

**CITY OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 17, 2020
MINUTES**

Before calling the meeting to order, Mayor Edge announced housekeeping items including silencing cell phones, the teleconferencing information and an abbreviated agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Edge called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Council Member Flores led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL Present: Mayor Edge, Vice Mayor Jordan, Council Members DeVries, Flores and Freeman.

Staff Present: City Manager Reynolds, City Attorney Mall, City Clerk Cent, Administrative Services Manager Paetz, Associate Planner Kennedy

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

City Manager Reynolds asked if anyone joining the meeting by telephone had public comment. There was no response. Fran Fitzharris, of the San Juan Business Committee and local business owner of Brewery Twenty Five had a handout and spoke in support of a decision regarding what businesses should be closed during the local emergency. She thanked the Council for what they were doing and that her business would comply.

3. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approve Affidavit of Posting Agenda

B. Adopt Ordinance 2020-01 Adding Section 28 to Title 5, Banning the Use of Certain Plastics and Establishing a Sustainable Food Service Ware and Retail Bags Ordinance

C. Approve Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 18, 2020

D. Approve Resolution 2020-09 Accepting Storm Water Retention Basin/Public Improvement for the Copperleaf Subdivision (Edenbridge L.P.)

E. Waive Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions on Tonight's Agenda Beyond Title

Vice Mayor Jordan made a motion to approve all items in Item 3. Consent Items. Second by Council Member Flores. Motion passed 5-0.

4. PRESENTATIONS, INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Coronavirus Update from the San Benito County Public Health Department

David Westrick, of San Benito County, made a presentation. The County has a shelter in place declaration. The exceptions are the same as the other seven surrounding counties. He provided handouts regarding the declaration and situation. He answered questions from council members including what businesses were exempt, and how it applied to restaurants and bars. City Manager Reynolds gave a definition of shelter in place and exceptions, and a list of essential businesses. Council Member DeVries asked about the shelter in place being a lockdown. San Benito County Sherriff Captain Eric Taylor

responded that a lockdown is not the intention but to maintain social distances. There is an enforcement component as violation is a misdemeanor. The Sherriff's Office is looking for compliance. City Attorney Mall reported that by declaring an emergency tonight, some powers and authority are granted to the City Manager. There was no public comment.

At this point in the meeting, Council Member Flores made a motion to continue all remaining items on tonight's agenda except Item 5. D. to next month's Regular Meeting on April 21, 2020. Second by Vice Mayor Jordan. Motion passed 5-0.

5. ACTION ITEMS

D. Approve Resolution 2020-10 Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Emergency

City Manager Reynolds presented his report. This resolution is standard procedure and provides authority to act. Costs can be tracked for FEMA and State OEM reimbursement. City Attorney Mall reported the resolution provides immunity from certain actions. She also reported the proclamation must be revisited in 60 days and renewed if necessary. There was no public comment. Council Member Flores made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-10 Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Emergency. Second by Council Member DeVries. Motion passed 5-0.

City Manager Reynolds reported there were two special events that provided public comment; the two special events will postpone and not cancel their events. One is the Fiesta Run and the other is the Rib Cook-Off. San Benito County Sherriff Captain Taylor reported now that a local emergency had been declared, the San Benito County District Attorney will prosecute hoarding and price gouging seen anywhere in the County. Council Member Freeman asked if the proclamation gave the City the ability to forego evecions. City Attorney Mall responded that the Governor's executive order regarding evictions could be enforced to stop evictions and an additional declaration was not needed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Jordan made a motion to adjourn. Second by Council Member Flores. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M.



Mary Vasquez Edge, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laura Cent, City Clerk