



staff report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
ATTENTION: Jeffrey L. Stewart, City Manager
FROM: Mayra Ochiqui, City Clerk
SUBJECT: Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the October 10, 2016, Special Meeting of the Bellflower City Council.
DATE: October 24, 2016

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

None

RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL

- 1) Approve the October 10, 2016, Special Meeting Minutes; or
- 2) Alternatively, discuss and take other action related to this item.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENT

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MINUTES

CITY OF BELLFLOWER

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BELLFLOWER CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2016

1 Call to Order

Mayor Koops called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Bellflower City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower.

2 Roll Call

The following members of the City Council responded present to roll call:

Mayor Dan Koops
Mayor Pro Tem Ron Schnablegger
Council Member Ray Dunton
Council Member Juan Garza
Council Member Santa Ines

Staff Participants:

Jeffrey L. Stewart, City Manager
Karl H. Berger, City Attorney
Mayra Ochiqui, City Clerk
Tae G. Rhee, Director of Finance
Art Bashmakian, Director of Planning and Building Services
Lidia Chavaque, Executive Assistant

3 Public Comments

None

4-A Workshop regarding proposed local regulation and taxation of marijuana-related businesses including the following discussion topics:

- 1. Brief review of Proposition 64, the “Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act” (“AUMA”);**
- 2. A draft ordinance adding a new Title 14 to the Bellflower Municipal Code (“BMC”) regulating marijuana-related businesses;**
- 3. Establishing minimum qualifications for applicants seeking a marijuana-related business permit;**
- 4. Considering potential fees for processing marijuana-related business permit applications; and**
- 5. Providing direction regarding a potential ballot proposition for March 2017 imposing a cannabis tax upon the privilege of operating marijuana-related businesses.**

The Workshop will include a Staff presentation. No action will be taken during the Workshop. This matter is scheduled for consideration and action during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. on October 10, 2016.

For the record, two large maps were distributed to the City Council and made available to the Public prior to the start of the meeting, 1) 600 Ft Radius Buffer from Schools & Available Commercial and Industrial Properties Map; and 2) City of Bellflower Zoning Map indicating 9 possible available cannabis areas.

Director of Planning and Building Services Bashmakian 1) presented a PowerPoint presentation; and 2) with City Manager Stewart, City Attorney Berger, and Director of Finance Rhee responded to Council Members’ questions.

Council Member Garza requested a copy of the PowerPoint presentation prior to the Regular City Council Meeting.

At the request of Mayor Koops, **Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department Captain Allen Castellano** 1) responded to Council Members’ questions regarding the viewpoint of the Sheriff’s Department relative to the legalization of marijuana and the potential impacts of marijuana-related businesses on public safety services and crime rates; 2) referenced and provided copies of a) excerpt from *The Legalization of Marijuana in Colorado: The Impact* by Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area; and b) letter from Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell to the Board of Supervisors opposing the legalization of marijuana; and 3) offered to obtain the full reports referenced above. At the request of Council Member Garza, Captain Castellano stated that he would obtain information relative to the direct effects of marijuana-related businesses on public safety costs.

4-A Workshop regarding proposed local regulation and taxation of marijuana-related businesses - Continued

City Attorney Berger stated that the Long Beach Police Department is in the process of putting together some suggested conditions for land use regulations and this information will be provided to the City Council once it is made available.

At the request of Mayor Koops, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Lieutenant Tim Milliman addressed the City Council regarding how much time deputies spend dealing with marijuana use in Bellflower and how the legalization of marijuana would change the time spent on this.

Planning Commissioner Wayne Brown 1) referencing the provision that speaks to the requirement for a contact person available to law enforcement, asked if a "lock box" could be included in this so that law enforcement can gain access to the building if the contact person does not respond to law enforcement; 2) requested and received clarification from City Attorney Berger relative to the meaning of "visual evidence" and "olfactory evidence" (Item F on page 24); and 3) asked whether regulating marijuana-related businesses would prevent illegal dispensaries from opening in the City.

At the request of Council Member Garza, City Manager Stewart stated that he would conduct a formal survey of surrounding cities with regard to Ordinances permitting marijuana use in line with the State Measure.

At the request of Council Member Garza, and referencing the City of Bellflower Zoning Map distributed prior to the meeting, Director Bashmakian stated that he would study the impacts of excluding CG Zone areas from the available cannabis areas and provide that information for consideration.

Following discussion, City Manager Stewart explained that no formal actions were required by the City Council.

5 Adjournment

Without objection, Mayor Koops adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

Dan Koops, Mayor
City of Bellflower

Attest:

Mayra Ochiqui, City Clerk
Approved: October 24, 2016