



Emergency City Council Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2020 – 2:00 pm
Held in Robinson Park

In attendance: Mayor Carl Pederson, Councilor Steve Ovick, Councilor Brian Scholin, Councilor Mary Kay Sloan and Councilor Gina Pettie.

Absent: None.

Staff in attendance: City Administrator Matthew Van Steenwyk, Public Works Supervisor Maury Montbriand, Park & Recreation Director Stacy O'Rourke, and Fire Chief Tom Miller.

Mayor Pederson called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Pederson provided a brief overview of the intent of the emergency meeting. That being, to hear ideas and comments from the local business owners with regard to the June 1st opening date provided by the Governor, noting the requirement for outside operations for restaurants and bars.

Sloan requested that business owner Nick Olson, Three Twenty Brewing Co., provide a summary of the proposed Temporary Al Fresco Dining/Patio proposal. Olsen provided a summary of the proposal and how he sees it could be implemented.

A discussion was had on how expanded premises operations could be done. There was noted concern with the cost of setting up outdoors from both the people power and the physical tables and chairs. A discussion was had on the use of the parking stalls adjacent to the businesses. Some discussion was had on street closures, but no definitive plan was devised.

Sloan provided note of the potential use of the lifeguard positions as assistants in moving of chairs and tables as needed by the local businesses. There was also discussion on moving additional tables to Robinson Park.

An inquiry was made on the ability to allow use of the bathrooms in the facilities while conducting outside services. No resolution was provided. It was noted that that subject was not addressed in the Governor's executive order.

An inquiry was made on the close time of 10:00pm as indicated on the Al Fresco license. Van Steenwyk indicated that he believed that was in relation to the noise ordinance, but was not certain. Additional research is needed.

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Van Steenwyk provide an overview of the proposed use of the AI Fresco Permit process. Van Steenwyk also noted that there is a draft temporary ordinance on the agenda for the coming Regular Council Meeting on May 28th to consider waiving of all related fees and to allow staff to proceed with the permitting process as outlined by the Council.

Additional discussions were had in relation to businesses outside of the Central Business District. Again, no definitive plans were devised, only general concepts and ideas were shared.

When asked by the public, the Council indicated general support for proceeding with the process to allow for outdoor seating and operations of the local restaurants as possible through the AI Fresco process.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:50 pm.

Carl Pederson, Mayor

Matthew Van Steenwyk, City Administrator