

**CITY OF BROOKSVILLE  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON III COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
201 HOWELL AVENUE  
7:00 pm**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS  
March 16, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bernardini. Council Members additionally attending were Vice Mayor, Pat Brayton and Council Members Robert Battista and William Kemerer. Attending by phone were Council Member Betty Erhard (7:30 p.m.) and City Attorney, Nancy Stuparich (7:00 p.m.). Also attending were City Manager, Mark Kutney; City Clerk, Jennifer Battista; Finance Director, Autumn Sullivan; Interim Public Works Director; Jon Dowler; Human Resources Director, Lynn Sosa; Interim Utilities Director, Danny Brooks; Fire Chief, Ron Snowberger; and Parks and Recreation Director, Angie Whisnant.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A moment of silence was held, followed by the Pledge.

**APPROVAL/MODIFICATIONS OF THE AGENDA**

(Limited to City Council and City Manager)

Mayor Bernardini requested that a resolution declaring an emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic be added to the agenda for consideration.

**Motion:**

Motion was made by Kemerer and seconded by Battista to accepted the March 16, 2020 agenda, as amended. Motion carried 4-0.

**CERTIFICATES AND PROCLAMATIONS**

**Bike Month - March, 2020**

The proclamation was read by Mayor Bernardini and it was accepted by Scarlett Sharpe, Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Chairman.

## **PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

### **Recognition of New Businesses Opening in January and February, 2020**

Mayor Bernardini recognized the following businesses:

January, 2020 - JKP Analyst, Inc. – Behavior Analytic Services – 20178 Cortez Blvd.

February, 2020 - Zaxby's – Restaurant – 837 S. Broad St.

### **CITIZEN INPUT [limited to 3 minutes per speaker]**

[NOTE: Input can be on any subject, whether or not on the agenda. However, input regarding ordinances and resolutions will be accepted now and at the time those issues are presented at the meeting. Testimony and evidence related to quasi-judicial matters will be heard at the time it is introduced.]

### **Request to change name of Fridy place to “Kirshy Way”**

George Kirshy, owner of Luigi's restaurant on the corner of Veterans' Ave. and Fridy Place, came forward and read the following into the record:

Dear Mayor Bernardini and members of the City Council,

My name is George Kirshy, proud owner of Luigi's Pizza of Brooksville. This year we will be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> year in business. A milestone I am very proud of. My commitment and longevity in our fine city is unquestionable. The purpose of this letter is my request that you consider renaming the street immediately adjacent to Luigi's. It is one block long and occupies no other business or persons. The road currently is “Fridy Place”. I am requesting you change the name to “Kirshy Way”.

Sincerely,

George M. Kirshy

## **RESPONSE BY CITY MANAGER AND STAFF/COUNCIL**

No response by the City Manager, Staff or Council Members.

### **Resolution No. 2020-07 – Declaration (Proclamation) of Emergency Due to the threat of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**

City Attorney Stuparich advised that the resolution references City code and the Governor's Executive Order 20-52, which waives code provisions, procedures and formalities otherwise required of a political subdivision. The resolution provides authority first to the City Manager, then, in his absence, to the Acting City Manager. In the absence of the Acting City Manager, authority would go to the Mayor.

City Attorney Stuparich continued by stating that the resolution would take effect immediately and she recommended that it be retroactive to March 13, 2020. City Attorney Stuparich stated that the emergency declaration requires Council to readopt it after seven (7) days.

The City Attorney stated that State Legislators, the Attorney General and the Governor should be discussing how to conduct public meetings, including quorum requirements, in the near future.

The City Attorney recommended that Council limit agenda items going forward to items that absolutely must be addressed.

City Clerk Battista read Resolution No. 2007-07 by headnote only, as follows.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE THREAT OF COVID-19; PROVIDING THE CITY WITH POWERS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THOSE PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES, CHAPTER 252, AND CITY CODE CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE II; GRANTING THE CITY MANAGER CERTAIN POWERS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, A TERMINATION DATE, AND PROCEDURES FOR EXTENSIONS**

Council Member Kemerer brought up for discussion the extension requirements. The verbiage states that the City Manager can sign the extensions and, therefore, Council Member Kemerer did not feel the extensions would have to go back to Council. City Attorney Stuparich voiced agreement.

Council Member Battista wondered how the emergency declaration would be terminated. City Attorney Stuparich stated that it could be terminated at a Council meeting in the future.

Mayor Bernardini questioned if it could be changed to include the Mayor, Vice Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem instead of the City Manager, Acting City Manager and Mayor. City Attorney Stuparich stated that she did not see a reason why that could not be done but cautioned that Sunshine Law issues would need to be considered.

Council Member Battista supported any actions taken by the City Manager under this resolution be communicated to Council Members individually.

Council Member Erhard called in by phone at 7:30 p.m.

**Motion:**

Motion was made by Kemerer and seconded by Battista to allow Council Member Erhard to attend and vote by phone. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion:**

Motion was made by Kemerer and seconded by Brayton to approve Resolution No. 2020-07 with an effective date of March 13, 2020. Upon roll call, motion carried 5-0, as follows:

Kemerer	Aye
Erhard	Aye
Battista	Aye
Brayton	Aye
Bernardini	Aye

**Motion:**

Motion was made by Battista and seconded by Kemerer that any actions taken by the City Manager or his designee, under the authority of Resolution 2020-07, be communicated to individual Council Members as soon as practice.

Vice Mayor Brayton stated that there may be a Sunshine Law violation, if, as the third in authority, the Mayor would be speaking to Council Members. City Attorney Stuparich stated it would be a one-way communication in writing.

Motion carried 5-0.

**REQUESTS FOR SPONSORSHIP CREDIT**

**Wilcox Filming Documentary– Sponsorship Credit Request**

Request to 1) approve waiver of street closure fees for event that will close portion of Bell Ave., Olive Street, Mt. Fair Ave. and the entrance of Mickler Loop. 2) approve identifying the City of Brooksville in the films' closing credits. Approval of 50% of the fees in the amount of \$79.68 and approval of City being identified in closing credits

Matt Wilcox, Wilcox Multi-media, LC, came forward to describe the film, originally scheduled for filming on March 21, 2020 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. He advised that he will be postponing the filming.

Council Member Battista supported taking action on this when the new date is determined. Council Member Kemerer agreed and thanked Mr. Wilcox for his consideration of using Brooksville as the setting.

In response to the Mayor's question on the paperwork submitted, City Clerk Battista advised that he would not have to fill out a new application. The existing application would be re-routed to all to departments and the Sheriff's office and Mr. Wilcox would need to notify the property owners of the new date.

**Motion:**

Motion was made by Kemerer and seconded by Battista to table the request to a date in the future that will be requested by the applicant. Motion carried 5-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Minutes**

February 3, 2020 Regular Meeting

**COPCN request from the County - Med Trans Corp**

Recommend approval of request from Med Trans Corp dba Bayflite dba Bayfront Health dba Med-Trans for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity COPCN to operate ALS and BLS ambulance service for the period of 3/2020 to 3/2022.

**Surplus Property – Cemetery Desk**

Recommend approval to declare the desk to be surplus property and authorize the City Manager to dispose of desk in a manner that is most beneficial to the city.

**Main Street Agreement – Amended and Restated**

Recommend approval of Amended and Restated Funding Agreement with the Brooksville Vision Foundation to include revision deadline dates, the need to update the new address for the Brooksville Main Street Program and other changes as highlighted on the agreement and authorize execution by the Mayor. (discussed at 2/3/20 mtg)

Council Member Kemerer requested that the Main Street Agreement be pulled for discussion.

Council Member Erhard requested that the COPCN be pulled for discussion.

**Motion:**

Motion was made by Kemerer and seconded by Battista to approve the balance of the March 16, 2020 Consent Agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

**DISCUSSION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (IF ANY)**

**COPCN request from the County - Med Trans Corp (PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA)**

Recommend approval of request from Med Trans Corp dba Bayflite dba Bayfront Health dba Med-Trans for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity COPCN to operate ALS and BLS ambulance service for the period of 3/2020 to 3/2022.

Fire Chief Snowberger advised that this renewal to operate ALS and BLS ambulance service comes from the County and is forwarded to the municipality for their

recommendation. The period is from March, 2020 to March of 2022.

**Motion:**

Motion was made by Brayton and seconded by Kemerer to approve the request. Motion carried 5-0.

**Main Street Agreement – Amended and Restated (PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA)**

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Council Member Kemerer brought up for discussion the sentence in the agreement that reads:

The quarterly payment request shall be submitted in a timely manner to allow its inclusion in the second regularly published City Council agenda at the end of each quarter.

Council Member Kemerer supported changing the word “second” to the word “next” and taking out the words “at the end of each quarter”. Council Member Battista and Vice Mayor Brayton agreed.

Council Member Kemerer brought up for discussion the sentence in the agreement that reads:

In no event shall payment be required if the quarterly payment request is submitted after the due date for the quarter. After review, the City Council shall vote to deny or approve payment for the prior quarter. If payment is approved, the City Manager shall insure that the FOUNDATION receives funds within 15 business days after the City Council meeting, after such City Council meeting.

Council Member Kemerer supported changing the word “such” in the last sentence to the word “the”.

Council Member Kemerer was unsure the need for the following paragraph in the agreement that reads:

**(12) Interpretation of Agreement Terms. Requests for interpretation of the terms and conditions of this Agreement may be made in writing and included on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting for discussion by the entire City Council.**

City Attorney Stuparich stated that she added that language and the intent is that in the event there was ambiguity in the terms, staff could come back to Council for clarification. Council Member Battista felt that the BVF could utilize the provision as well to make a request for clarification.

It was Mayor Bernardini’s understanding that the request to submit at a certain time was based on the Main Streets’ timeline for submitting to the State

**Motion:**

Motion was made by Kemerer and seconded by Brayton to accept the Agreement as amended, which are the changes pointed out by Council Member Kemerer. Motion carried 5-0.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

**8:00 p.m.**

### **Resolution No. 2020-06 –Alcoholic Beverage License Permit – Florida Cracker Kitchen**

Consideration of petition and determine that it meets the criteria of Article II and Article IV of the City of Brooksville Land Development Code for receiving a 4-COP Alcoholic Beverage Permit and approve Resolution 2020-06 for an Alcoholic Beverage Permit for the sale of beer, wine and liquor for consumption on and off the licensed premises located at 315 Marianne Street and identified as Parcel Key Number 00009314.

City Planner Gouldman went over the staff report.

Mayor Bernardini questioned if there were any current code issues for 315 Marianne Street. City Planner Gouldman stated that although a building permit for the pole barn was obtained, there was no building permit pulled for the platform built underneath the pole barn and Code Enforcement and the Building Division are working with the owner towards a resolution. Mayor Bernardini questioned if the Alcoholic License Permit Resolution could be approved subject to meeting permitting and code requirements. City Planner Gouldman stated that code requirements would have to be met and if they are not, the platform would have to be removed. In response to Council Member Battista's request for clarification, City Planner Gouldman added the pole barn and related permitting does not affect the alcoholic license request,

### **Public input**

John Lee, City business owner, expressed support of the petition.

### **Motion:**

Motion was made by Brayton and seconded by Battista to approve Resolution No. 2020-06.

Council Member Kemerer reiterated the question on whether Council should make approval contingent on code compliance from a permitting standpoint. The City Planner stated that the platform will either be permitted or it will be removed. He added that it would be a City Attorney decision but he did not believe that Council's approval could be conditional.

Blair Hensley, petitioner and owner, came forward and stated that that the platform has been engineered. Mr. Hensley advised that he is now going through the formalities of getting the correct permit. He added that he has spoken to the Building Official and understands that he now has to submit the correct documentation on how it was built. Mayor Bernardini reminded Mr. Hensley that all structures have to be permitted before construction and Mr. Hensley's engineer should be made aware of this. Mr. Hensley indicated that he understood this.

City Clerk Battista read Resolution No. 2020-06 by headnote only, as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN APPLICATION TO ALLOW THE SALE OF BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR FOR CONSUMPTION ON AND OFF THE LICENSED PREMISES (4-COP) FOR PROPERTY IDENTIFIED BY HERNANDO COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER KEY NUMBER 00009314 AND LOCATED AT 315 MARIANNE STREET, BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Motion carried 5-0 upon roll call, as follows:

Battista	Aye
Erhard	Aye
Kemerer	Aye
Brayton	Aye
Bernardini	Aye

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Information Technology (I.T.) Agreement with Hernando County Clerk and Comptroller**

Approval of I.T. agreement proposed by the Hernando County Clerk and Comptroller and authorized execution of agreement by the Mayor. The cost for services will be paid monthly and they are expected to be 5,483.48 each month, beginning March 2020.

Fire Chief Snowberger, as I.T. Committee Chairman, came forward to present the item. He advised that it is being offered on a monthly basis and is retroactive to October, 2019. City staff and the County Clerk are still developing the relationship and the way services are provided, adding that it is uncertain at this point what the exact role of the City's I.T. Coordinator will be as it relates to I.T. services.

Council Member Battista brought up for discussion the I.T. coordinator position. He wondered if it was possible that the I.T. Coordinator will take over some the I.T. functions which may affect the month to month service provided as well as the cost of the service contract. Chief Snowberger confirmed this.

Doug Chorvat, Hernando County Clerk of the Circuit Court, was present but there were no questions directed to him.

**Motion:**

Motion was made by Kemerer and seconded by Battista to approve the I.T. agreement proposed by the Hernando County Clerk and Comptroller and authorize execution of agreement by the Mayor. Motion carried 5-0.

**Award of Bid – Utility Site Mowing Contract**

Approval to accept the bid from Amazing National Services Group, LLC for lawn maintenance/mowing of 32 utility properties totaling \$884.50 and authorize Mayor to execute Agreement for Contractor Services. Funds to be split between Utility Water Budget 53400 401 021 536 in the amount of \$11,150 and Utility Wastewater Budget 53400 401 027 536 in the amount of \$9,358.

Danny Brooks, Interim Utilities Director, presented the item. He clarified that the \$884.50 is the price each time the 32 sites are mowed.

**Motion:**

Motion was made by Kemerer and seconded by Brayton to accept the bid from Amazing National Services Group, LLC for lawn maintenance/mowing of 32 utility properties totaling \$884.50 and authorize Mayor to execute Agreement for Contractor Services. Motion carried 5-0.

**Award of Bid – Fire Station Kitchen Renovation**

Approval to accept the bid from Rivera's Flooring, Kitchens and More for Fire Station 61 remodel in the amount of \$35,192.00 and authorize Mayor to execute the Contractor Agreement. The cost of this project will be \$35,192.00 and will come from funding established in the 2019/20 FY budget. The expenses are budgeted in line item 143-014-522-55620 Building and Improvements. Funds will be reimbursed and provided by the 2018 Florida Legislature allocated award to the City of Brooksville. This reimbursement is shown as revenue in FY 2020 budget in line item number 143-000-334-44200 State Grants – Public Safety.

Fire Chief Snowberger came forward to present the item. He advised that this project is the final element of the legislative grant received for Fire Station building improvements.

**Motion:**

Motion was made by Brayton and seconded by Kemerer to accept the bid from Rivera's Flooring, Kitchens and More for Fire Station 61 remodel in the amount of \$35,192.00 and authorize Mayor to execute the Contractor Agreement. Motion carried 5-0.

**CITIZEN INPUT [limited to 3 minutes per speaker]**

There was no citizen's input.

**RESPONSE BY CITY MANAGER AND STAFF/COUNCIL**

None necessary,

**ITEMS BY CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Stuparich thanked Council for letting her to attend by phone.

**Ethics Training – April 7, 2020**

City Attorney Stuparich advised that she would speak to Attorney Wade Vose to determine if this will still be held. [Note: subsequently cancelled]

## **ITEMS BY CITY MANAGER**

### **Discussion – Next Steps on Police Pension Substituted Trust Board**

The City Manager and Council discussed the composition of the substituted trust board referenced in Ordinance No. 914 which was approved on March 2, 2020.

City Attorney Stuparich advised that she has attempted to contact the two substituted trust pension plan participants and had not heard back from either one as of this meeting.

Council Member Battista stated that he had spoken to Lori Sowers, who is a CPA and has a business in the City but who is not a resident of the City. She expressed interest in serving on the substituted trust board.

#### **Motion:**

Motion was made by Battista and seconded by Kemerer to nominate Lori Sowers to the Police Pension Substituted Trust Board to fill the one non-resident position to the Police Pension Substituted Trust Board. *[Note for record: This position, per Ordinance No. 914, is for the fifth trustee appointed by the City Council who shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council]*

Motion carried 5-0.

Regarding the City resident position, Mayor Bernardini advised that he had spoken to Roger Jacobs, CPA, who expressed interest but he was unsure if Mr. Jacobs was a City resident.

#### **Motion:**

Motion was made by Brayton to and seconded by Kemerer to appoint Roger Jacobs, subject to City residency, and if he is not a City resident, the nomination would be null and void. *[Note for record: This position, per Ordinance No. 914, is for the one (1) City resident selected by the city council who shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council. Subsequent determination was that Mr. Jacobs was not a City resident.]*

Motion carried 5-0.

If it determined Mr. Jacobs is not a City resident, Council Members will need to consider another appointee.

### **Updates on on-going Council directives**

#### **Revision of Street Closure Form/Discussion with PRM Regarding City's Insurance Covering Special Events/Changes to Overall Street Closure Plan During Special Events**

City Manager Kutney advised on a recently held meeting held between Main Street, Hernando County staff, the HCSO, City staff and representatives from PRM. He advised would be trying to meet with Council Members individually on this.

### **Update on soliciting credentials from experts (quasi-judicial matters only)**

City Manager Kutney and Council discussed ways to solicit credentials from experts. It was decided that for the usual presenters on quasi-judicial matters, the latest copy of their resume will be maintained in the Council office in a folder. New representatives will need to submit their resume when they submit their land use petition for staff to review. That would be included in the material provided to Council and Council would have to approve their credentials. The resume from new representatives would not be included in the folder in the Council office. Those submitting credentials should be told that if there are significant changes to their resume, it should be updated immediately. A new resume for all will be required every January, signed and dated. The Community Development Department would be responsible for making sure the resumes are updated on an on-going basis.

### **Legislative Funding**

City Manager Kutney advised that Sam Wagner with Sunrise Consulting, the City's lobbyist, has indicated that the final budget recommendations were voted on by the legislature and have been sent to the Governor. He advised of City projects currently being considered for funding:

Cascades Reuse - \$150,000

Lamar Water Plant - \$400,000

### **MSBU – Storm debris removal**

Referencing a comment made by Council Member Battista at a previous Council meeting, City Manager Kutney reported that the City does their own storm debris removal. The question is whether the City is subsidizing the County through the MSBU that is passed on to City residents. City staff met with County landfill staff and the County informed the City that the amount is a little over \$7,000 and the County has no problem giving that amount to the City as long as an interlocal agreement is in place. The City Attorney and City staff will be working on that agreement.

### **COVID-19 Pandemic**

City Manager Kutney thanked Fire Chief Snowberger for all his work as it relates to representing the City in emergency management. The City Manager advised that it is his opinion that government needs to be available for the citizens in time of turmoil. City operations continue at status quo at this point but as conditions change, the City will follow guidelines at the State and Federal level and recommendations from the Health Department. Staff is looking at operations and will be submitting a plan to him in the event operations need to be scaled back. Human Resources is tasked with looking at employee issues such as leave accrual for reduced or alternate shift work.

### **Sales Tax/Sur-charge on Infrastructure**

City Manager Kutney advised that the City and County staff have met and the County is in the beginning stages of considering a sales tax initiative to go forth on the 2020 ballot. The Council would need to decide if they are in support of this sales tax. The City Manager advised that he was provided information from the State, through County Administrator Jeff Rogers, that the City would be eligible for \$537,000 per year for

seven years. Qualifying infrastructure projects related to new growth would need to be determined. This would be further discussed at a Council meeting in April once more information is received from the County's standpoint. If Council is in support, there may need to be an ordinance and interlocal agreement.

### **Interviews for vacant positions**

The City Manager advised he would be very busy over the next few weeks as he has scheduled many interviews for the vacant positions.

### **Annual Volunteer Reception**

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 issues and the meeting the recommended goal to "social distance" and avoid gatherings, it was decided to postpone the Annual Volunteer Reception planned for April 30, 2020.

### **STAFF UPDATES (IF ANY)**

#### **Code Enforcement Report – January, 2020**

#### **Code Enforcement Report - February, 2020**

Mayor Bernardini questioned the ongoing code case listed on both January and February reports regarding the trailers parked in front of the residence at 616 Kinnear Drive. The Mayor stated that it appears there is a business being conducted at this residence. The City Manager stated that he could further check with Code Enforcement on this.

## **ITEMS BY COUNCIL**

### **COUNCIL MEMBER ERHARD**

She thanked Council for allowing her to attend.

#### **COVID-19 Pandemic**

Council Member Erhard supported the City being proactive on this issue and encouraged efforts made to keep all informed. She further expressed desire that the website be kept up to date on this issue.

Council Member Erhard expressed concern that City Manager Kutney, who was on a cruise the week of March 9, 2020, was not tested before disembarking the ship and was not required to be self-quarantined. She wondered if management should set the example by taking this self-quarantine precaution. City Manager Kutney confirmed that the passengers were not advised of anything related to COVID-19 testing, either by the cruise ship personnel or at Customs. City Attorney Stuparich stated that she and the Fire Chief would look at this closer.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER KEMERER**

#### **COVID-19 Pandemic**

Council Member Kemerer strongly encouraged employees to use their sick time and stay home if they are sick. He felt that if employees come to work sick, they should be sent home, even if it means jeopardizing operations. Council Member Erhard and Mayor Bernardini voiced agreement. City Manager Kutney advised that this would be addressed.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER BATTISTA**

#### **Revision of Street Closure Form/Discussion with PRM Regarding City's Insurance Covering Special Events/Changes to Overall Street Closure Plan During Special Events**

Council Member Battista felt that this is a low priority and felt that there are other projects of higher priority such as interviewing for the vacant positions. Council Member Kemerer voiced agreement.

#### **COVID-19 Pandemic – Discussion of Cancellation of events**

Council Member Kemerer mentioned upcoming events scheduled in the City of Brooksville. City Council and staff discussed the Governor's discouragement of the gathering of people and how it affects the Parks Departments and events in the City.

The following was discussed:

- Notify all organizers that the City may be cancelling events
- Possibly suspend activities and events approved through City sponsorship or street closure requests through May 30, 2020
- Abor Day event would be cancelled
- Suspend large group parties and activities at the park as best as possible. Dawn Dash in April and NOMI walk in May would have to be rescheduled.

- Organized sports at the Park, such as tournaments with people gathered in the stands, could be cancelled
- Outside park functions such as trails and basketball courts will remain open at this time based on recommendation from Parks and Recreation professionals
- ECI has closed their facilities
- A list could be prepared of parks' events
- Organizers of a tournament scheduled later in March are meeting with their leadership to see if it will be cancelled.

**Motion:**

Motion was made by Battista and seconded by Kemerer to suspend existing, and to not issue any future, street closures permits through May 30, 2020. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion:**

Motion was made by Brayton and seconded by Battista to direct staff to contact all event organizers within the Park system and organizers of events City-wide that the facilities are subject to closure through the end of the year. Motion carried 4-0. *[Note for record: It was determined at this point that Council Member Erhard was no longer attending the meeting by phone]*

Council Member Kemerer supported notifying organizers that Council will be discussing whether or not issue a cancellation of events order at the first meeting in April.

**VICE MAYOR BRAYTON**

Recycling is March 18<sup>th</sup>. The Vice Mayor supported looking at the recycling program further during the budget discussions.

**MAYOR BERNARDINI**

**COVID-19 Pandemic**

Mayor Bernardini expressed concern about the safety of citizens and employees. He strongly agreed that employees should not be coming to work sick and would hope employees would not take advantage of that.

Mayor Bernardini he apologized to Council that due to a misunderstanding of who should attend, he failed to attend a meeting of a committee that was formed to work on COVID-19 related issues and responses.

Mayor Bernardini requested hand sanitizer at the reception desk at City Hall, on the Council dais and anywhere else where there is employee and public access.

### **Legislative Funding**

The Mayor wondered if the Governor's office should be contacted and asked not to veto the City's legislative funding requests. He stated that he did not have a problem reaching out on the City's behalf if so desired by Council. Council Member Battista agreed. Council Member Kemerer offered it could be coordinated through Sunrise Consulting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

s/JENNIFER J. BATTISTA

Jennifer J. Battista, CMC, City Clerk

Attest: s/Joe Bernardini

Joe Bernardini, Mayor

APPROVED 5/4/20