



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
February 21, 2018 5:30 PM
Training Room
319 N. Douty**

CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL SESSION:

Mayor David Ayers called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Martin Devine	Council Member	Present	5:30 PM
Sue Sorensen	Vice Mayor	Present	5:30 PM
Diane Sharp	Council Member	Present	5:30 PM
David Ayers	Mayor	Present	5:30 PM
Justin Mendes	Council Member	Present	5:30 PM

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Ayers led the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

*Comments from the public are limited to items listed on the agenda (GC 54954.3a). A maximum of **three minutes** is allowed for each speaker. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your city of residence.*

Larry Thacker of Caliva discussed the medical and recreational options for the cannabis industry. They would like the City to allow the manufacturing and distribution of adult use cannabis.

Rand Martin of Caliva discussed the recent changes by the State regarding cannabis. He stated that other cities are successfully approving taxes on medicinal and adult use. He also reiterated that the addition of adult use would have no impact on the community.

Jose Rivas of Premium Extracts also stated that adult use would make their business sustainable, and he requested that the Council change the ordinance to allow it.

Joey Joslin, Chamber of Commerce, supported Caliva's request to allow adult use in their business plans.

Kevin Nickell of Carvalho Construction also supported Caliva's request and believes it would create a positive result.

Kalish Morrow requested a one year moratorium on impact fees and to reduce other fees to help small businesses and to encourage infill.

Bob Ramos stated that he did not support the manufacturing of adult use.

Kenneth Olsen stated his opposition to a tax measure, but supported the cannabis industry for creating more jobs. He also supported the addition of adult use to the City's ordinance.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES WORKSHOP:

A. Review/Update of 2017 Accomplishments

City Manager Darrel Pyle provided an overview of the Goals, Mission, and Vision established by the Council for 2017. He also provided a copy of the City Council Protocol Operating Guidelines that were agreed by the Council at the last goal setting.

Police Chief Parker Sever provided an update on action items noting what had been completed and what is ongoing. He discussed the current status of an action plan regarding the homeless. If he was able to add an additional employee to his staff, he requested a PAL officer in order to expand the programs. Chief Sever also requested adding his project of moving the dispatch center downstairs and updating their equipment to the 2018 plan.

Fire Chief Chris Ekk stated that a report on paramedic services will be presented to the Council in the next month or two. He discussed the proposed staffing for the three fire stations and the status of vehicles for the department. If he was able to add an additional employee, he requested adding a third Battalion Chief. Chief Ekk also commented on his proposal to reorganize staff for coverage at the three fire stations. He also stated that he would like to replace a current vehicle with a laddertruck.

Public Works Director Lou Camara provided an update on the street lighting upgrade to LEDs. He also discussed the status of the grade separation at Grangeville for the rail underpass. Plans for the Courthouse renovation should be submitted by mid-March with construction taking place in the fall. If he was able to add an additional employee, he requested adding a fleet supervisor. Mr. Camara requested that the Veteran's Building and the East Lacey Blvd. Reconstruction projects be added for future action.

Utilities & Engineering Director John Doyel discussed the action items that are currently in progress. He stated that if given an additional employee, he would like to add a Project Manager to assist in engineering. For additional projects, Mr. Doyel requested adding the development of a sewer replacement program, water treatment projects, and storm basin improvements.

Community Development Director Darlene Mata provided an update on completed and ongoing action items. She presented a rendering of the vacant land next to Hidden Valley Park with Rodgers Road cutting through the property. Mr. Pyle explained the option of piping the ditch to expand the park all the way to Rodgers Road. The additional space could be used for tennis or basketball courts, and a parking lot. Ms. Mata stated that if she were permitted to add another employee, she would like another Code Enforcement Officer. As an additional project, she would like to include the expansion of LAFCO's sphere of influence.

B. Establish Priorities for 2018-2019

The City Council preliminarily identified issues that they would like the City to accomplish in 2018-2019.

Vice Mayor Sorensen listed Public Relations, recreation growth, and deferred maintenance on city properties.

Council Member Mendes listed homelessness, reducing business fees, and city owned property.

Council Member Devine listed reducing fees, homelessness, and city owned property and maintenance.

Council Member Sharp listed public engagement, city cleanliness, and best practices regarding transparency.

Mayor Ayers listed cannabis tax, protect/restore historical buildings, and funding sources.

The Council will revisit these choices at the end of Goals & Objectives to select their priorities.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Ayers adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gomez
City Clerk