

**ANTIOCH CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP**

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9:00 A.M.**

**May 5, 2018
Nick Rodriguez Community Center
213 F Street, Antioch**

On May 5, 2018, the workshop was called to order by Mayor Wright at 9:03 a.m. City Council Members present were Mayor Wright, Mayor Pro Tem Thorpe, Council Members Wilson, Tiscareno and Ogorchock. Mayor Wright welcomed everyone to the Antioch Council Special Meeting/Workshop.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wright led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Staff present:

Ron Bernal, City Manager
Derek Cole, Interim City Attorney
Nickie Mastay, Administrative Services Director
Nancy Kaiser, Parks and Recreation Director
Lizeht Zepeda, Economic Development Program Manager
Consultants from MuniServices Jeff Kolin and Larry Bergkamp facilitated the workshop.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

1. WORKSHOP TO CONSIDER DRAFT COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ORDINANCE

Mayor Wright stated that we will hear the presentation from MuniServices and then take public comment after the presentation.

The consultants from MuniServices, Jeff Kolin and Larry Bergkamp, gave a presentation on the Commercial Cannabis Industry Overview and Economic Evaluation using a 31 page power point presentation. Council and members of the audience had a paper version of the power point presentation.

At the end of the presentation, there were 10 speaker cards received.

Public comment For: Christine Lam, Daniel Uribe, Lavender, Lea Adams, Frank Sterling, Tracey Nicks. Public comment Against: Jelani Killings, Lauren Posada, Diana Patton. Neutral: Vershon Moss.

Muniservices stated that Council has not made a decision yet to ban or allow cannabis.

City Council then gave their comments.

Council member Wilson stated that Contra Costa County has manufacturing only in unincorporated areas.

Mayor Pro Tem Thorpe thanked the public. He stated that Council has not approved anything yet; the Council just wants feedback from the public. Acknowledged that Council member Jelani Killings from Pittsburg was in the audience. He stated that First 5 gets funding from tobacco tax, education awareness does have an impact but this is where First 5 dollars come from. He stated that he did not support Prop 64, but he is learning more about this.

Council member Tiscareno thanked everyone for their opinions and that their opinions matter to him. He stated that 4 – 5 years ago he looked at it from a medical standpoint. He is still looking at educating himself. He stated he wants to keep all options open to him, a matter of education to see where Council wants to go with this. Acknowledged Mayor Pro Tem Thorpe's comment that Council has not approved anything yet.

Council member Ogorchock thanked everyone for being here. She commented on the power point presentation: Do we have the Team? She stated no we do not, we do not have enough Code Enforcement or Police. She then stated that on page 14 of the power point, we have no none for cost recovery; on page 28 of the power point a program in place, have to work with the school district, have some kind of ongoing education. She then thanked Council member Killings (from Pittsburg) for being here.

Council member Tiscareno thanked Council member Ogorchock for her comments. He stated we are trying to improve our staffing levels of the Police Department, there is no freeze and we are hiring. He stated that he thinks we (Police Department) have the capability of responding.

Mayor Wright stated he went to Oakland to tour a dispensary. He stated he toured a nursery and that there was no signage and it was not advertised out front that this was a nursery. The nursery takes the stalks and then sells them to cultivators. Stated maybe we can look into nursery's. He then stated he toured Harbor Site Dispensary and it did not look like a dispensary. As you go into the dispensary, your California Identification is scanned in and there are metal detectors. He stated he was doing his homework by visiting these places.

Mayor Pro Tem Thorpe stated that Attorney General Sessions stated that they could not find a correlation between violent crime and marijuana. He stated that President Trump is no longer going after states that have legalized marijuana.

Mayor Wright thanked everyone for attending and that there was an opportunity in the back to leave post-it notes to mark their opinion; yellow post-it notes were for residents the other color for non residents.

ADJOURNMENT

The workshop was adjourned at 11:08 am.

Respectfully submitted:

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