

**MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020**  
**SARATOGA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

Mayor Miller called the virtual Special Meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. via teleconferencing through Zoom.

Prior to Roll Call, the Mayor and City Clerk explained that the City Council meeting was conducted pursuant to provisions of the Brown Act and a recent Executive Order issued by the Governor to facilitate teleconferencing to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission at public meetings. Ordinarily the Brown Act sets strict rules for teleconferencing. The Governor's Executive Order has suspended those rules. The Executive Order does require that public agencies continue to notice meetings in advance and provide members of the public an opportunity to observe the meeting and offer public comment. The City Council met all of the applicable notice requirements and the public is welcome to participate in this meeting. Information on how the public can observe the meeting and provide public comment was also shared. Additionally, the Mayor explained that votes would be taken through roll call.

**REPORT ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

City Clerk Debbie Bretschneider reported that the agenda for this meeting was properly posted on July 22, 2020.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Howard A. Miller, Vice Mayor Mary-Lynne Bernald,  
Council Members Yan Zhao, Rishi Kumar.  
(All Council members appearing via teleconference.)

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** James Lindsay, City Manager  
Richard Taylor, City Attorney  
Crystal Bothelio, Assistant City Manager  
Debbie Bretschneider, City Clerk  
(All staff members appearing via teleconference)

City Clerk Debbie Bretschneider confirmed all City Council members could hear the meeting proceedings and no doubts were expressed regarding the identities of the individuals representing themselves as City Council Members.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

Urgency Ordinance Temporarily Suspending the Operating Hour Limitations for Rotating Emergency Shelters

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the urgency ordinance temporarily suspending the operating hour limitations for rotating emergency shelters established in City Code Section 15-23.020(k).

Crystal Bothelio, Assistant City Manager, presented the staff report.

Mayor Miller invited public comment on the item.

The following people requested to speak:

Eric Swanson spoke

Nathan Winterhof spoke

No one else requested to speak.

BERNALD/ZHAO MOVED TO **APPROVE THE URGENCY ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE OPERATING HOUR LIMITATIONS FOR ROTATING EMERGENCY SHELTERS ESTABLISHED IN CITY CODE SECTION 15-23.020(K)**. MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: MILLER, BERNALD, ZHAO, KUMAR. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

BERNALD/ZHAO MOVED TO **ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING AT 5:14 P.M.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: MILLER, BERNALD, ZHAO, KUMAR. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.