

**SPECIAL CALL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020 10:00 A.M.  
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Young opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL**

The City Clerk called the roll.

**3. CITY ATTORNEY REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ADVICE ON ONE MATTER IN LITIGATION:**

**A) Private Attorney – Client Session to discuss settlement negotiations and strategy relating to litigation with regard to the case of John Doe v. City of Vero Beach – 3120200A000031**

Mayor Young announced the purpose of the private meeting and said that the estimated length of time for the session will be 45 minutes. He gave the names of the people that would be attending the meeting, which include: Mayor Tony Young, Vice Mayor Laura Moss, Councilmember Robbie Brackett, Councilmember Joe Graves and Councilmember Rey Neville **ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager, Monte Falls; City Attorney, John Turner; Outside Counsel, Mark Levitt and Karen Perkins, Court Reporter from the Firm of Indian River County Court Reporting, LLC

**4. PRIVATE ATTORNEY – CLIENT SESSION COMMENCES**

Mayor Young closed the meeting at 10:01 a.m. for the client session.

**5. MAYOR REOPENS PUBLIC MEETING AND ANNOUNCES TERMINATION OF ATTORNEY-CLIENT SESSION**

At 10:45 a.m. the meeting reconvened in the public.

There was no public comment made at this point.

Mr. John Turner, City Attorney, told the court reporter that her duties were now over and he would give her future instructions regarding the transcript.

**6. COUNCIL GIVE DIRECTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

Vice Mayor Moss made a motion to put this matter on the April 7<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting for discussion under City Attorney's Matters. She was told that a motion was not necessary.

The City Attorney will put this matter on the April 7<sup>th</sup> agenda under his matters.

Vice Mayor Moss withdrew her motion.

Mayor Young asked the City Manager to give an update on CoronaVirus

Mr. Monte Falls, City Manager, reported that a decision was made to close the beaches effective as of the normal closing time on Sunday. He said that was the safest thing to do and the decision was made in the abundance of caution. He said that the Beach Parks are still open and reiterated what is closed is the public access to the beaches. The lifeguards are there to convey that message to the public. He said we will all get through this together. He pointed out in the meeting today where the Council has been separated and the City is doing their part with social distancing. They are taking this very seriously. They will continue to do business at City Hall with some changes made. So far there have been eight (8) confirmed cases in the County.

Mayor Young commented on all the information that they are receiving from the community and the media regarding the virus. He thanked Vice Mayor Moss for putting an update on the virus to be heard at the beginning of all of their Council meetings. It is important that the community is aware of what is going on. He said that day to day business will continue to take place.

Mayor Young reported that they had two (2) new Police Officers sworn in this morning, which he said was great to watch. He brought grapefruits in for the Council and staff wanting everyone to stay healthy. He commented that if someone wants to attend church services that there are a lot of churches live streaming. He said that individually they are all contributing. The City Manager is acting in unison and coordinating with the County who are working in unison and coordinating with the State. He agreed that there is fear out there, which is understandable. Every day the five (5) Councilmembers think of what should be done to ensure the safety of this community. There is talent and dedication in this community and the public will be fine.

Vice Mayor Moss thanked the Charter Officers and the Police Chief for a great job that they are doing. She encouraged everyone to stay within the guidelines and noted that they are all practicing social distancing.

Mr. Graves hoped that they get the beaches open as soon as possible. He asked about the playground equipment and how often it is being wiped down.

Mr. Falls said that they have been doing their normal cleaning procedures, but he would look into having the playground equipment wiped down every day. He said they will get the beaches back open as soon as they can.

Mr. Neville commented on the number of people that were at the beach this weekend and that the parking was overflowing. It reminded him of the fourth of July.

Mayor Young commented on the beautiful weather that they had this weekend and everyone wanted to take advantage of it. He said that it is up to each individual to protect the person next to them.

Mr. Brackett expressed how important it is that everyone continue working together and get the beaches back open as soon as they can.

Vice Mayor Moss stated that they all love and appreciate this place and once this has passed they will love and appreciate it even more.

Mayor Young thanked the Fire Department and the Indian River County Hospital for all of their dedication as they continue with the journey of this virus. He knows that it will be a long effort on everyone's part, but they all need to continue to work "smart."

Today's meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

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