

**MINUTES  
OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE JURUPA VALLEY CITY COUNCIL  
March 19, 2020**

The meeting was held at the Jurupa Valley City Council Chamber, 8930 Limonite Avenue,  
Jurupa Valley, CA

**1. 7:00 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL FOR REGULAR SESSION**

- Anthony Kelly, Jr., Mayor
- Lorena Barajas, Mayor Pro Tem
- Chris Barajas, Council Member
- Brian Berkson, Council Member
- Micheal Goodland, Council Member

Mayor Kelly called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Kelly announced that Mayor Pro Tem Lorena Barajas would be participating via teleconference.

**2. INVOCATION** was given by Council Member Micheal Goodland.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Mayor Anthony Kelly, Jr.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Council Member Micheal Goodland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lorena Barajas, to approve the Agenda and continue Agenda Items 15.A, 16.A, and 16.C to a later date. A roll call vote was taken.**

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes: C. Barajas, L. Barajas, B. Berkson, M. Goodland, A. Kelly**

**Noes: None**

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING INNOVATION MONTH IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

Mayor Kelly announced that this item would be continued to a later date.

**B. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE QUARTERLY REPORT**

Mayor Kelly announced that this item would be continued to a later date.

## **6. PUBLIC APPEARANCE/COMMENTS**

Randy Kibbe spoke regarding an invitation for a public comment regarding a cell tower that is proposed directly behind his home. He voiced concern that this project is considered an “entitlement.” He believes that the project should be not considered categorically exempt from environmental studies as it will do harm to him and his neighbors. He requested that the cell tower be monitored for the exposure level of radio waves and how it will impact residents.

Spencer Rogers questioned that with the current Corona virus, will the Sheriff’s Department and the City now enforce the illegal vendor ordinance. He noted that he has provided a list of the locations of these illegal vendors to the City Council at the March 5, 2020 meeting. He is available to provide additional information if necessary.

Bill Rendall thanked the Mayor, Council Members, City personnel and Jurupa Valley volunteers. He commented that he is grateful for their service to the City and surrounding areas, noting that they are appreciated especially during this worldwide emergency as it will allow for reductions in misery for many.

Esmeralda Perez commented that in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Governor’s proclamation, the Rubidoux swap meet/drive-in theater is still operating. She stated that this is putting residents at risk.

Marcy Bloomquist questioned whether the City Council would be taking the same measures as the Mayor of Los Angeles in stopping residential evictions and preventing utility shutoffs.

Carmina Ortiz commented that she appreciates the work of all the City’s officials and staff. She asked if the City declares a State of Emergency and needs to enforce a “shutter in place” order, would that also include businesses?

Shannon Gonzalez, Chief Program Officer, Family Service Association reported that as developments continue to evolve, FSA is consistently implementing planned courses of action as fall in line with the local and state government directives in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is a priority to ensure residents in Jurupa Valley who attend their senior nutrition program at the Eddie Dee Smith Senior Center continue to receive their daily lunch. Beginning Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, FSA began implementing a drive-up-to-go meal system. Seniors who were previously attending the center for lunch now will attend once a week to receive five frozen meals. They are currently working with local officials to secure more resources to try and meet the needs of the senior community members during this difficult time. Communication updates will be provided by FSA as they continue to develop.

## **7. INTRODUCTIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, COUNCIL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Anthony Kelly welcomed everyone to tonight’s meeting, noting that there are many who are watching the livestream instead of attending in person due to the COVID-19 outbreak. He urged everyone to remain calm while being vigilant in protecting themselves. He offered prayers for everyone’s wellbeing.

Council Member Micheal Goodland expressed his concern for those who have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. He offered prayers and urged everyone to remain indoors and stay safe.

Council Member Brian Berkson discussed the COVID-19 pandemic, stating that we are in a difficult time. He stated that it is nice to see local residents being polite, courteous, and kind, noting that we are all going to get through this. He stated that the Council are working with the appropriate agencies and are constantly monitoring the situation. He urged residents to heed the governor's warning and the new "Safer at Home" directive as no one is immune to this virus.

Mayor Pro Tem Lorena Barajas discussed the COVID-19 pandemic and urged residents to get their information from trusted sources and to avoid the misinformation on social media. She encouraged everyone to take all the necessary precautions to stay safe. She stated that there is no need for panic buying of supplies and food as there is not a shortage of food – there is just a need to restock. She urged everyone to be respectful and help others who are in need. She advised that price gouging is illegal during an emergency and anyone who has been a victim of price gouging, or who has information regarding potential price gouging, can file a complaint at <https://oag.ca.gov> or by calling 800-952-5225.

## **8. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ORAL/WRITTEN REPORTS REGARDING REGIONAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

### **A. MAYOR ANTHONY KELLY, JR.**

- 1. Mayor Kelly announced that the Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District meeting of March 19, 2020 was re-scheduled to March 20, 2020.**

### **B. COUNCIL MEMBER CHRIS BARAJAS**

- 1. Council Member Barajas gave an update on the Western Community Energy Board of Directors meeting of March 11, 2020.**

### **C. COUNCIL MEMBER BRIAN BERKSON**

- 1. Council Member Berkson gave an update on the Riverside County Transportation Commission meeting of March 11, 2020.**
- 2. Council Member Berkson gave an update on the Metrolink/Southern California Regional Rail Authority meeting of March 13, 2020.**
- 3. Council Member Berkson gave an update on the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee meeting of March 19, 2020.**

**9. CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE**

City Manager Rod Butler announced that he made the call to cancel the Interagency Coordinating Council meeting which was scheduled on Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting is scheduled in late May and he will reevaluate early to mid-May whether it makes sense to go forward with that meeting. He confirmed that the Chamber of Commerce's annual Awards Banquet has been postponed until sometime this fall. The Riverside Sheriff's Award Dinner which was scheduled in April has also been postponed to early October.

**10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. MARCH 5, 2020 REGULAR MEETING**

**A motion was made by Council Member Chris Barajas, seconded by Council Member Michael Goodland, to approve the Minutes of the March 5, 2020 Regular meeting. A roll call vote was taken.**

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes: C. Barajas, L. Barajas, B. Berkson, M. Goodland, A. Kelly**

**Noes: None**

**11. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. COUNCIL APPROVAL OF A MOTION TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE TEXT OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA**

Requested Action: That the City Council waive the reading of the text of all ordinances and resolutions included in the agenda.

**B. CONSIDERATION OF CHECK REGISTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$483,434.07**

Requested Action: That the City Council ratify the check registers dated February 27 and March 5, 2020 as well as the payroll register dated February 29 and March 7, 2020.

**A motion was made by Council Member Micheal Goodland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lorena Barajas, to approve the Consent Calendar. A roll call vote was taken.**

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes: C. Barajas, L. Barajas, B. Berkson, M. Goodland, A. Kelly**

**Noes: None**

**12. CONSIDERATION OF ANY ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

**13. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER MASTER APPLICATION (MA) NO. 16146 (GPA16005 AND TTM37052) FOR A 28-SINGLE-FAMILY LOT SUBDIVISION OF A 7.25-ACRE PROPERTY LOCATED WEST OF HUDSON STREET BETWEEN 60<sup>TH</sup> AND 59<sup>TH</sup> STREETS, APN: 165-100-027 (APPLICANT: SHORES & TALANIAN)**

**By consensus, the City Council continued this item to the April 2, 2020 meeting in order for the applicant to attend the public hearing.**

**Ayes: C. Barajas, L. Barajas, B. Berkson, M. Goodland, A. Kelly  
Noes: None**

**14. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- A. MID-YEAR BUDGET PRESENTATION AND AMENDMENTS**

**By consensus, the City Council continued this item to a later date.**

**Ayes: C. Barajas, L. Barajas, B. Berkson, M. Goodland, A. Kelly  
Noes: None**

- B. REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL DIRECTION RELATED TO THE ACQUISITION OF THE EDDIE DEE SMITH SENIOR CENTER AND THE JURUPA VALLEY BOXING CLUB**

George Wentz, Deputy City Manager presented the Staff Report. Mr. Wentz reported that the County of Riverside has offered a potential acquisition of the Eddie Dee Smith Senior Center and the Jurupa Valley Boxing Club noting that if the City of Jurupa Valley declines to assume the operations by July 1, 2020; that both facilities will be closed and the programs discontinued. He suggested that if the Council were to move forward with the potential acquisition, they would not be obligated to that acquisition if the City moves forward with a continued conversation with the County of Riverside.

Further discussion followed regarding the level of Community Development Block Grant funds that are allocated for the operational costs of these facilities.

Council Member Brian Berkson questioned whether the City could inspect the buildings to determine any future maintenance costs.

George Wentz, Deputy City Manager responded that Staff from the Building Department have inspected both properties and he would be happy to provide that information to the Council.

Further discussion followed concerning future uses and other options for the facilities.

Council Member Chris Barajas suggested that a joint partnership with the Jurupa Area Recreation and Park District could be used for the operation of programs and maintenance of the Eddie Dee Smith Senior Center.

Further discussion followed.

Betty Anderson commented that the City Council should consider that these properties were bought by the Jurupa Valley Redevelopment Project Area. No other community in Riverside County has paid any property taxes for the purchase of these properties. For this reason, she does not understand why the County is trying to get the City to acquire them. The taxpayers within the Project Area own them – not the County. If the City decides not to acquire these properties because of the operational cost, then the City, not the County should sell the properties and return the proceeds to the taxpayers within the Jurupa Valley Redevelopment Project Area.

Shannon Gonzalez, Chief Program Officer, Family Service Association stated that FSA has been providing child development, senior housing, and senior centered services in the community of Jurupa Valley for over 30 years. FSA has been the operator of the Eddie Dee Smith Senior Center since July 1, 2017, utilizing an asset-based community development strategy to provide programming that is collaborative and innovative and meets the needs of the community. As a non-profit partner, FSA wishes to express its commitment and desire to work with the City of Jurupa Valley on what works best for its senior residents and the operations of the Eddie Dee Smith Senior Center.

Jacqui Lee questioned whether the County is eliminating other senior centers in the county or just the one in Jurupa Valley. She asked whether FSA could keep it running or would it go up for bid. She questioned whether grants that pay for the senior center are transferable to the City or whether the City needs to apply for federal or state grants in order to fund the operations. She questioned the cost to run these programs and whether the buildings could be used for other uses such as for homelessness services.

Bonnie Butler voiced concern regarding the County of Riverside's interest in donating the Eddie Dee Smith Center and the Boxing Club to the City of Jurupa Valley. She questioned whether the County owns these two facilities or whether they were purchased with Redevelopment funds.

Victoria Kirkman commented that the City should acquire the senior center and boxing club located in Rubidoux. At some point, the City needs to invest in the local community and reassess what programs they currently support. These resources are located in a needed area of the city. She supports the acquisition as long as there are no attached contingency, which would limit the future use of the buildings.

Following discussion, Council Member Brian Berkson asked staff to provide information on the market value of both of the properties should the buildings remain empty.

**A motion was made by Council Member Micheal Goodland, seconded by Council Member Chris Barajas, to direct City staff to proceed with the potential acquisition of real property and assume the operating responsibilities of the Eddie Dee Smith Senior Center and the Jurupa Valley Boxing Club. A roll call vote was taken.**

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes: C. Barajas, L. Barajas, B. Berkson, M. Goodland, A. Kelly**  
**Noes: None**

- C. INITIATION OF A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT TO ALLOW WAREHOUSE / DISTRIBUTION USES OUTSIDE OF THE MIRA LOMA WAREHOUSE / DISTRIBUTION OVERLAY IN A PROPOSED DISTRICT AT RUBIDOUX (EMERALD MEADOWS) SPECIFIC PLAN (CASE NUMBER: MA19168), (APPLICANT: EM RANCH OWNER, LLC)**

By consensus, the City Council continued this item to a later date.

**Ayes: C. Barajas, L. Barajas, B. Berkson, M. Goodland, A. Kelly**  
**Noes: None**

- D. APPROVAL OF A COMPUTER RESOURCES AND TELECOMMUTING POLICY**

City Manager Rod Butler presented the staff report. Mr. Butler outlined the City's options in light of the Governor's Executive Order which is intended to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The proposed policy would allow City employees to work from home or from any alternate work site, using a computer connected to the City's network through a Virtual Private Network.

Further discussion followed.

Council Member Chris Barajas suggested adding two-factor authentication to protect the City's data.

**A motion was made by Council Member Chris Barajas, seconded by Council Member Micheal Goodland, to approve a Computer Resources and Telecommuting Policy to be added to the City's existing Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual with the addition of a two-factor authentication process. A roll call vote was taken.**

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes: C. Barajas, L. Barajas, B. Berkson, M. Goodland, A. Kelly**  
**Noes: None**

**E. DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS PANDEMIC AND PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL ACTIONS TO RESPOND TO THE EMERGENCY**

City Manager Rod Butler presented the Staff Report.

George Wentz, Deputy City Manager reported on City operations and staffing. He outlined some of the measures put into place to make sure employees and members of the public are protected.

Terri Rollings, Assistant to the City Manager/PIO provided information on the City's increased efforts to clean and disinfect City Hall facilities. She outlined the City's community outreach efforts and the way City staff are interacting with local and state agencies.

City Attorney Peter Thorson provided information on the conduct of City Council meetings and the Governor's Executive Order which suspended provisions of the Brown Act to allow greater flexibility to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically. He noted that the current directive is to discourage in-person meetings to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, noting that these rules may change as developments occur.

Council Member Chris Barajas thanked City staff for their efforts. He suggested additional measures that would help residents.

Mayor Anthony Kelly discussed additional efforts to clean and sanitize the public right of way.

Further discussion followed.

Council Member Brian Berkson questioned whether there were any plans to curtail non-essential City inspections.

Lieutenant Danny Young outlined the protocol for the Sheriff's Department in protecting the public and members of the Sheriff's Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Lorena Barajas suggested researching the actual cost of a stimulus program for small businesses.

Further discussion followed.

**A motion was made by Council Member Chris Barajas, seconded by Council Member Micheal Goodland, to adopt Resolution No. 2020-10, entitled:**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATING TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS PANDEMIC; AND**

**Direct City staff to bring back additional items for approval that would 1) suspend evictions for residents and small businesses; 2) order that all restaurants in Jurupa Valley should be closed for in-restaurant seated dining and should be open only to drive-through or other pick-up/delivery options; 3) order the closure of non-essential businesses such as bars, gyms, and swap meets; 4) order childcare centers to reduce group sizes to no larger than 10 people total, including children and adults and to the degree possible, maintain the same groups from day to day; 5) order places of worship to comply with the Governor's Executive Order; and 6) schedule a press conference briefing that includes input from other Jurupa Valley agency leaders.**

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes: C. Barajas, L. Barajas, B. Berkson, M. Goodland, A. Kelly**

**Noes: None**

**15. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

City Attorney Peter Thorson had no report. He announced that tonight's closed session meeting would be cancelled.

**16. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Council Member Brian Berkson discussed the statistics which show how fast the COVID-19 virus is spreading throughout the country. He encouraged citizens to stay home and practice social distancing.

Council Member Michael Goodland encouraged citizens to get their information from official sources, not social media.

Council Member Chris Barajas thanked his colleagues on the Council for doing what they can to protect the residents of the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Lorena Barajas urged Jurupa Valley residents to stay safe, follow precautionary measures and take care of each other.

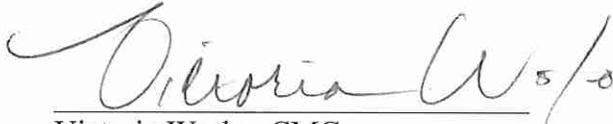
Mayor Anthony Kelly thanked City staff and the City's first responders for all they do for the community. He encouraged citizens to take all the necessary precautions to keep themselves safe. He suggested a virtual town hall meeting, which would allow residents to get up to date information.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Kelly adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

The next meeting of the Jurupa Valley City Council will be held April 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chamber, 8930 Limonite Avenue, Jurupa Valley, CA 92509.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Victoria Wasko". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Victoria Wasko, CMC  
City Clerk