



**Wednesday, April 29, 2020**  
**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Special Meeting of the South Pasadena City Council was called to order by Mayor Joe on Wednesday, April 29, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., The meeting was held in a virtual setting, with all Councilmembers attending via Zoom, and the meeting being broadcast via the Council Chamber, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

A brief introduction was provide by Mayor Joe of the current protocols in place in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present via Zoom:** Councilmembers Cacciotti, Khubesrian, and Schneider; Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud; and Mayor Joe.

**Absent:** None

**City Staff Present:** City Manager DeWolfe; City Attorney Teresa Highsmith (in attendance via Zoom); Fire Chief Riddle; Police Chief Joe Ortiz; and Chief City Clerk Ayala were present at Roll Call.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Robert Joe led the Pledge of Allegiance. After the Flag Salute, Mayor Joe acknowledged and expressed support for National Denim Day (which is observed today).

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**1. Briefing by Senator Portantino on State Efforts in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic**

Mayor Joe introduced Senator Anthony J. Portantino.

State Senator Portantino, Representing the 25<sup>th</sup> District (also in attendance via Zoom) provided an update on the various State efforts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kristi Lopez, District Representative for Senator Portantino's Office (also in attendance via Zoom), provided a brief update on the City's concerns regarding Caltrans housing.

City Council had questions and comments for Senator Portantino regarding: communicating community's concerns or ideas to his office; concerns regarding food supply; State assistance for municipalities; traditional work model changes; 2020 Census; nation's healthcare system; etc.

Senator Portantino responded to City Council's questions and comments accordingly.

No public comment was submitted for this item.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **2. South Pasadena COVID-19 Update**

Fire Chief Riddle provided a PowerPoint presentation providing a City update and a Fire Department update; Police Chief Joe Ortiz provided a verbal update for the Police Department; and City Manager DeWolfe provided an update on recovery and reopening.

City Council had comments and questions regarding: Fire Department service calls in response to COVID-19 at the South Pasadena Care Center and calls in response to other incidents; COVID-19 reported cases within the City; testing of staff at the Care Center; Rose Bowl Stadium COVID-19 testing site; unhoused residents; delivery service apps; observations over the public wearing face masks; observations on cars speeding in the City; thanked Police Department for efforts in assisting a local homeless man; vacant property protocols; etc.

Councilmember Khubesrian requested that an update be provided on the City's reopening strategies.

Chief City Clerk Ayala announced public comments received and read them aloud.

#### **Public Comment:**

- Chris Bray – Asked City Council to move toward evidenced based public policy and trace sites of COVID-19 infection.
- Same Burgess – Asked various questions regarding COVID-19 related cases in the City.
- Maryliz Burns – Expressed concerns and need for notifications for the COVID-19 outbreak.

Chief Riddle provided information in response to the public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Joe asked residents to continue to shop locally in an effort to support local businesses.

Mayor Joe announced the regular City Council Meeting on May 6. There being no further business, at 9:05 p.m. Mayor Joe adjourned the meeting.

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