

**MINUTES
OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE JURUPA VALLEY CITY COUNCIL
March 26, 2020**

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

1. 4:00 PM - 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 special meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mayor Kelly announced that Mayor Pro Tem Lorena Barajas and Council Member Brian Berkson would be participating via teleconference.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Lieutenant Danny Young.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Michael Goodland, seconded by Council Member Chris Barajas, to approve the Agenda. A roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call:

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

NOES: None

4. PUBLIC APPEARANCE/COMMENTS

Crystal Violette commented that she and her husband own a business that has been serving the community for 20 years. During the COVID-19 outbreak, they are doing their best to serve the community in the safest way possible. She outlined all the precautions they have taken to ensure the safety of their employees. She encouraged the Council to make some of the emergency funds available for small businesses.

An unidentified speaker spoke in support of helping small businesses stay open.

Dania De Ramon commented that she is scared of being unable to pay rent in these next few months as the COVID-19 pandemic unfolds. She encouraged the Council to support the residents and small business of the community by supporting a suspension of residential and commercial evictions.

Brenda Strader commented that she runs a large licensed childcare in Jurupa Valley. The lay-offs have hit the heart of her business as many parents cannot work and do not need childcare. She encouraged the Council to support all the small businesses, which are struggling just to make ends meet.

Juan Sandoval encouraged the Council to appropriate funds to help small business stay open.

Kimberly Herbert commented that the pandemic has hurt the entire country and the community in many ways. She is grateful for the City Council and their commitment to the community.

Robert Milli commented that he is the current owner of Stein N' Beers, a new restaurant. As a small business owner that provides 30 jobs to local residents, he is very worried about his business and other businesses that are suffering economically during this situation. He encouraged the Council to help his business and other local businesses stay open or they could end up closing permanently.

Spencer Rogers commented that the eviction for non-payment of rent should have a clause in it that says "If the rent due is not current as of (insert a date) then eviction may proceed" and "If rent is current as of (insert date here) then no eviction may proceed if the tenant can prove that there is a hardship caused by the virus, i.e., job lay off, hours cut, etc., or anything that caused a loss in salary or wages." As a landlord of several properties, he believes that a complete waiver of evictions will cause some tenants presently in arrears to take advantage and then just move when this ends in several months. Most landlords have payments and depend on the tenants paying their rent so they can pay their own bills.

Jaime Legaspi encouraged the Council to take immediate action to help many businesses as the pandemic has had a major impact on everyone. He indicated that the City of Jurupa Valley is made up of small businesses and they need help. He urged the Council not to allow the City to "hit rock bottom."

David Reyas Bautista commented that he is a disabled veteran who is a strong supporter of the Second Amendment. He encouraged the Council to appropriate funds to small businesses like Warrior One Tactical in Riverside as they are an essential part of the community and provide more for the community than places like liquor stores and "weed shops" that are still open.

Laura Roughton commented that while she recognizes the importance of an emergency declaration in this current situation, the Council should move with caution as they discuss a City stimulus package. Since these incentives as well as the others mentioned in the Staff report are currently either being discussed or approved at the county, state and federal levels, she is concerned about what a local stimulus program would cost Jurupa Valley. She noted that the wording is unclear as to whether the loans will be forgivable and whether they may or may not have to be paid back. She urged the Council to come back with more

detail and cost information before a City Stimulus program is implemented.

5. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION RECONFIRMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) PANDEMIC AND IMPOSING ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS CONCERNING UTILITY SHUT-OFFS, RESTAURANTS, DAYCARE/CHILD CARE, BUSINESS STIMULUSPROGRAM, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND SWAP MEETS; AND CONSIDERATION OF AN URGENCY ORDINANCE SUSPENDING RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL EVICTIONS

City Manager Rod Butler presented the Staff Report.

Serita Young, Assistant City Attorney provided additional information regarding the components of the proposed Urgency Ordinance.

Further discussion followed.

Terri Rollings, Assistant to the City Manager/PIO, provided additional information on the mobilization of local resources during the COVID-19 crisis.

Mayor Pro Tem Lorena Barajas suggested that staff provide weekly updates on the City's website and other social media platforms to ensure the City's residents are kept informed regarding the coronavirus pandemic.

Council Member Brian Berkson noted that the language regarding the stimulus program in the proposed resolution appears to be geared towards helping employees instead of the businesses who are suffering during this crisis. He asked that that language be further refined when the stimulus package is brought back to the City Council.

Council Member Chris Barajas noted the receipt of a letter from the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCA EJ) dated March 26, 2020, which suggests amended language pertaining to residential evictions.

City Attorney Serita Young clarified that the City Attorney's Office has no objections to the suggested revisions provided by the CCA EJ, which may or may not require some fine-tuning by the City's Attorney office.

A motion was made by Council Member Chris Barajas, seconded by Council Member Micheal Goodland, to adopt Resolution No. 2020-11, as modified to 1) include language that would incorporate the amendments as suggested by the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice; and 2) suspend the issuance of parking citations during the emergency, which shall not apply to citations issued for vehicles that constitute a health and safety hazard or in spaces marked for the disabled, as entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, RECONFIRMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATING TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS PANDEMIC AND IMPOSING ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS TO DEAL WITH THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; AND

Adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 2020-03, entitled:

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS SUSPENDING RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL EVICTIONS AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF

A roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call:

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

NOES: None

5. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Chris Barajas asked what the City could do to assist those who are homeless or unsheltered. He noted that this is a health crisis affecting some of the City's most vulnerable citizens and he would like a report as to where homeless individuals can be sheltered in the short-term.

Council Member Brian Berkson questioned whether the City is getting any updates as to the number of COVID-19 cases on a city-by-city basis.

City Manager Rod Butler responded that the County of Riverside's reports on the number of COVID-19 cases is very vague at this point as it is being presented to City staff as a regional breakdown.

Council Member Brian Berkson suggested that Staff work with the County of Riverside to ensure the City receives more comprehensive reporting that shows a breakdown of where the COVID-19 cases are actually occurring.

Mayor Anthony Kelly asked for an update as to how the Jurupa Unified School District is working with students during the COVID-19 crisis to ensure they are receiving the proper technology and resources.

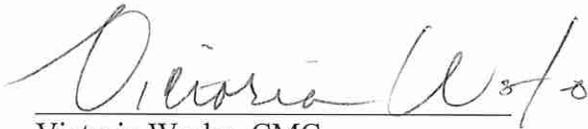
Further discussion followed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Kelly adjourned the meeting at 5:06 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, reading "Victoria Wasko". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Victoria Wasko, CMC
City Clerk