

TOWN OF LA JARA

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Special Meeting
Date: March 18, 2020

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Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the La Jara Town Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Zaragoza at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Zaragoza.

Roll Call

Present were Trustees: Valdez, Gallegos, Cummings, Mayor Pro Tem Medina and Mayor Zaragoza.

Absent: Trustee Espinoza arrived at 7:30 p.m.

A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Trustee Gallegos moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Medina.

Vote Results: Ayes: Trustees Valdez, Gallegos, Cummings, and Mayor Zaragoza

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Coronavirus (COVID 19) Response Plan: Mayor Zaragoza begins with the response plan to discuss protecting the Town's employees against the virus so employees can continue to operate in a safe manner. Mayor Zaragoza stated that a meeting was conducted with employees including the maintenance dept., and Officer Campos, who represented the police dept. Trustee Gallegos asked about PPE Gear, if masks and gloves were available. Town Clerk Pagnotta responded that she had placed an order with Quill. Mayor Zaragoza also mentioned that the office is closed to the public as of March 17, 2020. Mayor Zaragoza explains that if an employee does test positive for COVID 19 an employee will be allowed 14 days of paid leave without using their personal sick leave. Anything past 14 days will result in the employee using their personal sick leave.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Medina moved to have 14 days of paid sick leave granted to an employee if tested positive for COVID 19 without an employee using their own accumulated sick time.

Seconded by Trustee Cummings.

Vote Result: Ayes: Trustees Valdez, Gallegos, Cummings, Mayor Pro Tem Medina and Mayor Zaragoza.

Nays: None

Motion: Carried

Citizen Comments

Joseph Baroz explains that the schools are closed until April 20, 2020. Meals will continue to be provided for students during the school shut down with 3-4 different meeting locations to pick up meals.

Mayor Zaragoza explains that the Senior Center is shut down but meals will continue to be disbursed. Mayor Pro Tem Medina asked if the Easter egg hunt was going to be canceled. Mayor Zaragoza said that the egg hunt would be canceled. The board asked if the remainder of the Town events would be canceled also. Trustee Gallegos comments that perhaps events can be postponed to a further date. Mayor Pro Tem Medina asked if the election would still be held. Town Clerk Pagnotta responded that yes, the election would indeed go on for it is mandated by statute. She explained that absentee ballots were available and all precautions would be met to keep ourselves and the public safe. Mayor Zaragoza comments that a PSA regarding the election should be sent to the radio and newspaper so the community is aware of the upcoming election.

Mayor Zaragoza moves on to explain the Town Manager's separation agreement which entails Dennis Koenig's medical insurance will be paid until the end of March 31, 2020, all property that belongs to the town will be turned in and two board members would sit down and do a desk audit with him before his retirement departure.

Mayor Zaragoza mentions that the Planning & Zoning meeting is coming up on March 24, 2020 and the meeting will continue as planned. Trustee Gallegos asks about Joe Trottnr's health and is concerned that he is a high-risk individual, therefor it would be best that he stays home. Mayor Zaragoza agrees stating his health is poor and he would more than likely need to be replaced in the near future.

The board discusses alternative ways of conducting meetings. Mayor Zaragoza thinks Skype would be a good option. Trustee Gallegos thinks that a bigger room to conduct a meeting would also be a good idea. Mayor Zaragoza agrees with Trustee Gallegos. Mayor Zaragoza asks Town Clerk Pagnotta about posting town meetings on the town website, Pagnotta replies she will look into it. Mayor Zaragoza moves forward with meeting with Marty Reynolds to discuss the lagoons and chemicals. Town Clerk Pagnotta mentions that Maintenance Supervisor Herrera is having issues with the lagoon's tests. Pagnotta mentions that perhaps they should give Marty Reynolds a call to see what his opinion is regarding options for the lagoons.

Trustee Espinoza arrived at 7:30 pm.

Resolution 2020-3

An Emergency Resolution of the Town of La Jara Declaring a Local Disaster

Motion: Trustee Valdez moved to approve Resolution 2020-3 Emergency Resolution, seconded by Trustee Gallegos.

Vote Results: Ayes: Trustees Valdez, Gallegos, Espinoza, Cummings, Mayor Pro Tem Medina and Mayor Zaragoza.

Nays: None

Motion: Carried

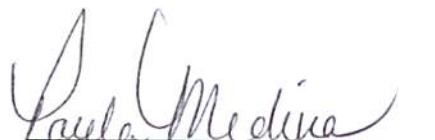
Adjournment:

Mayor Pro Tem Medina moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by


Town Clerk - Shawn Pagnotta




Mayor / Mayor Pro Tem