

City of Port Orford
City Council Special Meeting
In the Gable Chambers / Virtual participants
Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.

Mayor and Council	Present	City Staff	Present
<i>Pat Cox, Mayor</i>	X	<i>CA Ginsburg</i>	X
<i>Gary Burns</i>	X	<i>Shala Kudlac, City Attorney</i>	Excused
<i>Tim Pogwizd, President</i>	X	<i>John Isadore, Public Works</i>	Excused
<i>Lorrin Kessler</i>	X		
<i>James Garratt</i>	X		
<i>Carolyn LaRoche</i>	X		
<i>Greg Tidey</i>	X		

Others Present: Rossi, Suess/Gurnee, Steve Lawton, Karen Phips, Travis Ealson, Tom Calvanese, Jen Bailey, Rowland Willis, Lisa Harrison, Tracy Powers

1. Call to Order

Mayor Cox called to order this Special Meeting of the Common Council on Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

2. Vacation Rentals: Lack of public comment was discussed. Public input is in the packet.

Councilor Kessler moved that the City of Port Orford immediately put in place a moratorium against allowing the establishment of any new vacation rental businesses (included an explanation) with Councilor Burns as second. ***Motion rescinded.***

Discussion: Councilor Garratt advised councilors that the motion was improperly formed. Motions are not supposed to contain self-explanation or reasoning. Motions are supposed to contain action and pertinent details of the action only. Councilor Garratt requested the motion be restated due to the explanation. He also would like a time frame for expiration of the moratorium and start time of the moratorium be included in the motion clearly defined. This motion would start the moratorium immediately, and that is not possible.

Councilor Kessler withdrew his motion and Councilor Burns withdrew his second. Councilor Kessler moved for the City of Port Orford begin the process to put in place a moratorium against allowing the establishment of any new vacation rental businesses with councilor Burns as second. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

Discussion: Process is discussed. Legal Counsel will be consulted after the meeting. Councilor Pogwizd received suggestions from the community of possibly contacting businesses that benefit from tourism and also need housing for employees for their opinion. He also suggested reaching out to vacation rentals that are already in Port Orford to make them aware of this process so they can be involved. Mayor Cox advised there will be a process with public hearings and meetings that will involve the public. The process will be with proper notifications. This meeting is to consider moving forward with the process.

4 Councilor Burns clarified to the council that the consideration is not necessarily to eliminate
5 vacation rentals but to possibly limit the number of vacation rentals to balance the benefits of
6 vacation rentals and still maintain the livability of the community.

7 Councilor Pogwizd stated the importance of defining vacation rentals. Motel rooms are short-
8 term rental just as a vacation rental is.

9 Councilor Garratt clarified this motion in an attempt to alleviate confusion. This motion is
10 not putting a moratorium in place today. This motion is to begin the procedure. He is
11 impatient with getting the gas tax on the agenda and feels the water issue is higher priority.

12 Councilor Garratt suggested this might be a land-use process. Legal Counsel Kudlac will be
13 contacted for clarification.


14 A mediator might be considered to attend meetings. There might have to be a workshop with
15 the Planning Commission.

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17	<i>Councilor Garratt</i>	<u>No</u>	<i>Councilor LaRoche</i>	<u>Yes</u>	<i>Councilor Burns</i> <u>Yes</u>
18	<i>Councilor Kessler</i>	<u>Yes</u>	<i>Councilor Tidey</i>	<u>Yes</u>	<i>Councilor Pogwizd</i> <u>Yes</u>

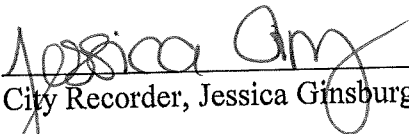
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3. **Adjourn:** There being no further business, Mayor Cox Adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Attest:



Mayor, Pat Cox



City Recorder, Jessica Ginsburg