

**City Council Special Meeting
May 22, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Special Meeting was called to order at 2:03pm by Mayor LeBarre.

2. FLAG SALUTE:

The flag salute was led by Mayor LeBarre.

3. ROLL CALL:

City Manager Adams conducted roll call.

City Council: Darlene Acosta (by phone), Robert Cullen (by phone), Carlos DeLeon (by phone), Mayor Michael LeBarre (by phone), Mayor Pro Tem Carlos Victoria (by phone).

City Staff: City Manager Steven Adams, (by phone) Roy Santos (by phone).

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

None

5. REGULAR BUSINESS:

- A. Consideration: Position on County Pursuit of a Variance to Allow Re-opening Business More Quickly in the State's Roadmap, Stage 2

City Manager Adams introduced this item. County CAO Charles McKee is here today. City Manager let him speak.

Mr. McKee stated that the challenging situation we are in puts us in a position to try to figure out the best balance between the public safety health for people who have the coronavirus, the unemployed, and those who have businesses that are threatened at this time. What is the best balance is hard to answer.

In the beginning it was the shelter in place order. Initial the states approach was looking at a containment but there was no way to do a complete shutdown. The idea was to have as few people out traveling as needed. Statistics show that Monterey County is in a better position than other counties our size.

Now they are looking at it as what is a risk and what are the risk factors associated with any particular to acts or businesses. The Governor as 4 stages. We had Stage 1 and now we are in phase 1 of Stage 2. Hunting guides were brought up as well as faith communities asking why not them. Currently those are the state regulated. Hair salons are not included in this phase. Hotels and lodging are in Stage 3, Religious institutions is in Stage 3. Not happening with the variance. Have the businesses been posting signage and making their costumers feel safe. Currently Monterey County loosening up has not had the numbers go up.

He feels that if we open up and try to reimpose restrictions would be detrimental to the well being of the community and hard to get compliance. He feels that the opinion of the City's and the businesses of the city's is critical to reopening.

They are planning to present to the Board of Supervisors Tuesday.

Council member Cullen supports this.

City Manager stated that Businesses have to get on the website and apply saying they comply with what the state is asking to reopen their business.

Council member Acosta is frustrated for the businesses.

Mayor Pro Tem wants forward motion so businesses can open.

Council member DeLeon supports this. He feels that if we have a better way to enforce this, noting what we can enforce, he would like to promote getting tested as well.

Action: Motion to 1) determine whether to support on the County's pursuit of a variance to allow re-opening of businesses more quickly in the State's Roadmap, Stage 2; and 2) direct staff to prepare, and authorize the Mayor to sign, a letter submitting the position to the County by DeLeon and seconded by Victoria.

AYES: Council Members: Mayor LeBarre, Mayor Pro Tem Victoria, Acosta, Cullen and, DeLeon

NOES: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor LeBarre adjourned the Special meeting at 2:52pm

Approved Signatures:



Mayor, Michael LeBarre
City of King



City Clerk, Steven Adams
City of King