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Meeting Minutes Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

1:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street

Special Meeting

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Peters called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: 2 - Bernie Norvell and Lindy Peters

1. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

City Manager Miller briefly summarized the new order from the County Public Health officer, noting that it does not have an end date, stating "until further notice." Committee Members Peters and Norvell, Police Chief Naulty and City Manager Miller took turns responding to questions called in by members of the public.

Questions:

1. Are locals allowed to walk on the Coastal Trail? *No, you can walk the neighborhood near your residence, but not in any of the parks, which are closed.*
2. Are we going to get more ventilators and staff in the hospital? *The Hospital Foundation recently received funding to purchase extra ventilators.*
3. People who are independent gardeners who work alone are not essential workers, but is there any reason why they cannot continue to work? *Recommend that they take the more conservative approach and not work, but the County has a COVID call center number to more specifically answer what people can and cannot do, 707-234-6052.*
4. Why is the Coastal Trail closed? If you are walking or biking by yourself, why is that an issue? *A determination was made by the Mendocino County Public Health Official to close all public parks and recreation areas to better combat the COVID-19 disease. The City is going to follow the County order as regulated by County health officers. The whole purpose is to prevent the spread of the virus. Being on the Coastal Trail is not sheltering in place.*
5. There are a lot of "Stay Out of Fort Bragg" handmade signs being put up everywhere and our essential drivers are getting scared, and one of them was even chased down by a local. Is there something we can do about that? *People could be civilly and*

criminally liable if they do those acts. Non-essential travel does violate the order and none of that travel should be happening. The City has asked local hotels not to advertise. Normally Fort Bragg would welcome visitors and tourists, but that does violate the order and City staff are strongly trying to get that message out there.

6. The order makes it sound like seniors can only leave their homes for medical purposes only. Can they leave to go get groceries, go to the Post Office and get exercise? Can you please clarify the order regarding seniors. *Seniors are ordered to stay in their place of residence unless they are going to get medical attention. If you want more clarification, call the County call center at 707-234-6052.*
7. What is the City going to do about hotels that violate the no-visitors order and let people who are not essential workers stay? *Police Department personnel went to every hotel in the city and served them with the Executive Order from the Health Department explaining the orders to them. Exclusions allow for medical staff, emergency workers, construction workers like PG&E and AT&T. Pretty much everyone is complying with the order. If the City receives new calls regarding violations, the violators will get served with the new orders.*
8. What are you doing to restrict people of a younger age like teenagers from going out? Some are saying they don't care and are still going out and about. What are you doing, if anything, about that? *Police Department is enforcing that. For example, a couple of kids who were in the skate park were asked to leave. If you are in groups or if a complaint is called in, Police Officers will deal with you. If you're a minor, your parents will be called. Officers will ask you to disperse and shelter in place.*
9. What about food delivery for seniors? *Call 707-964-0200 and we will try to help you get groceries.*

2. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Peters adjourned the meeting at 1:56 PM.