

MINUTES

CITY OF DELANO CITY COUNCIL – EMERGENCY MEETING March 16, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Morris called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1015 – 11th Avenue.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Aguirre led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Council members present: Liz Morris, Joe Alindajao, Joe Aguirre, Bryan Osorio, Grace Vallejo
Council members absent: None

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Manager Reyna, City Clerk Chavez, City Attorney Richman, Engineer Dowling, Finance Director Lara Rios, Chief of Police Nevarez, Chief of Corrections Marshall, Human Resources Director Zamudio, Recreation Manager Batth-Chavez, Transit Manager Zamora and Interim Community Development Director Mynk

EMERGENCY AGENDA

- 1) Resolution of the City Council of the City of Delano proclaiming the existence of an emergency situation and local emergency due to the worldwide spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Staff report provided by City Attorney Richman.

Mayor Morris opened public comment.

Lupe Martinez was in support of said action.

Arthur Rodriguez asked what measure that we need to take.

City Attorney Richman reviewed the actions that the City has taken.

Mr. Rodriguez asked if the stores and gasoline stations will be shut down.

City Attorney Richman responded that they are an essential service.

Mr. Rodriguez asked if they are rationing things.

City Attorney Richman responded in the negative.

Mayor Morris closed public comment.

Council Member Vallejo clarified that this action is not to give direction as to what needs to be done, but it is to give authority to the City Manager to make decisions as things are changing every day. She also thanked Mr. Martinez for the support.

Council Member Osorio stated that he's fine with how it is right now, but proposed an amendment he got from the City of Santa Monica as the City would suspend discontinuation or shutoff of water services for nonpayment, late penalties, or delinquent of water or sewer services for 60 days.

Council Member Vallejo asked for clarification on Council Member Osorio's request.

City Attorney Richman provided options in how to proceed.

Mayor Pro Tem Alindajao recommended would be not read that into the resolution, but give that directive to the City Manager as reflective in her press release from today. He added that the easiest way would be to accept the resolution as is.

Mayor Morris shared that she's in agreement as she wouldn't see it feasible for the City Manager to call for a meeting every time. She also believes as Mayor Pro Tem Alindajao, that the City Manager will simply go towards that way in due time.

City Manger Reyna shared that she met with departments heads individually and her approach would be a multiple prong method. She added that the City need to maintain the safety of the employees as an employer, secondly would be as a service provider and lastly, we need to keep the residents calm.

Council Member Vallejo asked Council Member Osorio in respect to his recommendation if that would be enough of what the City Manager stated.

City Manager Reyna shared that she met and spoke with Council Member Osorio and it was something that they discussed as it would be difficult to decipher who would be late in March due to the Coronavirus or some other reason.

Council Member Vallejo shared how many people don't do online, credit cards and so on.

City Manger Reyna stated that reviewed logistics as to public access to City Hall by paying the utility bill as outline on the press release.

Motion with two amendments presented by Council Member Osorio made by: Vallejo

Mayor Pro Tem Alindajao asked about paragraph eight in the resolution in which the CDC recommendation was ten and not 50 people regarding congregating.

City Attorney Richman stated that they are the recommendations.

City Manager Reyna shared that she's in agreement with Council Member Osorio, though if changed then she would be limited to that language if things do change.

Mayor Pro Tem Alindajao suggests that it would be wiser to accept the resolution as it is written and not beyond the limiting language, so if made more generic it would give more room for discretion.

Council Member Vallejo asked for clarification of Mayor Pro Tem Alindajao's recommendation.

Mayor Pro Tem Alindajao's clarified to accept the resolution as is.

Council Member Vallejo asked Council Member Osorio is comfortable with the City Manager to carry out that in mind.

Council Member Osorio responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Vallejo amended first motion to accept resolution as presented.

Motion made as presented by: Vallejo

2nd by: Alindajao

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Morris/Alindajao/Aguirre/Osorio/Vallejo

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Vallejo, seconded by Council Member Alindajao, and carried 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 5:53p.m.

Ricardo G. Chavez, City Clerk