

Town of Pomona Park - Town Council & Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 14, 2020 (6pm) This meeting was held VIA TELECONFERENCE. Call 1-888-204-5987 Access Code is 3674654#

Mayor Joseph Svingala presided. Council present were Dr. Robert Warren, Lynda Linkswiler, CarrieAnn Evans, Patricia Mead, James Griffin, and Victor Szatkowski were all present. Attorney Sherar, Clerk Donna Fontana, Treasurer Kelly Krupski were all present.

Mayor Joseph Svingala led in the pledge to the flag. Mayor Svingala called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed everyone.

The Clerk read the meeting ground rules for a virtual public meeting. The Mayor asked all council members if they were comfortable with all the notice provisions set forth and these uniform rules of procedures we have established for this virtual meeting? The Mayor took a roll call and it was unanimous that all council approved.

Meeting Minutes:

The Mayor requested approval of the Minutes from 3/10/2020. Councilman Griffin made a Motion for approval of 3/10/20 minutes and it was seconded by Councilman Warren, unanimous to approve, Councilwoman Evans was absent at that meeting and did not vote.

Guest Speakers:

None

Unfinished Business:

Treasurer Kelly gave the financial review. There were no questions. The Mayor announced that Donna and Kelly working from home is very different but everything that needs to be done, just about is being done. Things like Code Enforcement we will get back into later. They have been doing a hell of a job.

Councilwoman Mead held the April Quarterly Tree Board meeting. During the month of February they have had a palm tree removed at Town Hall, a pine on Pleasant and the oak at the Community Center. Its dry so keep your trees watered.

Public Hearing items:

Mayor Svingala read the Proclamation for Health Emergency Closures.

Ordinance 2020-4 Amend the Town Charter Section 5.09 to increase the amount of expenditures without competitive bidding. This was the second reading of this Ordinance. Councilman Griffin made a Motion to adopt this Ordinance, seconded by Councilwoman Mead. The Ordinance passed on the second reading with 4 in favor and Councilmen Warren, Szatkowski and Councilwoman Evans opposed. Attorney Sherar suggested that if you want it to pass or don't want it to pass at the ballots, you need to campaign for or against it to get the word out to the voters.

New Business:

Clerk Fontana explained that we received the estimate for the topographic survey for the CDBG grant adult playground at Mayor John C. Bergquist, Jr. park. The price is \$4500.00. **Correction, it was \$4200.00.** Councilwoman Mead made a Motion to approve the Clerk to hire R.D. Surveying and spend the \$4500 for the survey. It was seconded by Councilman Warren. The Mayor thought it was a lot of money for that and he doesn't foresee any grants being issued because of all the money the country is putting forth in this health crisis. The Clerk explained that if this is something the Council wants to include in the grant, whether it opens next week or next year, we have to do the survey in advance. You cannot wait until it opens because then you won't have time to get the survey and have the Engineer price it out for the grant application. Attorney Sherar confirmed that this is correct we would still be able to use the survey. The Motion passed with 6 yays and 1 nay (Councilwoman Evans).

There was open discussion regarding the Covid-19 situation. Councilman Warren told everyone to take it seriously and wear masks and don't go out unless you have to. Councilwoman Evans said that animals are now identified as carriers so please do not let your animals kiss you on the face. They swabbed 3 dogs in Korea and found the virus and it has been found in a tiger. Councilman Warren thanked Donna for bringing the council into the 21st century with the updated telecommunication and it was a good meeting. The Clerk explained that I have been sending a lot of virus communications out to the Council in order for you to be able to answer questions posed by the citizens. The numbers have been rising in Putnam. I've put some information on our website and on our Facebook page. **The Mayor gave compliments to Councilwoman Evans for always watching the beach cameras and the beach park overall.**

The Mayor said he was very relieved how this worked out tonight for this first teleconference. Thank you to everyone. Please stay safe, do what you're supposed to be doing. We have nothing at this point let's do our best to keep it that way. I instructed maintenance to put up our American flags on 17 and leave them up until instructed to take them down. In God we trust and that's how we will make it through this thing.

Questions and comments. – None

Upcoming events: Were reviewed from the packet.

Councilman Griffin made a Motion to adjourn. Adjourned 6:39 pm.



Two handwritten signatures in blue ink are present. The top signature is "Joseph Bergquist" and the bottom signature is "R.D. Fontana".