

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, April 7, 2020

OPEN SESSION
4:30 PM

This meeting was held via teleconference due to the Shelter in Place Order issued by Monterey County and Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Potter called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Present: Council Members Baron, Reimers, Theis, Mayor Pro Tem Richards, Mayor Potter

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item A: City Attorney Announcements/ Closed Session Oral Report in accordance with GC § 54957.1(a)

The City Attorney stated the City Council met in Closed Session on March 23, 2020, March 30, 2020 and April 6, 2020 with no reportable action.

Item B: Councilmember Announcements

Council Member Baron thanked the members of the Climate Change Committee for the work done thus far; thanked staff, especially the Public Safety staff for the work being done; thanked citizens who are helping with the Carmel Neighbors program to support the 100 neediest people in town; discussed MST bus driver who has tested positive which reminds him of how appreciative he is of those working each day during this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Richards discussed his recent visit to Public Works and commended staff on their positivity and thanked staff for all they do.

Council Member Reimers thanked City staff for all the work they are doing to keep the City moving and thanked those involved in the Carmel Neighbors program.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Baron requested Item No. 7 be removed for separate discussion.

Council Member Reimers unexpectedly dropped off the teleconference meeting at this time.

On a motion by Council Member Theis and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Richards, the City Council approved Consent Calendar Item No.'s 1-6, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: BARON, THEIS, RICHARDS, POTTER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: REIMERS
ABSTAIN: NONE

Item 1: Approve March 2, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes, March 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes, March 13, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes and March 23, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.

Item 2: Monthly Reports for February: 1.) City Administrator Contract Log; 2.) Community Planning and Building Department Reports; 3.) Police, Fire, and Ambulance Reports; 4.) Public Records Act Requests, and 5.) Public Works Department Report.

Item 3: February 2020 Check Register Summary.

Item 4: Adopt Resolution 2020-023 declaring the results of the Election held on March 3, 2020 for the submission of an ordinance amending Article IV, Transactions and Use Tax, of Chapter 3.28, Sales and Use Tax, of the Carmel-by-the-Sea Municipal Code to increase the Transactions and Use Taxes (Sales Tax) rate to one and one half percent (1.5%) for a period of twenty (20) years for general purposes.

Item 5:

1. Adopt Resolution 2020-024 authorizing the City Administrator to execute agreements with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration for implementation of a local transactions and use tax;
2. Adopt Resolution 2020-025 authorizing the examination of Transactions (Sales) and Use Tax Records.

Item 6: Adopt Resolution 2020-026, approving a list of streets to be repaved for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Capital Improvement Plan and Budget partially funded by SB1; the Road Repair and Accountability Act.

Item 7: Adopt Resolution 2020-027 affirming modification to the home mail delivery program to include the use of eligibility criteria and provide direction to staff.

The following members of the public spoke:

Vinz Koller

Council Member Reimers rejoined the meeting at this time.

Discussion among staff and the City Council included discussion of their concerns with the public going to the Post Office during the pandemic, potentially offering an option of a reduced schedule for those who take part in the service and/or offering an emergency program in times of need such as now. Additional discussion took place regarding not moving forward with the item at this time, continuing with the direction previously provided to staff with an effective date of 2 months after the County lifts the restrictions and discussion of looking at having house numbers/addresses in the Village in the future. Additionally Council requested updates regarding the mail delivery service be included as part of the monthly reports at each Council meeting.

On a motion by Council Member Theis and seconded by Council Member Reimers, the City Council approved Consent Calendar Item No. 7 amending the effective date to be 60 days after the April 3, 2020 County of Monterey Shelter in Place Order has been lifted, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: BARON, REIMERS, THEIS, RICHARDS, POTTER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

ORDERS OF BUSINESS

Item 8: Receive a presentation on the proposed Fiscal Year 2020/21 Capital Improvement Program and Five Year Capital Improvement Plan and provide direction to staff.

Public Works Director Robert Harary provided the staff report for this item.

Discussion among staff and the City Council included discussion of funding from the State and the timing related to spending those funds, continuing to fund pavement projects due to the funding received from the State, and discussion of the process for, and funding related to, undergrounding utilities. Discussion took place regarding potential donations for certain projects related to the Library if the City can also commit to investing in those projects. The City Council discussed the terms defund and defer, discussed the projects already approved by the Council and gave direction to staff regarding which projects are considered essential and which projects should be deferred or defunded and brought back as part of the budget discussion in May. Discussion took place regarding the difficulty in making decisions related to the budget when revenue projections are still being prepared and budget funding is not known.

The City Council thanked staff for their work on the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan and looks forward to its use for planning in the coming years.

Item 9: Ordinance temporarily prohibiting evictions of tenants arising from income loss or substantial medical expenses related to the Coronavirus pandemic.

The City Attorney stated additional research is needed regarding this item and requested this item be removed from the agenda and brought back May 5, 2020.

On a motion by Council Member Theis and seconded by Council Member Baron, the City Council approved pulling this item from the agenda and requested it be brought back on May 5, 2020 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: BARON, THEIS, POTTER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: REIMERS, RICHARDS

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Potter adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Dave Potter, Mayor

Britt Avrit, MMC
City Clerk