



TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Vyto Adomaitis, Neighborhood Services and Public Safety Director

CONTACT: Dominique Samario, Management Analyst

SUBJECT: Resolution to Enter into Safe Parking Agreements

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 20-____ “Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta to Enter into Safe Parking Agreements with New Beginnings Counseling Center for Parking at the Goleta Community Center and Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park.”

BACKGROUND:

On March 17, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution 20-18, which ratified the City Manager’s emergency declaration and imposed attendant orders to close restaurants, gyms, movie theaters and the like; to prohibit the use of City play structures and exercise equipment in its parks; and to prohibit residential and commercial evictions based on nonpayment of rent due to loss of income from the COVID-19 pandemic.

On March 19, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 33-20, which ordered all residents to immediately heed current State public health directives to stay home, except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors and additional sectors that the State Public Health Officer may designate as critical to protect the health and well-being of all Californians.

On April 5, 2020 and on April 24, 2020, the Health Officer of Santa Barbara County issued health orders (Order Nos. 2020-7 and 2020-7.1), which, among other things, provided that all private and public campgrounds and recreational parks be closed, except that persons who certify that their recreation vehicle (RV) is their primary residence may be permitted to stay in the RV park.

As a result of the Governor’s Executive Order 33-20 and Health Officer Order No. 2020-7, the State and local governments have closed parking lots at parks and beaches, which allow for recreational vehicle parking. People living in their RVs with no other residence have very limited options to park and shelter in place in their RVs.

As the community responds to the stay at home order, many businesses and places of employment have had to close, which has significant impacts on employees, who may

experience potential loss of income, health care and medical coverage, and financial difficulty to pay for housing and basic needs. Such conditions have contributed to and exacerbated homelessness in Goleta.

The City currently has an agreement with New Beginnings Counseling Center (New Beginnings) to manage and operate an overnight Safe Parking and Rapid Rehousing Program (Safe Parking Program). This agreement has been in place since October 2011 to provide up to two RV parking spaces in a City-owned lot. The Safe Parking Program has successfully provided a place for individuals who reside in an RV to safely and legally park overnight.

DISCUSSION:

The City and New Beginnings are both concerned with the safety, health and welfare of the community. The two organizations were presented with the opportunity to provide a safe and sanitary place for people to park their recreational and standard vehicles in which they are living as their primary residence while complying with State and local orders to shelter in place and slow the spread of COVID-19. City and New Beginnings staff worked in conjunction to address needs that have arisen due to COVID-19 and expand the capacity of the City's Safe Parking Program (Attachment 1). Due to the time-sensitive nature of the needs being addressed, on April 29, 2020 under the authority of Emergency Order No. 20-03 (Attachment 2), the City Manager signed four agreements with New Beginnings to allow daytime and overnight parking at two City of Goleta parking lots.

This emergency expansion includes up to three RV spaces and 15 standard vehicle spaces between the two City-owned parking lots during both day and nighttime hours. The Safe Parking Program spaces in each lot have been selected by City staff. Safe Parking Program participants who will reside in City lots will be screened through the Megan's Law database and complete Live Scan background checks. In addition to these requirements, staff have ensured that social distancing and privacy requirements will be followed by participating vehicles. The parking layout included with the signed agreements also ensures any members of the public who may visit these public locations during the emergency order will be able to comply with social distance requirements when parking. Restroom facilities will be provided for any participants residing in standard vehicles and trash receptacles, drinking water, electrical outlet usage, and wi-fi access will be provided to all participants.

These agreements will expire at the end of the shelter-in-place orders that have been issued by Governor Newsom and the rescission of City's local emergency, whichever event occurs last in time. The safe parking program that was in place pursuant to the 2011 agreement with New Beginnings would resume at the expiration of the proposed agreements.

Staff is requesting that City Council ratify the City Manager's Emergency Order to Enter into Safe Parking Agreements in order to facilitate safe parking for those who live in their vehicles or RVs during the declared local emergency.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

There are no additional fiscal impacts from adopting the resolution, as services provided for Safe Parking participants are already being provided to the Goleta community and visitors, including access to public restrooms. Additional services provided are supplied by partner agencies including the County of Santa Barbara and EqualiTech.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council could choose to not ratify the Safe Parking Agreements Emergency Order, at which point the City Manager's order would become null.


Reviewed By:


Kristine Schmidt
Assistant City Manager

Legal Review By:


Michael Jenkins
City Attorney

Approved By:


Michelle Greene
City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 20-___ "Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta to Enter into Safe Parking Agreements with New Beginnings Counseling Center for Parking at Goleta Community Center and Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park"
2. Emergency Order No. 20-03 "An Emergency Order of the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Goleta to Enter into Safe Parking Agreements with New Beginnings Counseling Center for Parking at Goleta Community Center and Jonny D. Wallis Park"

ATTACHMENT 1:

Resolution 20-____ “Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta to Enter into Safe Parking Agreements with New Beginnings Counseling Center for Parking at Goleta Community Center and Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park”

RESOLUTION NO. 20-__

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA
TO ENTER INTO SAFE PARKING AGREEMENTS WITH NEW
BEGINNINGS COUNSELING CENTER FOR PARKING AT GOLETA
COMMUNITY CENTER AND JONNY D. WALLIS NEIGHBORHOOD
PARK**

The City Council of the City of Goleta does hereby find, order and
resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. For the reasons set forth in the order, Emergency Order 20-03 dated April 29, 2020 issued by the Director of Emergency Services to enter into agreements with New Beginnings Counseling Center to manage and administer safe parking programs at the Goleta Community Center and Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park is ratified.

SECTION 2.

The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of May 2020.

PAULA PEROTTE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

MICHAEL JENKINS
CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA) ss.
CITY OF GOLETA)

I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO
HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 20-__ was duly adopted by
the City Council of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the 5th day of
May 2020, by the following roll call vote of the City Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

(SEAL)

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

ATTACHMENT 2:

Emergency Order No. 20-03 "An Emergency Order of the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Goleta to Enter into Safe Parking Agreements with New Beginnings Counseling Center for Parking at Goleta Community Center and Jonny D. Wallis Park"

EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 20-03

AN EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY OF GOLETA TO ENTER INTO SAFE PARKING AGREEMENTS WITH NEW BEGINNINGS COUNSELING CENTER FOR PARKING AT GOLETA COMMUNITY CENTER AND JONNY D. WALLIS PARK

The Director of Emergency Services of the City of Goleta does hereby find as follows:

SECTION 1. Recitals.

A. On March 17, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution 20-18 which ratified the City Manager's emergency declaration and imposed attendant orders to close restaurants, gyms, movie theaters and the like; to prohibit the use of City play structures and exercise equipment in its parks; and to prohibit residential and commercial evictions based on nonpayment of rent due to loss of income from the COVID-19 pandemic.

B. On March 19, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 33-20, which ordered all residents to immediately heed current State public health directives to stay home, except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors and additional sectors as the State Public Health Officer may designate as critical to protect the health and well-being of all Californians.

C. On April 5, 2020, the Health Officer of Santa Barbara County issued Order No. 2020-7, which, among other things, provided that all private and public campgrounds and recreational parks be closed, except that persons who certify that their RV is their primary residence may be permitted to stay in the RV park.

D. As a result of the Governor's Executive Order 33-20 and County Health Order No. 2020-7, the State, County, and other local governments have closed parking lots at parks and beaches which allow for recreational vehicle parking, and people living in their RVs with no other residence have very limited options to park their RVs.

E. As the community responds to the quarantine, many businesses and places of employment have had to close, which have significant impacts on employees, who may experience potential loss of income, health care and medical coverage, and financial difficulty to pay for housing and basic needs. Such conditions have contributed to and exacerbated homelessness in Goleta.

F. The City and New Beginnings Counseling Center ("New Beginnings") are concerned with the safety, health and welfare of the community and wish to provide a safe and sanitary place for people to park their recreational and standard vehicles, in which they are living as their primary residence, in order to comply with State and local orders to shelter in place.

G. This Emergency Order is an exercise of the Director of Emergency Services' emergency powers as provided for under State law and Chapter 2.10 of the Goleta Municipal Code, is temporary in nature and is intended to provide temporary parking at the Goleta Community Center and Jonny D. Wallis Park so that people living in their recreational or standard vehicles can comply with State and local orders to shelter in place and slow the spread of COVID-19.

H. The City Council of the City of Goleta is not in session (and cannot immediately be called into session).

SECTION 2. The Director of Emergency Services hereby orders:

- A. The City may enter into agreements with New Beginnings to manage and administer safe parking programs at the Goleta Community Center and Jonny D. Wallis Park to benefit people living in their recreational or standard vehicle so that they can comply with State and local orders to shelter in place.
- B. This order will expire at the end of the shelter-in-place orders that have been issued by Governor Newsom and the rescission of City's local emergency, whichever event occurs last in time.

4/29/20 at 11:33 AM
Date and Time

Michelle Greene
Michelle Greene
City Manager &
Director of Emergency Services

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael Jenkins

Michael Jenkins
City Attorney