Budget Workshop #2 – Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

At 6:03 p.m. Councilmember Brown joined the meeting.

SPEAKERS

Presenters Finance and Technology Director Michael Coon and
City Manager Alex McIntyre

DOCUMENTS

Comments-via Email Anonymous (3), VF and David Armstrong

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online

Councilmember Friedman moved to approve the recommendation to:

- a. Make the findings to waive the Ventura City Charter requirement to propose a budget by May 1st.
- b. Approve the new budget timeline.
- c. Provide policy direction on the tools to be provided to balance the General Fund.

12. FORMAL ITEMS (continued)

Councilmember Nasarenko seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

City Clerk Antoinette M. Mann declared the motion carried, 6-1 with Councilmember Brown abstaining.

7. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk Antoinette Mann read the following names for received electronic communications into the record:

Comments-via Email	Joey Juhasz-Lukoski, Sheila Ikeda, Desha Woods, Lauren Taluy, Natasha Ikeda, David Moore, Abel Flores, Kimberly Castro, David Gordon, YG, and Mom
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15. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS – REGIONAL BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES

Councilmember Heitmann inquired with City Manager Alex McIntyre about obtaining statistical data about the COVID-19 cases since opening of parks and beaches. Reminded residents that the Economic Development Collaborative website has resources for small businesses to apply for loans during these challenging times.

16. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Alex McIntyre reminded that the County Board of Supervisors meeting is tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday is the Elected Officials Briefing at 10:30 a.m.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m. in memory of Lida Ariane Bogert.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Antoinette Mann".

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

*Item heard out of order