

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**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 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**

The San Buenaventura (Ventura) City Council met in Special Session utilizing WebEx Events Meeting software from various Ventura locations at 6:05 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Brown and Deputy Mayor Rubalcava

Mayor LaVere presided.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor LaVere led the pledge of allegiance.

**6. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Nasarenko reminded residents to be prepared, to be ready, and to take preventative measures and precautions for the fire season and the need for a complete and full discussion on the resiliency of the City's water system.

Mayor LaVere requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Tony Skinner.

**7. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None**

6:24 p.m. Councilmember Brown present

**12. FORMAL ITEMS****12A. Consideration of A Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Buenaventura, California, Reconfirming the Existence of a Local Emergency and Extending it Until November 12, 2020****SPEAKERS**

Presenters

City Attorney Gregory G. Diaz, Senior Assistant City Attorney Andy Heglund, Community Development Director Peter Gilli, Parks and Recreation Director Nancy O'Connor, and Economic Development Manager Estelle Bussa

**12. FORMAL ITEMS (continued)**

Public Jonathan Puu, Janet Sprissler, and Tim Comstock

**DOCUMENTS**

City Clerk Antoinette Mann stated that all comments received through electronic communications have been posted online in the Supplemental Packets. All names will be reflected into the record.

**PowerPoint**

Comments-via Email Jonathan James Puu, Jeffrey Wright, Phillip Gillies, Catherine Jensen, Veronica Slavin, Brooke Martinez, Randy J. Reyes Jr., Nicolaas Engelhart, Tim Comstock, David Puu, Janet Sprissler, and Joshua Puu

Supplemental Packet All Public Communications are listed and posted online

Councilmember Weir moved to approve the recommendation to:

- a. 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 AND EXTENDING IT UNTIL NOVEMBER 12, 2020”

- b. Updating the Eviction Moratorium to include the State Rules related to Residential Evictions and updating the City Eviction Moratorium to include State Rules related to Commercial Evictions.
- c. Receive an update, at a future meeting, on the parking fees collected and how expended related to COVID-19-bathroom cleanings requirements and how those are balancing out.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, RECONFIRMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND EXTENDING IT UNTIL NOVEMBER 12, 2020  
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-044

**12. FORMAL ITEMS (continued)**

Councilmember Friedman seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

City Clerk Antoinette M. Mann declared the motion carried, 6-Yes; 0-No; 1-Absent  
(Deputy Mayor Rubalcava)

**12B. Approve Outdoor Business Expansion and Continuation of Main Street Moves****SPEAKERS**

Presenters City Manager Alex D. McIntyre; Economic Development Manager Estelle Bussa; Kevin Clerici, Downtown Ventura Partners Executive Director; and Principal Civil Engineer Jeff Hereford

Public Jonathan Puu

7:25 p.m. Councilmember Nasarenko absent

**DOCUMENTS**

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**PowerPoint**

Comments-via Email Barbara Evans, Carrie McGum, Jonathan James Puu, Jeffrey Wright, Phillip Gillies, Catherine Jensen, Veronica Slavin, Nicolass Engelhart, Randy J, Joshua Puu, and Diego Gamba

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**12. FORMAL ITEMS (continued)**

Councilmember Friedman moved to approve the recommendation to:

- a. Extend the Temporary Outdoor Business Expansion Program through February 15, 2021 or by the conclusion of the Emergency Health Order, whichever comes first.
- b. Feedback provided to Downtown Ventura Partners by City Council regarding site guidelines for the Temporary Outdoor Business Expansion Program.
- c. Direct staff to return to City Council with summary of transportation and public safety costs related to the continuation of Temporary Outdoor Business Expansion Program in November 2020.

Councilmember Brown seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

City Clerk Antoinette M. Mann declared the motion carried, 5-Yes; 0-No and 2-Absent (Councilmember Nasarenko and Deputy Mayor Rubalcava).

**16. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS – None**

**CS4. CLOSED SESSION** - Teleconference/Video Conference following the adjournment of this Special Meeting. The Public may not participate in the Closed Session, other than submitting Public Comments on topic.

Mayor LaVere announced Closed Session Agenda Topics.

**1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**

Property: Site 7 (APNs 073-0-041-190, 073-0-041-030, 073-0-041-160, and 073-0-041-040)

Agency Negotiator: Alex D. McIntyre, City Manager  
Estelle Bussa, Economic Development Manager

Negotiating Parties: Cesar Chavez Foundation

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

Authority: Government Code Section 54956.8

**CS4. CLOSED SESSION (continued)****2. 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)

**5. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney Gregory G. Diaz reported that it is anticipated that there will be reportable action following closed session this evening. To comply with the Brown Act, prior to COVID-19, I would report out following Closed Session any reportable action. With COVID-19, we will lose our television feed when we adjourn tonight's meeting to our Closed Session. I am making the recommendation to accomplish our reporting requirements is that the City Clerk post an addendum to the agenda and post on the City's website in order to comply with the Brown Act's reportable action requirement. If that is not posted this evening, it will be posted first thing in the morning. This will allow for technical Brown Act compliance and to advise the public, so they know where to look related to any items on the closed session agenda. This document is posted at: <https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/1236/City-Council-Public-Hearing-NoticesSuppl>

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

Special meeting to be adjourned to Closed Session.

Prior to adjourning, just a reminder to the Public that Friday is September 11, Patriot's Day. A day we remember attacks and honor those that lost their lives on September 11, 2001. As we do every year, all Ventura Fire Stations will have a Flag Ceremony starting at 6:55 a.m., a Moment of Silence at 6:59 a.m. which is the time the first Tower fell, followed by a Remembrance/Tribute. The Public may attend, please wear a mask and following social distancing protocols as we take the time to honor all of those that lost their lives on September 11, 2001. If you are unable to attend, please honor those that we lost on September 11, 2001 at 6:59 a.m. with a minute of complete silence.

Special Meeting adjourned in memory of Tony Skinner at 8:24 p.m. to Closed Session

**CLOSED SESSION**

The San Buenaventura (Ventura) City Council met in Closed Session utilizing WebEx Events Meeting software from various Ventura locations at 8:35 p.m. to discuss items as listed under Closed Session.

**ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Brown, Nasarenko and Deputy Mayor Rubalcava

Mayor LaVere presided.

8:38 p.m. Councilmember Brown present. 9:10 p.m. Councilmember Nasarenko present.

Closed Session Adjourned at 9:55 p.m.



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