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TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Town Council Chambers
1314 11th Street, Parker AZ 85344
Friday June 19, 2020 3:00 PM

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT:

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CALL THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER 3:00 pm

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL: Mayor Dan Beaver, Vice Mayor Hooper Council Member Karen Bonds, Council Member Frank Savino, Council Member Marion Shontz. Council Member Randy Hartless and Council Member David Lucas.

Other Staff Present: Town Manager Lori Wedemeyer, Town Clerk Amy Putnam, Director of Public Works Steve Ziegler, Chief of Police Michael Bailey, Library Manager Tracy McConnell, Jennifer Alcaida Payroll/AP, Director of Community Development Nora Yackley, Senior Center Director Darla Tilley.

Others Present: John Gutekunst, Fred Nelson, Allen May, Judith Maye, David Plunkett, Ray Cornelius, Tammy Thorn, Lorrie Muriel, Frank Vidrine.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

If you wish to address the Council during this meeting, please read and fill in the information on the "Call to the Public" form and hand it to the Town Clerk. Please limit your comments to a maximum of **3-minutes**.

There were 2 calls to public at the meeting. It is noted by Mayor Beaver that there were several public comments submitted online and through email prior to the meeting and these have been provided for each council members review.

1. Judi Maye-Ms. Maye thanks the council for the opportunity to speak, she thinks the Town has done an excellent job of social distancing and taking care of one another. She feels that wearing a mask should be a personal choice. She notes the measures that various businesses have taken throughout the town. She thinks that within the town there has been an excellent record of staying safe.
2. Fred Nelson-Mr. Nelson notes that he has brought with him various numbers as related to other towns and counties regarding cases. He also notes that he has a list of town/cities that have passed mask ordinances. He notes that he goes into Walmart an nobody is wearing a mask and the many visitors that we have from California. He feels that everyone should be required to wear a mask.

PURPOSE:

1. Discussion And Possible Action Regarding The Matter Below:
 - a. Recommendations Regarding Face Masks In Public Spaces and/or Businesses During The Coronavirus Pandemic.

Mayor Beaver opens up the floor for council discussion. CM Bonds notes that governor Ducey did not make a decision one way or another regarding the use of face masks. She notes the important need to make sure your following guidelines such as social distancing, staying home, and not gathering with large groups of people, she states everything she has heard supports personal choice. CM Shontz notes that we have covid, it is here and we have community spread. She notes that individual businesses have the right to require customers to wear a mask while shopping in their business. She notes that the state has left it up to local mayors and council's to make these decisions on asks. She notes that many businesses have already implemented many measures to keep customer safe. She notes the increased testing that has been taking place in town. She shares the current numbers for our area. She asks Chief of Police if he or his officers know what a good mask looks like. She asks what happens when someone says they can't wear a mask due to health concerns. She asks if that is the proper way to use our law enforcement resources. She notes people are making a conscious decision to wear or not wear a mask. CM Savino notes that if you have compromised family members you should choose to protect them by wearing a mask, He also feels this is a personal decision. CM Hartless feels that the mandate for masks is an overreach. He notes that if a business or office wants to do so in order to protect customers and employees then they have that right. He agrees that this would be a waste of resources for our police department. VM Hooper feels that if we mandate it we would not be able to enforce it so what is the point of putting such a mandate in place. He agrees with CM Hartless and CM Shontz regarding businesses making the choice. He feels that council should strongly recommend the wearing of masks. CM Lucas agrees with the other members of council. Mayor Beaver agrees with the others. He feels this is a matter of personal choice. He notes the various people that he reached out to and the vast majority of people that he spoke with felt that the council should not mandate the wearing of masks. He again highly recommends wearing of masks. If you feel you are in a situation that is uncomfortable or you feel is unsafe, then wear a mask. This is a personal decision. VM Hooper reminds people that if you are feeling sick then you should stay home.

MOTION: Town of Parker Council strongly recommends everyone wears a mask and practice social distancing guidelines.
BY: CM Hartless
SECOND: VM Hooper
VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

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ADJOURN: 3:35 PM

Approve



Dan Beaver, Mayor

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