

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY HALL, 291 N. MAIN STREET
PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA
AUGUST 1, 2018, 5:30 PM**

Called to Order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Council Member Monte Reyes (arrive during Closed Session), Council Member Martha A. Flores, Council Member Cameron Hamilton, Vice Mayor Brian Ward

Absent: Mayor Milt Stowe

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:

- A. Closed Session Pursuant to:
1 - Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(3) - Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - Significant Exposure to Litigation: One Case in which facts are not yet known to potential plaintiff.

6:08 P.M. RECONVENED OPEN SESSION AND REPORTED ON REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Julia Lew reported that no reportable action had taken place.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Martha A. Flores.
Invocation -- a moment of silence was observed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Ellen Nichols, Porterville, expressed concerns regarding road design, adequate parking spaces, and air quality.
- Greg Shelton, Porterville, applauded the Council and staff for getting the item on the Agenda; and thanked the Council for consideration of the item.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

1. CALLING OF CITY ELECTION FOR VOTER APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZING TAXES ON CANNABIS BUSINESSES

Recommendation: That the City Council provide direction on the calling of a city election for voter approval of authorizing taxes on cannabis.

City Manager Lollis introduced the item and presented the staff report.

Discussion took place regarding the timeline associated with calling an election, having two measures on the November ballot, and the collection of sales tax and additional taxes for commercial activities as a revenue source.

Members of the Council expressed concerns with time, and spoke in favor of ad hoc committee review and potential preparation for the 2020 election.

- Lawana Tate spoke of regulations in Oregon, Washington, and the City of Woodlake; suggested that the City Council have additional public hearings to hear from individuals who are interested in the industry; and spoke in support of revenue generation from legal sales.

The Council directed that the ad hoc committee review cannabis business activities and the potential taxing of said activities in the future.

Documentation: None.

Disposition: Direction given.

OTHER MATTERS

- City Manager Lollis provided an update on the status of Mayor Stowe; and spoke of the passing of a hot shot firefighter who died battling the Ferguson Fire.

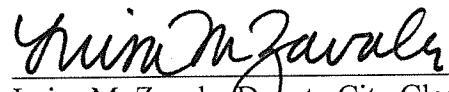
ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 6:45 p.m. to the meeting of August 7, 2018.

SEAL



Milt Stowe, Mayor



Luisa M. Zavala, Deputy City Clerk