

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS 455 North Rexford Drive Beverly Hills, CA 90210

MINUTES

JOINT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MEDICAL ADVISORY TASK FORCE

May 4, 2020 3:00 p.m.

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It is recommended that public written comments be submitted to the City Clerk's office by 12:00PM on the meeting date. Public comments will also be taken during the meeting when the topic is being reviewed by the City Council.

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The Joint Special Meeting of the City Council and the Health and Safety Commission in conjunction with the Medical Advisory Task Force was called to order by Mayor Friedman at 3:00pm.

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A. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmember Gold, Councilmember Bosse, Councilmember Mirisch, Vice Mayor Wunderlich, and Mayor Friedman Absent: None

Mayor Friedman held a moment of silence in honor of those who have lost their lives to COVID-19.

B. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. TELEPHONE CALL-IN: 310-285-1020 To listen to the meeting, please call: (916) 235-1420 or (888) 468-1195 (participant code 105093) Members of the public are invited to listen to the meeting telephonically, watch a live City webcast or BHTV Spectrum Channel 10.
 - 1. Ronald Richards re: COVID-19 tracking and tracing
 - 2. Michael Newmann re: COVID-19 data
- 2. AUDIENCE COMMENTS. Any person wishing to address the City Council on any matter on the agenda may do so at this time through email. However, the State open meetings law (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.) prohibits the City Council from providing a detailed response or acting upon any item not contained on the agenda posted 72 hours before a regular meeting and 24 hours before a special meeting. If you wish to address the City Council at this time, please email the City Clerk prior to or during the meeting. Please limit your email remarks to three (3) minutes in length that can be read, so others may have the opportunity to participate as well.

Public Comments Read into the Record:

- 1. Sandy Murphy, General Manager of The Beverly Hilton Hotel re: Employee testing and testing locations in Beverly Hills
- 2. Steve Mayer re: Testing for returning employees

Mayor Friedman, Vice Mayor Wunderlich, Councilmember Bosse and Councilmember Gold, expressed their disappointment with interviews conducted by Councilmember Mirisch that they said resulted in negative media coverage regarding elective medical procedures in the City. Councilmember Mirisch responded.

C. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Update on COVID-19 Testing and Contact Tracing This item will provide information on COVID-19 testing and contact tracing.

Policy and Management Analyst Cynthia Owens provided a brief staff report regarding testing in Beverly Hills as well as contact tracing in the Los Angeles County. City Attorney Laurence Wiener responded to Mayor Friedman's question regarding dentists being subject to State and County guidelines.

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2. Discussion of COVID-19 Related Information Between the City Council, the Health and Safety Commission, and the Medical Advisory Task Force This item allows an opportunity for the Medical Advisory Task Force to discuss and provide information to the City Council, the Health and Safety Commission, and the Community on what they should know about or be aware of regarding the evolving situation of COVID-19.

Mayor Friedman asked Dr. Jonathan Fielding to provide a situational overview and analysis of the current situation in Los Angeles County and the State of California.

The Health and Safety Commissioners and members of the Medical Advisory Task Force responded to questions posed by the Councilmembers on:

- Information being given by the State and County
- Higher number of cases in Beverly Hills compared to other cities
- What Beverly Hills should be doing at this time
- Extensive diagnostic and anti-body testing's influence on the planning and reopening process
- Whether the City should invest in making the tests more widely available in Beverly Hills beyond what would be available to the county
- The City's readiness to move forward to Phase 2 of the Governor's re-opening plan
- Cosmetic surgeries
- Screening/taking temperatures and self-monitoring
- Policies and procedures that should be mandated before patients are treated
- Possible County protocols pertaining to office buildings before re-opening occurs
- Additional risk factors that the City should know about
- Specific policies and information that can be used to support and guide the reopening process as it is happening
- Heightened safety protocols for buildings that contain medical practices
- Testing capacity within Beverly Hills and the surrounding areas
- Testing of the general population and people who are not displaying symptoms of the virus
- Update on the situation at Cedars-Sinai

Mayor Friedman thanked the members of the Medical Advisory Task Force, the Health and Safety Commissioners, and his fellow Councilmembers for their participation at today's meeting.

D. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Friedman, with the consent of the City Council, adjourned the meeting at 4:30pm.

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PASSED, Approved and Adopted this 19th day of May, 2020

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