

City of Delray Beach

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Minutes - Final

Saturday, May 9, 2020

11:00 AM

Special Meeting: Discussion of Phase 1 Reopening at 11:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

City Commission

Mayor Shelly Petrolia
Vice Mayor Ryan Boylston
Deputy Vice Mayor Shirley Ervin Johnson
Commissioner Adam Frankel
Commissioner Juli Casale

Pursuant to Section 3.12 of the Charter of the City of Delray Beach the Mayor has instructed me to announce a Special Meeting of the City Commission to be held for the following purposes:

Mayor Petrolia called the special meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

The roll call was taken by the City Clerk.

Present: 5 - Mayor Shelly Petrolia, Deputy Vice Mayor Shirley Ervin Johnson, Commissioner Adam Frankel, Vice-Mayor Ryan Boylston, and Commissioner Juli Casale

Others present were:

George Gretsas, City Manager
Lynn Gelin, City Attorney
Katerri Johnson, City Clerk

SP.1. [20-322](#) Discussion of Phase 1 Reopening

Sponsors: City Manager Department

Attachments: [Requests from BusinessNon-Profit Group for Phase 1 Re-Opening of Delray Beach](#)
approved

Yes: 5 - Mayor Petrolia, Deputy Vice Mayor Ervin Johnson, Commissioner Frankel, Vice-Mayor Boylston, and Commissioner Casale

City Manager Gretsas shared that it will not be necessary for the Commission to vote on wearing masks as it has been the consensus so far to continue to strongly urge the residents to wear them versus being mandated to wear them.

City Manager Gretsas gave a presentation on the Emergency Management System from the State as well as Palm Beach County. The information below is the highlights of the presentation:

Today, Governor Ron DeSantis signed Executive Order 20-120, which will be effective May 11, 2020. The order brings Palm Beach County in line with other areas in Florida and will bring some changes to the City of Delray Beach.

While the Governor's order provides a gradual loosening of restrictions, the State, County and City continue to strongly urge all persons to adhere to CDC guidelines including isolation for 14 days following travel,

avoiding gathering in groups of 10 or more people, wearing facial coverings when outside your home and practicing social distancing.

CHANGES TO DELRAY BEACH PER THE GOVERNOR'S ORDER:

RESTAURANTS

Restaurants and food establishments may allow on-premises dining so long as they adopt appropriate social distancing measures and limit their indoor occupancy to no more than 25 percent of their building occupancy. Outdoor dining is allowed with appropriate social distancing, which requires maintaining a minimum of 6 feet between parties, only seating parties of 10 or fewer people and keeping bar counters closed to seating.

BARS & CLUBS

Bars, pubs and nightclubs may continue to provide food and drinks for take-away only, the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption continues to be prohibited.

RETAIL STORES

Stores may operate at no more than 25 percent of their building occupancy and must abide by the safety guidelines issued by the CDC and OSHA.

SALONS & BARBER SHOPS

Barbershops, cosmetology salons and specialty salons may reopen but must adopt appropriate CDC guidelines.

CULTURAL BUILDINGS

Museums and libraries may open at no more than 25 percent of their building occupancy. Interactive exhibits and child play areas must remain closed.

ELECTIVE SURGERIES

Surgical centers, dental offices, orthodontic offices, endodontic offices or other healthcare practitioners may perform elective surgical procedures.

FITNESS CENTERS

Gyms and fitness centers will remain closed.

VACATION RENTALS

The prohibition on vacation rentals remains in effect.

CHANGES SPECIFIC TO PALM BEACH COUNTY:**PALM TRAN**

Palm Beach County will require all Palm Tran riders to wear facial coverings, effective May 11. Palm Tran continues to limit the number of passengers on buses to ensure social distancing.

PALM BEACH COUNTY BEACHES

Palm Beach County voted to open all private and public beaches effective no later than May 18. Social distancing procedures will remain in effect.

Commissioner Frankel made the following statements:

- Inquired about the Economic Task Force Team that City Manager Gretsas is part of.
- Asked Mr. Gretsas about the openings of fitness centers and gyms.
- Stated that he was in favor of wearing masks if the businesses so desire.
- Would be in favor of allowing tables on the sidewalks at some point, if there is ADA compliance.

Deputy Vice Mayor Johnson made the following statements:

- Concerned about wearing face coverings as opposed to wearing masks.
- A resident that was wearing a face covering versus a face mask was told that he could not enter the financial institution that he was going into.
- Wanted it to go on record that she was in favor of mandating masks.
- There should be a time limit on how long someone can park for free during Phase 1.
- Not in favor of the parklets or Old School Square.
- Not in favor of Valet Parking.
- Not in favor of reductions in the valet queue fees.
- Not in favor of using City funds or CRA funds for handwashing stations in front of establishments.
- Not in favor of closing Atlantic Avenue.
- Feels more testing is needed.
- Not in favor of expanding seating in front of other people's business.

Vice Mayor Boylston made the following statements:

- Strongly in favor of wearing masks and strongly suggest the same for the City's businesses.
- In favor of free parking but limited time parking.
- Expressed concerns regarding valet parking safety and would like a

medical or professional opinion since valets would be touching one car after another.

- Expressed concern about the parklets not becoming social gathering places.
- Not in favor of the Green Market at this time.

Commissioner Casale made the following statements:

- In favor of wearing masks.
- Concerned about the liability of the parklets and not in favor of them during this phase.
- Not in favor of opening Old School Square for the Green Market.
- Not in favor of the valet parking.
- Thought there should be tables allowed on the sidewalks if the walkway was not being obstructed.

Mayor Petrolia made the following statements:

- In favor of urging businesses and residents to wear a mask.
- In favor of free parking except for along A1A.
- Not in favor of the parklets.
- Currently not in favor of valet parking.
- Not in favor of opening Old School Square as it would be an enforcement nightmare.
- Agree to close Downtown Atlantic from Swinton and Federal due to the current restrictions.
- In favor of more testing sites and more PPE's if business operators needed them.

CRA Executive Director, Renee Jadusingh stated that there was inquiry about whether the Commission would consider opening the Connect Transit in Phase 1. Some businesses utilize this for their employees to get to and from work.

Mayor Petrolia was not in favor of this. Vice Mayor Boylston expressed that he would not be in favor of reinstating the Connect Transit at this time. Deputy Vice-Mayor felt the Commission should consider opening the Connect Transit at this time to allow those employees a way to get to their jobs.

Commissioner Casale inquired about the cost of hand washing stations. Mayor Petrolia suggested that if it is reasonable/feasible, it would make sense to have hand sanitizing stations. City Manager Gretsas shared with the Commission that he received a memo that the cost of hand sanitizing stations would be around \$200 - \$300 per station and if the Commission desires to move forward with this, he will need a budget amount from the Commission for implementation of these stations within the designated

areas within the City.

City Manager Gretsas asked Mayor Petrolia for clarification on whether there was a consensus in favor of the hand sanitizing stations.

- Mayor Petrolia would support the hand sanitizing stations.
- Vice Mayor Boylston would support the stations as well.
- Commissioner Frankel expressed that the Commission needed more information on the hand sanitizing stations.
- Commissioner Casale would support the hand sanitizing stations but agreed that more information was needed.
- Mayor Petrolia recommend to the City Manager Gretsas that the hand sanitizing stations be put on hold for now.

Mr. Gretsas wanted it on the record that the Commission approved seating on adjacent sidewalks and back areas if there is room to pass and provided it is ADA compliant.

To recap, the following is how the Commission voted for each item:

- 1) **Yes, Free Parking, but limit the time**
- 2) **No**
- 3) **No**
- 4) **No**
- 5) **No**
- 6) **On Hold**
- 7) **No**
- 8) **No**
- 9) **Yes / No**

SP.2. Public Comments

Mayor Petrolia asked if public comment could be taken first as it could provide helpful insight to their discussion. The following public comment was given:

Nancy Chanin, 200 NE 2nd Avenue, Delray Beach, stated that she was in support of wearing masks and thanked the Commission for all that they have done. She also asked for clarity on what the requirements were for wearing masks because it was very confusing.

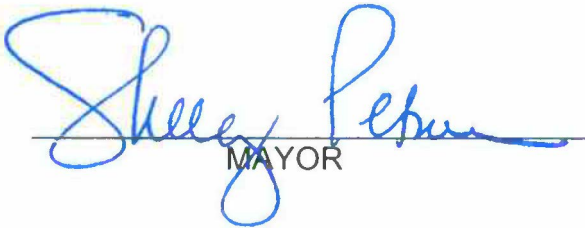
There were no other public comments submitted.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Petrolia adjourned the meeting at 12:23 p.m.



City Clerk

ATTEST:



MAYOR

The undersigned is the City Clerk of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, and the information provided herein is the Minutes of the May 9, 2020 Special City Commission Meeting held on May 9, 2020, which Minutes were formally approved and adopted by the City Commission on June 2, 2020.



City Clerk

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