

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
UPLAND CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 31, 2020**

**OPENING**

The special meeting of the Upland City Council was called to order by Mayor Debbie Stone at 5:01 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Upland City Hall.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Debbie Stone, Council Members Janice Elliott, Ricky Felix, Bill Velto, and Rudy Zuniga

Staff: City Manager Rosemary Hoerning, Interim City Attorney Steven Flower, and City Clerk Keri Johnson

This City Council meeting was conducted pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 which suspended certain requirements of the Brown Act. The Mayor was present in the City Council Chamber and all other Council Members and staff were present via videoconference. The public was able to observe the meeting via live stream on the City's website or on the public access cable channels. Public comment was taken via telephone.

**2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Steve Bierbaum, requested that the council postpone the meeting scheduled for April 1, 2020 until the public could attend the meeting in person to provide comments.

Lois Sicking Dieter, requested that the council postpone the meeting scheduled for April 1, 2020 until the public could attend the meeting in person to provide comments and spoke in support of the Council approving the urgency ordinance adopting emergency regulations related to residential and commercial evictions.

Joseph Diaz, stated that he was experiencing economic difficulties due the COVID-19 pandemic and requested the Council approve the urgency ordinance adopting emergency regulations related to residential and commercial evictions.

Brinda Sarathy, spoke about the effects the COVID-19 pandemic is having on the community and stated support for the approval of the urgency ordinance adopting emergency regulations related to residential and commercial evictions. She further requested that all City council meetings be postponed for all non-emergency issues until the public could attend the meetings in person.

Kathryn Di Stefano, requested that City Council meetings that are held during restrictions on public gatherings be limited to priority actions that affect residents, the employees, and the community. She further requested the Council postpone meetings with contentious topics.

Justin Cadzow, requested that the council postpone the meeting scheduled for April 1, 2020 until the public could attend the meeting in person to provide comments.

Albert Pattison, requested that the council postpone the meeting scheduled for April 1, 2020 until the public could attend the meeting in person to provide comments. He further stated that the decision will carry many impacts to the City and its residents.

Greg Bradley, requested that the council postpone the meeting scheduled for April 1, 2020 until the public could attend the meeting in person to provide comments.

Bob Cable, stated that the City needs to continue to conduct business during the emergency and make life as normal as possible for the community. He further requested that City Council meetings continue to be scheduled as usual.

Ray Musser, requested that the City Council not delay important decisions and to move forward with scheduled meetings.

Peter Mastro requested that the council postpone the meeting scheduled for April 1, 2020 until the public could attend the meeting in person to provide comments.

Matthew Livingston, stated that his company is in the process of construction on a project on 9th street, townhome project and requested the City Council move forward with meetings.

Kris Gooding, urged the council to postpone all non-essential council meetings until the emergency has passed and the public can attend to provide input.

Natasha Walton, requested that the council postpone all non-essential council meetings until the emergency has passed and the public can attend to provide input and to postpone public hearing such as Bridge and other developments until the public can attend in person.

**3. CONSIDERATION OF URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UPLAND CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS RELATED TO RESIDENTIAL AND/OR COMMERCIAL TENANT EVICTIONS**

City Manager Hoerning presented the staff report, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

There was discussion on the financial impact that the safer at home orders are having on residents, and businesses, the regulations included in the proposed ordinance, and the timeframe for the moratorium.

Interim City Attorney Flower addressed key points in the Governor's Executive Orders and also addressed that the proposed ordinance would place a moratorium on the initiation of evictions.

Motion by Councilmember Elliott to read by title only and adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 1937 adopting emergency regulations related to residential and commercial tenant evictions and declaring the urgency thereof, seconded by Councilmember Velto, and carried with Councilmember Felix opposed.

**4. UPLAND - CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) EMERGENCY AND ACTIONS**

City Manager Hoerning presented the staff report, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office. Assistant Fire Chief Birchfield and Police Chief Goodman provided a brief report on public safety actions that have been taken by the County Fire Department and the Upland Police Department relative to the COVID-19 emergency.

Emergency Services Officer Ray provided an update on emergency operations and county activities related to the COVID-19 emergency.

This item was for information only and no action was taken.

**5. CITY MEETINGS DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY**

City Manager Hoerning presented the staff report, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

There was discussion on the possibility of postponing public hearings for thirty days, the potential impacts of delaying city business and Council meetings during the emergency, and concerns with videoconference/teleconference meetings.

Councilmember Elliott made a motion to postpone, for up to the thirty days, the two public hearings scheduled during the month of April. There being no second, the motion failed.

There was further discussion regarding the process for conducting meetings via videoconference/teleconference.

Motion by Councilmember Felix to move forward with the regularly scheduled City Council meetings, seconded by Councilmember Zuniga, and carried with Councilmember Elliott opposed.

Motion by Councilmember Velto to move forward with the regularly scheduled Planning Commission and committee meetings, seconded by Councilmember Felix, and carried unanimously.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Stone adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council is April 13, 2020.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
Keri Johnson, City Clerk

**APPROVED:**

April 13, 2020