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Greetings from Virtual City Hall,

Gradually and prudently returning to a new normal of our lives will require more communication and discipline than our collective efforts to close and shelter in place. The State is moving through the Governor's Reopening Roadmap. Monterey County Health Officer Dr. Edward Moreno issued a supplement to the current Shelter-in-Place Order this morning allowing local businesses to conduct limited re-openings as Governor Gavin Newsom launches Stage 2 of his Reopening Roadmap.

Beginning Friday, May 8, 2020 certain retail businesses may begin providing curbside pick-up services to customers. Examples of such businesses include bookstores, clothing stores, florists, sporting goods stores and other over-the-counter retailers. In addition, manufacturing and supply chain workplaces supporting these businesses may open. Social Distancing Protocols must be followed in all of these settings. Members of the public may place orders online or via telephone only. Retailers are not allowed to display merchandise on sidewalks.

Other types of businesses, including shopping malls, dine-in services, hair and nail salons, movie theaters and more, remain prohibited from operating.

Business owners are advised to review State guidance to determine whether their establishments may reopen as well as operational practices, so that they may avoid enforcement actions. Information is available at <https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap/>.

“This Supplemental Order shows we have made progress in our fight against the virus. However, we must not let down our guard and must continue with our efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19,” said Dr. Edward Moreno. “With additional testing and contact investigations we will be on the alert for any rise in cases as well as hospitalizations. We will continue to review surveillance data and models in order to plan for the next steps.” The May 4 Shelter in Place Order, with supplement, remains in effect.

In our City Starbucks will reopen for take-out orders in Stone Creek Village, while Tarp's and the nail salon in Stone Creek will remain closed. City Hall will remain closed to the public with administrative staff working from home through most of May. We are reassessing weekly. Our goal continues to be to provide quality services to the public while keeping our small staff safe.

Please join me for a virtual coffee with the City Manager Tuesday May 12th at 6:00 pm to discuss questions you might have about the City and County's response to the pandemic, City operations, and important matters coming before Planning Commission and City Council in the near future.

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The State is now projecting a significant budget shortfall for next fiscal year, and Federal assistance to State and local governments is an open question. Council received a report Tuesday evening on how we plan to handle our near term budget shortfalls through the end of June. Staff has prepared the draft budget for the next two years and will share it with the Budget Committee next week. Staff will provide a status report at the May Council meeting and bring the two year budget to Council for approval in June. Based on what we know now, and thanks to prudent policy decisions by this and previous Councils, we will present a balanced budget to Council that does not dip into our economic uncertainly reserve.

The May 26th City Council meeting will include several agreements relating to the sunset of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority on June 30th, as well as the City's sign ordinance. Council will hold a Special Meeting in early June to discuss the City's General Plan Annual Progress Report.

You may see Ron working with PG&E and others to remove branches and dry grass as we prepare for the fire season.

Thank you all for your continued grace under pressure. A recent example of kindness in our community was this chalk art at City Hall recognizing the efforts of Kim and Karen. Thank you, Tara!

I appreciate hearing from our City Council and Planning Commission members, as well as residents and businesses as we work together to see our way through this pandemic.

Thank you, Dino

