



**DEL MAR CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 1, 2020**

Via Teleconference Only
1050 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, California

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Haviland called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Ellie Haviland; Deputy Mayor Terry Gaasterland; Councilmembers Dave Druker, Sherryl Parks, and Dwight Worden

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Administrative Services Director Ashley Jones read comments from the following into the record:

- 1) Robin Crabtree
- 2) Kenneth Baker, M.D.
- 3) Greg Bowen
- 4) Tom Grindle
- 5) Tanya Blackshaw
- 6) Daniel Crabtree
- 7) Charles Virgilio
- 8) Tom & Claire McGreal
- 9) Terri Higgins
- 10) Jason Stirling
- 11) Jason Brown
- 12) Jennifer McDowell
- 13) Marjorie Smith
- 14) Noah Gaarder-Feingold
- 15) Daniel Singley
- 16) Myles Anderson
- 17) Laura, Ralph, Amanda, Catherine, Claire, Joey and Annie DeMarco
- 18) Frank Chisari

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

**1. Discussion Regarding Operation of City Beaches, Parks and Street Ends
(Clerk's File No. 1104-3, 1404-1, 1503-8)**

City Manager CJ Johnson and Community Services Director/Lifeguard Chief Jon Edelbrock provided a presentation for this item.

Council questions focused on clarification on the proposed parking closures related to reopening of the beaches; access to eastside of bluffs; County directive regarding parking

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closures; typical parking revenues received during this time of year; what type of parking changes would require Coastal Commission approval; costs associated with reopening and where those funds will come from; gauge for measuring success of social distancing; how violations can be reported by residents; and enforcement of the rules.

Council discussion focused on approach to issue; potential for beach reopening on Monday, May 4, in coordination with Solana Beach; allowances for dogs; financial impacts associated with reopening or not reopening; how to best handle public interactions; parking concerns; potential to open for two-week trial period; potential to close the beach again if issues arise; date for reopening and factors to consider; State plan for reopening of State beaches.

IT WAS MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR GAASTERLAND, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DRUKER TO REOPEN THE BEACHES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLAN PRESENTED BY STAFF.

IT WAS MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR GAASTERLAND, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DRUKER TO AMEND THE MOTION TO OPEN THE BEACHES ON MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLAN PRESENTED BY STAFF, AND PROVIDE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO DELAY THE OPENING IF AN EXTRAORDINARY SITUATION ARISES. (VOTE 5-0)

Ayes: Mayor Haviland, Deputy Mayor Gaasterland, and Council Members Druker, Parks and Worden; Noes: 0; Absent: 0; Abstain: 0.

Additional Council discussion focused on rules for dogs on the beach and increased demand during the COVID-19 crises; clarification on summer and winter rules regarding dogs and when they apply; modifications that may provide a benefit to residents and the public for expansion of on-leash hours; public signage; ability to take drone footage to help evaluate activity after reopening; vandalism of barriers at parks and street ends and need for increased patrols by the Sheriff's Department; and potential issues associated with expected high tide over the next two weeks.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Haviland adjourned the meeting at 5:26 P.M.



Ashley Jones, Administrative Services
Director/City Clerk