

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Huerta called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Huerta, Mayor Pro-tem Rodriguez, Councilmembers Walker, Torres and Santibañez

ABSENT: None

STAFF: City Manager Stanton, Community Services Director Steinmann, Chief Fresé, Commander Allen, Administrative Services Director Corgill, City Attorney Sullivan, City Clerk Rathbun

GUESTS: Eulogio Donato, Luis Garcia Lopez, Tony Acosta, Beatriz Diaz, Sergio Valderrama, Jose Vasquez, Gabriel Trujillo, Aaron Johnson, Jason Klein, Michael Tidwell, Stephanie Garcia, Yrma Rendon, Michelle Perez, Kaz Ajir, Nick King, Sal Palma

INVOCATION

Invocation by Pastor Earl Clements.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA REVIEW

No changes were made.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Eulogio Donato asked for the City Council's support for a march that they would like to have on March 13th in memory of Cesar Chavez.

Luis Garcia Lopez also asked for the City Council's support for the march.

Tony Acosta stated that he was here to ask for the Council's support for a Cesar Chavez March and to waive any fees associated with the march.

Beatriz Diaz stated that she supported the march for Cesar Chavez.

Sergio Valderrama stated that he was concerned about the utility billing and wanted to know why the City had not responded regarding his concern that he filed at the January 26th meeting.

Jose Vasquez stated his concerns regarding house parties that were happening and suggested that residents be required to get a permit. He also stated that he was concerned about the safety of the community because fights might break out during the parties.

Gabriel Trujillo stated that the march was a great idea and suggested that the Council have workshops regarding politics so that the residents could know the rules and conduct of public meetings.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A MOTION by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Torres to approve the consent items including Warrants #298315 through #298374 and Bank Drafts #1651 through #1663 in the amount of \$222,118.23 and Minutes of the February 9, 2016 City Council Meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

MAYORS PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION BY CHIEF OF POLICE FRESÉ REGARDING POLICE STAFFING

Chief Fresé gave a brief presentation regarding police staffing and the need for a detective and another sergeant. She also explained the different workshops that the police department would be hosting.

CITY COUNCIL – PUBLIC HEARING

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD AMENDING SECTION 2.20.010, PLANNING COMMISSION ESTABLISHED, TO REDUCE THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP FROM SEVEN TO FIVE MEMBERS ORDINANCE #516

Staff report was given by Community Services Director Steinmann.

Mayor Huerta opened the public hearing at 6:36 p.m.

No comments were received.

Mayor Huerta closed the public hearing at 6:37 p.m.

A MOTION by Mayor Pro-tem, seconded by Councilmember Torres to read by title only, second reading, and adopt **Ordinance #516, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Greenfield Amending Section 2.20.010, Planning Commission Established, to Reduce the Planning Commission Membership from Seven to Five Members”**. All in favor. Motion carried.

CITY COUNCIL – BUSINESS

ACCEPT & FILE – 2014/2015 AUDIT

Staff report was given by Administrative Services Director Corgill.

City Council accepted the 2014/2015 Audit.

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD APPROVING ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITY REGULATORY PERMIT PROGRAM RESOLUTION #2016-15

Staff report was given by Community Services Director Steinmann.

Mayor Huerta suggested that the permit be for 24 months; \$30 per square feet was too high and to have a development agreement with each business. He stated that this was an unknown industry and the City should do all it could to help make the business successful.

There was discussion among the City Council regarding having the permit valid 24 months instead of 12 months. City Attorney Sullivan stated that at any time if the use permit conditions of approval were not being followed, the permit could be revoked.

Aaron Johnson thanked everyone for their time on this issue. He suggested that the \$30 amount be lowered because it was too high and people might hesitate to come to Greenfield. He suggested the City include the manufacturing of volatile solvents and extraction methods. He also suggested that the Council consider adding more time for the permit and that more than one dispensary be allowed.

Gabriel Trujillo stated that he was from Greenfield and would do what was best for Greenfield and that there were a lot of new faces here regarding this matter.

Jason Klein encouraged the Council to do what was best for the City and stated that \$30 a square foot was too high to be competitive with the other cities.

Nick King stated that they were here to build a better City and push the City forward in the right direction.

Sergio Valderrama spoke against the marijuana regulatory permit and stated he would oppose all businesses that involved marijuana.

Beatriz Diaz stated that all permits go through a rigorous process.

Sal Palma addressed the issue regarding the \$30 per square foot and that the price might detour people from coming to Greenfield.

Councilmember Walker stated that he was totally against it. He stated that there were over 800 signatures gathered against it and that should say something even though the petition did not get approved. He also stated that it was all but the money.

Mayor Pro-tem Rodriguez commented that this was just beginning and the Council needed to make sure that all aspects of the matter were considered and reviewed.

Councilmember Santibañez asked staff to explain the manufacturing of volatile solvents and extraction methods. Community Services Director Steinmann explained the process and if the Council wanted to include it, language could be included in the resolution. Councilmember Santibañez asked about multiple permits on the same property. Community Services Director Steinmann that one permit holder could lease land to another business. Councilmember Santibañez asked what the average size was for a facility. Community Services Director stated around 20,000 square feet for the first phase and then it would probably grow.

Council discussed limiting the amount of dispensaries; changing the permit from 12 to 24 months and the \$30 fee per square feet.

A MOTION by Mayor Huerta, seconded by to adopt **Resolution #2016-15, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Greenfield Approving Administrative Regulations for Implementation of Medical Marijuana Facility Regulatory Permit Program” with the following amendments: the permit be either 12 or 24 months, \$15 fee per square feet with a \$20 ceiling and that the manufacturing of volatile solvents and extraction methods be included.** AYES: Mayor Huerta, Mayor Pro-tem Rodriguez, Councilmembers Torres and Santibañez. NOES: Councilmember Walker. Motion carried.

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD ADOPTING A MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITY REGULATORY PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE
RESOLUTION #2016-16**

Staff report was given by Community Services Director Steinmann.

Michael Tidwell stated that he believed that cannabis saved his life. He gave a brief explanation regarding his situation and how cannabis helped him.

Eulogio Donato thanked Councilmember Walker for listening to the people and stated that he was against the medical marijuana.

Stephanie Garcia asked if the revenue would be designated for recreation or certain areas. City Attorney Sullivan stated that the funds would be general fund revenues.

Yrma Rendon asked about the dispensaries and stated that the Council might want to hold workshops in order to educate the public regarding this matter.

Beatriz Diaz stated that she was in favor of it.

Councilmember Santibañez stated that educational workshop would be very important and helpful to the residents.

A MOTION by Councilmember Santibañez, seconded by Councilmember Torres to adopt **Resolution #2016-16, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Greenfield Adopting a Medical Marijuana Facility Regulatory Permit Fee Schedule”, as amended.** AYES: Mayor Huerta, Mayor Pro-tem Rodriguez, Councilmembers Torres and Santibañez. NOES: Councilmember Walker. Motion carried.

BRIEF REPORTS ON CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, AND MEETINGS ATTENDED BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

None

COMMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Torres stated that the staff at Oak Avenue School asked if their Student Council would come to the City Council Chamber and hold a meeting in the chambers. Council agreed to have the students come and hold a meeting in the Council chambers.

Councilmember Walker stated that the ambulance driver and staff just hang around when they were in town and asked if they could just hang out in one of the offices at the Civic Center. Staff stated they would look into the matter.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked if it was the City's responsibility to educate the public regarding new businesses. City Manager Stanton suggested that the City provide information regarding the matter; however not appear bias.

Mayor Huerta stated that he hoped that in the future the residents of Greenfield realize the benefits that would be coming with this business and thanked Councilmember Walker for his patience during the matter.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Stanton stated that staff was continuing the process for the master plan for water/sewer. She also stated that staff was meeting with OpTerra on a regular basis.

Max Basierra, commercial developer, stated that they were planning on coming to Greenfield with a well-planned master plan for the Walnut Avenue area. He stated that his company embraces the community in which they build in and wanted to enhance the quality of life in Greenfield.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Mayor of the City of Greenfield

City Clerk of the City of Greenfield