

BELLA VISTA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING – MARCH 16, 2020, 4:30pm

Meeting called to order by Mayor Christie

City Clerk Jertson called the roll of Council; Council members, John Flynn, Jim Wozniak, Linda Lloyd, Doug Fowler, Steve Bourke and Larry Wilms. Quorum achieved.

Business:

R2020-10-RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RESCHEDULE OR CANCEL WORK SESSIONS AND REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Mayor explained the reason for this Resolution in light of the current public health concerns and the fact that we may need to alter our meeting schedule to protect all parties that might be a part of these meetings. Council member Larry Wilms motioned for an amendment to the proposed Resolution adding an additional rule, which would make this Resolution sunset in 44 days. Steve Bourke seconded the motion for purposes of discussion. Much discussion then began. Linda Lloyd spoke against the amendment. She felt that this would be a mistake. Doug Fowler agreed, as did Jim Wozniak. Steve Bourke felt that the city council should meet regularly regardless of the current situation.

Staff Attorney Jason Kelley then explained the rules of having a public meeting and explained that we cannot keep the public out of any meeting of the council. This rule would only delay a council meeting if deemed to be to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

Other council members made more comments. It was then time to call the role and council members, Flynn, Lloyd, Fowler and Wozniak voted Nay. Council members Wilms and Bourke voted Aye. Amendment defeated.

We went back to the original Resolution and some discussion was held in regards to the use of, “and for other purposes”. Staff Attorney Kelley explained the reason for this language.

Council member Wozniak moved approval of the Resolution as presented. Doug Fowler seconded the motion. Roll call vote called by Clerk Jertson. Council members Wozniak, Flynn, Fowler and Lloyd voted aye. Council members Bourke and Wilms voted nay. Resolution is adopted.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:54PM.


City Clerk Wayne Jertson




Mayor Peter Christie