THE CITY OF ST. JOHNS

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

March 25, 2020

The meeting was duly posted. Mayor Spence Udall called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

**ROLL CALL:**  Mayor Spence Udall, Vice Mayor Tony Raykovitz, Councilman Tony Lindsey, Councilman Ken Whiting, Councilman Chuck Humpherys, Councilman Danny Price, and Councilman Joe Greene.

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Paul Ramsey and City Clerk Cindy Lee.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** No public were allowed in (due to the COVID-19). We had all public call in on the conference call. On the phone: Celeste Robertson, Daryl Greer, Amber Shepard, Jennifer Archibald and Timothy Hinton.

**INVOCATION:** Chuck Humpherys

**PLEDGE:** Danny Price

**CALL TO THE PULBIC**

* No public wish to speak.
* City Manager Paul Ramsey did comment that the EMS has been assisting with helping stock shelves at the local stores. We have the VIP’s and EMS assisting with the food bank. We appreciate staff for assisting people with what they need. In most cases the community have been graciously understanding and assisting one another. He would like to commend the staff and the public who have helped in various ways.

**SPECIAL AGENDA**

1. **Public Hearing on the proposed Alternative Expenditure Limitation – Home Rule option.**

Timothy Hinton commented in the 1970’s a lot of the counties, especially in California, property taxes were raising rapidly. They were rising because government wanted to spend more money. In order to prevent this in Arizona the voters put on the ballet a constitutional amendment that restricts cities and counties from spending more per capita than they did in fiscal year 1980 with the adjustment for inflation. What the City spent in 1980 per person, adjusted for inflation, is what the limit would be. Home Rule is an election that goes on the ballet for the primary in August where the residents of St. Johns can vote to consider the limit to allow the City Council to pass a budget and whatever is in the budget is the expenditure limit. Home Rule has passed every 4 years sense 1981. Without the Home Rule there would be a significant decrease in the amount of money that the City could spend a year. The City spends about $5.4 million a year.

1. **Request approval; “Resolution of the City of St. Johns Proposing an (Extension of the) Alternative Expenditure Limitation.”**

**MOTION**

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Tony Raykovitz to approve the Resolution for the Alternative Expenditure Limitation as stated. Motion was second by Councilman Joe Greene.

**Motion passed 7-0**

1. **Discussion regarding the Coronavirus.**

Mayor Udall commented that when he put this on the agenda it was unknown as to what was going to happen. There is a lot more going on than what he has ever expected. There have been some rumors going around and they would like the City to make a stop of those rumors. One thing that is happening in the City of Tucson is pressing the Governor to declare the entire state to shelter in place. As far as he knows Governor Ducey has not entertained that yet. It sounds like Tucson is the only one pushing for this.

The other thing that Mayor wanted to discuss is people that need help with their basic needs. He is not sure how we tackle this. If we find people that need things, we need to get the message out to the churches or any citizens that might be able to help.

The stores are stocked for the most part. That can change really quick. We need to help the people that need help and support the businesses in town.

The food bank had a lot more people this last hand out of commodities. We will see what the amount of food will be with the next scheduled delivery commodities. Jennifer Archibald commented that the National Guard did contact her asking if she needed any help distributing the commodities. She declined the offer because they have enough volunteers.

Mayor Udall commented that if the food bank needs more volunteers to please contact him or the City and he would get more volunteers.

We can also use Facebook, if any one may has a need of help, call the City or the Police dept.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

* Army Corp of Engineers did contact him and they are finalizing the settlement agreement and the City will have to hold training on the 404 permit. City Manager Ramsey will invite other communities to this training. We will set the date after the restrictions have been lifted from the COVID-19.
* Manager Ramsey has had a couple of meetings about the Broadband. They are pushing hard to have the communities come together. They are working to get the feasibility study going.
* Seventh Phase if having trouble getting his equipment trucked here out of California because of increased regulation in California. They recommended getting a trucking business that is already in California.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

* Executive session to discuss Planning & Zoning Commission.
* Selection of Planning & Zoning Commissioners.
* Ordinance to change the terms for the Planning & Zoning Commissioners; 3 Commissioners for 3 years and 2 Commissioners for 2 years.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Tony Raykovitz to adjourn the meeting. Motion was second by Councilman Tony Lindsey.

**Motion passed 7-0**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.**

Spence Udall, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Lee, City Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the forgoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special meeting of the St. Johns City Council meeting held March 25, 2020. I certify that the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

Cindy Lee, City Clerk

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