



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
JULY 9TH, 2020
4:30 p.m.
VIA ZOOM**

MINUTES

Members Present: Jonathan Elmore, Mayor
Brian Fisher, Mayor Pro Tem
Lisa Shortell, Commissioner
Lionel Laratte, Commissioner
Dee Merriam, Commissioner

Staff Present: Patrick Bryant, City Manager
Paul Hanebuth, Asst. City Manager
Shannon Powell, Asst. City Manager
Rebecca Long, Communications Manager
Gina Hill, City Clerk
Stephen Quinn, City Attorney

Item #1 Meeting Called to Order

Item #2 Adoption of Agenda
Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to adopt. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.

Item #3 **Mandatory Mask Resolution**
There will be discussion of a resolution mandating the wearing of masks in public. A vote will be taken if there is agreement on wording of the resolution.

Mayor Elmore said the number of Covid cases are rising and he feels they have a responsibility to do something to protect citizens. Commissioner Shortell appreciated the language in the draft resolution written by the city attorney. She added that she feels that wearing masks would allow citizens to move about more freely. She suggested some wording changes in case the CDC changes its guidelines. City Attorney Stephen Quinn explained some of the wording. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher said he's fine with the language and his goal is to take some of the pressure off business owners who want patrons to wear masks. There was some discussion about enforcement and fine amounts. Commissioner Merriam has concerns about the masks being required outdoors. She also asked about the lack of an expiration date. City Manager Bryant responded that any date set would be arbitrary and the BOMC can repeal the resolution when appropriate. Mr. Fisher, Mr. Elmore and Ms. Merriam agreed. There was more discussion about rules surrounding wearing masks outdoors.

Mr. Quinn felt that where enforcement is concerned, the police and code enforcement should be able to exercise some discretion. He warned against trying to anticipate every situation. Commissioner Laratte joined the meeting and said he was satisfied with the current wording. Mr. Quinn gave a recap for the group of his understanding of changes to make to the draft resolution. Mr. Bryant brought up issues surrounding enforcement and tough situations for police and discussion followed. He cautioned against selective enforcement. Mr. Quinn provided some alternative wording. The BOMC was happy with his suggestions and more discussion followed. Once the group was comfortable with moving forward they talked about having a subsequent meeting on this matter.

Item #4 Public Comment: None

Item #5 Adjournment
Commissioner Shortell motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Merriam seconded.
All ayes.

APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF AUGUST 2020



Jonathan Elmore, Mayor

ATTEST:



Gina Hill, City Clerk