



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCES COMMISSION

ACTION MINUTES

February 15, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

The Community Development and Resources Commission of Atwater met in Regular Session this date at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers located at the Atwater Civic Center, 750 Bellevue Road, Atwater, California; Chair Brice presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chair Brice.

INVOCATION: *The Invocation was given by Police Chaplain Mead.*

ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners Dash, Daugherty, Murphy III, Chair Brice
Absent: McWatters, Reed
Staff Present: Community Development Director McBride, Senior Planner Hendrix, Recording Secretary Waterman
Staff Absent: Police Chief Joseph, Interim Public Works Director Faretta

SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEMS: *None*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED OR AMENDED:

Commissioner Daugherty moved to amend the agenda to remove Ceremonial Matters in its entirety and remove item No. 4, Minutes and consider at the next regular Commission meeting of March 15, 2017 with a full quorum. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphy III, and the vote was: Ayes: Daugherty, Murphy III, Warchol, Brice; Noes: None; Absent: Dash, McWatters, Reed. The motion passed.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS:

Oath of Office for newly appointed Community Development and Resources Commission Member Warchol

Commissioner Warchol was sworn in prior to the meeting. This item was removed in its entirety.

Selection of Community Development and Resources Commission Chairperson

This item was removed in its entirety.

Selection of Community Development and Resources Commission Vice Chairperson

This item was removed in its entirety.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Notice to the public was read.

City Council Mayor Pro Tem Vineyard welcomed newly appointed Commissioner Warchol. Vineyard commented that he was attending tonight's meeting as a promise that he made, to attend the Commission meetings more frequently. He also reminded the Commissioners that they are held accountable by the public and held at a higher standard. He also reminded them Commissioners about their required annual filings.

No one else came forward to speak at this time.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: **None.**

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF:

Verbal Report Proposition 64 Ordinances

Interim City Manager/Community Development Director McBride welcomed newly appointed Commissioner Warchol. He provided Commissioners with information in their agenda packet that was received subsequent to the workshop held with the City Council on Proposition 64. He found a nice synopsis on Proposition 64 by a representative working for the League of California Cities, as well as a presentation being used by the League of California Cities that outlines the law and background on the allowing of local approvals for marijuana/cannabis. He stressed the time frame process and procedures that something like this involves.

DWIGHT LARKS, Gustine, spoke regarding his history of involvement in cannabis industry, from gathering signatures in original campaign in 1996 to current regulatory committee hearings at the State Capital. Municipalities in California are being allowed to decide if they want to be involved in this industry, and what rate of local tax, and what type of regulations municipalities want to enforce over the industry. He stated it is the largest, fastest growing industry in the US, predicting about \$1 Billion in tax revenue for the state, stressing that public education is the key to regulating this industry. He offered himself as a resource.

ZACK DRIVON, Attorney, Stockton, currently practicing local policy reform advocacy and consulting with members of the medical cannabis community making the transition from non-profit to state regulated commercial model. He spoke regarding initiative in Stockton regarding Prop 64 and regulatory standards. Bureau of Medical Cannabis regulation at the state level is looking to other states for guidance as to specific regulatory standards. There is a level of collaboration between local and state governments and the industry. His role is to help facilitate impact of commercial impact to the communities, safe access by virtue of mandated testing, promoting public safety, fund local safety entities and shift from reactive enforcement to compliance role. Thru the Track and Trade System that the state will be implementing, licensees under these different industry sectors will be mandated and required to deal with other licensees and will be on record with local government as well as Bureau of Medical Cannabis and will be heavily regulated. He discussed the potential economic benefit, stating Stockton adopted a sales tax that will be set between 3.5 and 5% and commercial industrial operators will be levied at 10% business license tax based on gross revenue.

COMMISSIONER MATTERS:

Comments from Community Development and Resources Commissioners

Commissioner Murphy III had no comments.

Commissioner Warchol stated he was happy to be appointed on the Commission.


Commissioner Daugherty welcomed newly appointed Commission Warchol.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.



Gary Brice, Chairperson



Lori Waterman, CMC
Recording Secretary