

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS**

SPECIAL MEETING – July 1, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in Special Session at 5:02 p.m., Wednesday, July 1, 2020, via video conference, Mayor Murphy presiding. As a result of the State of Emergency in California due to the threat of COVID-19 and pursuant to Governor Newsom Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020, all members of the City Council attended via video conference.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members: Doby, Grose, Hasselbrink,
Mayor Pro Tem Chirco, Mayor Murphy

Absent: Council Members: None

Present: Staff: Chet Simmons, City Manager
Michael Daudt, City Attorney
Emeline Noda, Recreation Manager
Ron Noda, Acting Deputy City Manager
Eric Nunez, Chief of Police
Windmera Quintanar, MMC, City Clerk
Ron Roberts, Orange County Fire Authority Chief
Chelsi Wilson, Executive Assistant/Benefits Coordinator

City Manager Simmons announced that in light of the Governor's newest restrictions that would impact the City's businesses, in his role as Director of Emergency Services he would be adopting a Resolution to allow businesses to use their outdoor space with a Temporary Use Permit (TUP). The process would be administered through Development Services and would assist businesses during this time. Each applicant would be considered on a case by case basis to endure there are no ADA or access concerns.

3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. 2020 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular (Recreation)
This report recommended actions related to 2020 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular.

City Manager Simmons introduced the item. Acting Deputy City Manager Noda provided an updated overview of the 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular.

City Manager Simmons summarized the following points:

- Expenditures for the event do not impact the General Fund
- Event is paid for by sponsors and proceeds from other events

- Approximately \$10,500 to cancel the event (\$4,000 fee to the fireworks company, signage, ads, sound system, etc.)
- Summary of the Governor's newest recommendations regarding restaurants and gatherings
- If event is cancel due to COVID-19 related issues, funds could be recovered through the State process for emergencies
- Provided a COVID-19 update regarding Orange County being on the State's watch list
- Summary of surrounding cities cancellation of events
- Support for the event
- Concerns regarding Los Angeles County being shut down, excess people in the neighborhood, unknown amount of attendees, COVID-19 safety related issues
- Process for getting onto the base including timing and health screenings
- Potential to repurpose approximately \$20,000 of the \$61,000 funding dedicated to the event
- Support from the Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB) General for continuing the event
- Support from the community to continue the event
- Reasonable and prudent advertising regarding safety measures
- COVID-19 safety related concerns and how the City is addressing them with health screenings, social distancing, requiring attendees to stay in their cars, and requiring masks
- Possibility of postponing the vent to a later date

Mayor Murphy advised the action tonight was to proceed or to cancel. He asked the Council Members for the preliminary stance on the event and advised he would support the event.

Mayor Pro Tem Chirco and Council Member Doby stated they would not support the event.

Council Members Grose and Hasselbrink stated they would support the vent.

Motion/Second: Murphy/Hasselbrink

Carried 3/2: The City Council directed staff to proceed with the 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular as previously planned.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Murphy	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Chirco	No
Council Member Doby	No
Council Member Grose	Aye
Council Member Hasselbrink	Aye

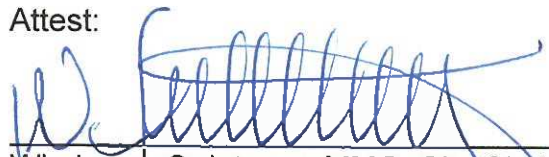
Council Member Doby clarified her vote was no reflection on Staff and she believes Staff is doing amazing work.

Council Member Hasselbrink stated this was a new experience for all of Council and she looked forward to moving on with what is best for the city as a whole.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 6:02 p.m.


Richard D. Murphy, Mayor

Attest:

Windmer Quintanar, MMC, City Clerk