



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
May 10, 2017 5:30 PM  
Training Room  
319 N. Douty**

**CALL TO ORDER JOINT MEETING:**

Mayor David Ayers called the joint meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

| Attendee Name     | Title          | Status  | Arrived |
|-------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| Martin Devine     | Council Member | Present | 5:30 PM |
| Sue Sorensen      | Vice Mayor     | Present | 5:30 PM |
| David Ayers       | Mayor          | Present | 5:30 PM |
| Francisco Ramirez | Council Member | Present | 5:30 PM |
| Justin Mendes     | Council Member | Present | 5:30 PM |
| Ajmer Nahal       | Commissioner   | Present | 5:30 PM |
| Angel Vee Galvan  | Commissioner   | Present | 5:30 PM |
| Savino Perico     | Commissioner   | Present | 5:30 PM |
| Richard Douglas   | Commissioner   | Present | 5:30 PM |
| Dennis Ham        | Commissioner   | Present | 5:30 PM |
| Travis Paden      | Commissioner   | Present | 5:30 PM |
| Michael Johnston  | Commissioner   | Present | 5:30 PM |

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Commissioner Galvan led the flag salute.

**PUBLIC COMMENT - JOINT MEETING:**

*Comments from the public are limited to items on the agenda (GC54954.3a). A maximum of five minutes is allowed for each speaker.*

Larry Thacker of Caliva is looking forward to working with the City to establish a regulatory program. Mr. Thacker commented that being too restrictive on the number of permits could prevent flexibility for the City as the industry grows and develops. He did support regulations that would require audited financial statements and not allow volatile extraction methods.

Lilian Koenig stated that she was interested in the Williamson Act and how that can be incorporated with farmers that may be interested in growing marijuana.

Randi Knott of Genezen stated their interest in limiting the number of premises rather than limiting the square footage of the facilities.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

### **A. Update, Discussion and Direction on the Proposed Cannabis Ordinance**

Community Development Director Darlene Mata provided a brief history of past discussions, objectives, and actions taken by the City Council. She also discussed the regulatory background in California. Ms. Mata highlighted key elements in the draft ordinance including 1) consistent with State requirements; 2) requires a valid State permit; 3) all businesses require a Commercial Cannabis Permit; 4) all employees require a permit and background check; 5) limits number of permits; 6) application/renewal process; 7) appeal process; and 8) allows establishment of fee by resolution of the City Council.

David McPherson of HdL Companies and City staff responded to questions and comments of the Planning Commissioners and City Council. Staff requested and received direction on the following issues:

- 1) Council provided consensus to limit to Heavy Industrial Zone.
- 2) Council provided consensus to allow Medical Cannabis only.
- 3) Council provided consensus to not allow outdoor cultivation and requested a definition for greenhouses.
- 4) Council provided consensus to not allow dispensaries and deliveries.
- 5) Council directed staff to have meetings with the industry to review and evaluate the method of solvent based extraction, then bring back a recommendation.
- 6) Council directed staff to have meetings with the industry to review and evaluate an appropriate number of permits that should be issued, then bring back a recommendation; Staff will also pull this policy out of the Ordinance and add it to a Resolution so that it will be more efficient if the Council chooses to modify it in the future.
- 7) Council provided consensus to create a full cost recovery in the permit fee.

Ms. Mata gave an overview of the application process and stated that more detailed procedures will be adopted by Resolution. She discussed the schedule and timeline to approve the proposed Ordinance, accept applications, and award permits. The Council also directed staff to provide a schedule for adoption of a tax measure for the November 2018 election.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Ayers adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gomez  
City Clerk