

**City Council Meeting
February 25, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Regular Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor LeBarre.

2. FLAG SALUTE:

The flag salute was led by Mayor LeBarre.

3. ROLL CALL:

City Manager Adams conducted roll call.

City Council: Mike LeBarre Darlene Acosta, Rob Cullen, Carlos DeLeon, Mayor Pro Tem Carlos Victoria.

City Staff: City Manager Steven Adams; City Attorney Roy Santos; Executive Admin. Asst./Deputy City Clerk, Erica Sonne.

4. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

5. PRESENTATIONS:

None

6. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

None

7. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:

Council Member DeLeon stated nothing to report at this time.

Council Member Acosta stated it was an honor to be here on Saturday to see our police officers get acknowledged on how far they had come and for the great work they are doing. The community member that worked on the Comprehensive Plan to End Youth Violence.

Council Member Cullen stated that the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority made a formal request from the City of Salinas for the report on study they had done. He will be attending the Salinas Valley Fair board meeting this Thursday. He will be attending the Blue Zone Project tomorrow and Thursday. He reminded that it is the Wine Country Rodeo this weekend and encouraged people to attend. He also spoke about the private ceremony to recognize and thank the police department and their role in the Comprehensive Plan to End Youth Violence. He stated that we have a phenomenal police force here and anytime you can thank an officer please do so.

Mayor Pro Tem Victoria stated his next AMBAG meeting will be next week. He gave kudos to the Police Department, Staff and Community for the team effort to combat violence.

Mayor LeBarre stated that it was great to recognize the officers and community on the anniversary of 2 years with no shootings. He gave kudos to Mayor Pro Tem Victoria and City Manager for speaking to Telemundo on the State of the City. Mrs. Sanchez as well did a great job speaking on the City to Telemundo. The meeting with FHL went well. They are looking to be the designated as a mobilization force generation unit. This would mean 150 more jobs coming to our area. They are looking to do classes on filing out applications, scholarship opportunities.

8. CITY STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

City Manager Steven Adams stated we are organizing a Census Kick-off Party on March 22nd 12-3p.m with music, food and an opportunity to fill out the census through kiosks set up on at the Library. N. Vanderhurst Ave. and Ulrey is getting a grind and resurfacing. Blue Zone Project will be in town tomorrow and Thursday for community to participate in.

City Attorney Roy Santos stated nothing at this time.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2020 Council Meeting
- B. City of King Check Register February 1 thru February 15, 2020
- C. City of King Public Financing Authority Check Register February 1 thru February 15, 2020
- D. Consideration: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of King Amending Chapter 17.03 of Title 17 of the King City Municipal Code Pertaining to Commercial Cannabis Activity Including Commercial Cannabis Activity Limitations, and Cannabis Deliveries within the City of King.

Council member Victoria pulled Item D for discussion.

Action: Motion to approve consent agenda items A-C by Victoria and seconded by DeLeon.

AYES: Council Members: LeBarre, Acosta, Cullen, DeLeon and Victoria

NOES: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

Mayor Pro Tem Carlos Victoria stated that he respects the three council members that are for the Cannabis item. He expressed his concerns about moving forward with a dispensary in the City. At the last meeting it was expressed that nothing is getting to the schools from the dispensaries and he had something from a dispensary that was confiscated from a student at the middle school.

Council member Acosta stated her displeasure in the council moving forward with allowing dispensaries. What cannabis does to the adolescent brain since it is 99% pure. Most of the people that were here last time had a family member who misuses cannabis. At 99% pure it goes directly to the receptors of the brain. She has data that shows that elementary school children are saying they are trying to get to people to buy product for them from dispensaries. She feels greed has taken over away to get some of the money back. She feels that it is at the expense of our young people. A lot of people wrote letters, but the council is not listening. She asks that council hold off on this decision until they get more information.

Karen Jernigan wants to ask if this ordinance will be good for public health? She feels a greater number of people will experience decreased health from the use of cannabis and the residents here will see increased incidents of DUI, negative effects of the smell of cannabis smoke that diminishes the quality of life, a greater need for substance abuse services and loss of job productivity for workers unable to pass drug tests. She questions whether dispensaries will bring in the money being projected. She asks council to

look at the bills for planning and attorney fees. She is also requesting to see those bills to be able to add up the cost herself. She recommends council make it apply to medical use only. Otherwise vote no like the planning commission recommended and spend this much time talking about youth recreation and improving the town in a positive way.

Rory Livingston from the King City School District spoke against the dispensary.

Denise Velasquez SunStreet Centers handed out statics on first time offending youth. She says that King City has the biggest cannabis problem in all the Cities in south county. More availability makes it easier for children to get ahold of it.

Mr. Ramirez SunStreet Center coordinator spoke against allowing a dispensary.

Heather Singh local teacher spoke against allowing a dispensary.

Barbara Pekema retired nurse practitioner she has been concerned about the youth in King City with allowing a dispensary. She is pleased with the ProYouth program, improvements to the Police Department, the cameras that have improved the health and safety of King City. She doesn't feel this goes along with where the City was going. She doesn't believe that this will be a financial benefit for King City. We have to be concerned with the children that live in the entire town. She doesn't feel there is enough information on that this is going to help our community. She passed out some information.

Carla Mullinix Ackerman has had the privilege of raising her children here in King City and now her granddaughter. If everyone could watch their children, we would not have children in crisis. She feels that this needs to be thought out longer. Council making a decision to move forward will make our children go down the slope. She is asking council to wait.

Jurgen Smith works in South County retired from the department of corrections, volunteer for sheriff department for 19 years, volunteer for FBI 10 years. Edibles are being consumed by children in the schools. It is not being put out in the public. People are smoking in their cars. He wants the council to weigh the positives and the negatives.

Angela Quintana is in favor of the dispensary for her medical purposes. She is in pain and can not get to Salinas or Grover Beach at times. She cannot have it delivered to her house.

Debbie King parents need to start doing their jobs. If it is coming from a dispensary it is at least not tainted.

Steve Wilson stated that prohibition doesn't work. Look at it as a business. Do you know how they operate?

Council member Cullen values everyone's opinion, he has had a conversation with people in his district and they support this decision. He still supports this ordinance passing.

Council member DeLeon stated that he still supports this ordinance.

Mayor LeBarre stated that it is not about the money. He feels a tightly regulated market will keep some of this off the street in an illegal market. He thanked the community for respecting everyone's comments. He supports this ordinance.

Action: Motion to conduct the second reading by title only and adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 17.03 of Title 17 of the King City Municipal Code Pertaining to Commercial Cannabis Activity Including Commercial Cannabis Activity Limitations, and Cannabis Deliveries within the City of King and full cost

recovery by Cullen and seconded by DeLeon.

AYES: Council Members: LeBarre, Cullen, and DeLeon

NOES: Council Members: Acosta, Victoria

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

Council member Cullen asked if staff could do a press release that could go out to industry that states what is allowed and not allowed in our town. Council consensus on this.

Mayor LeBarre is asking to add expansion of Social Hosting ordinance to the next agenda.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

11. REGULAR BUSINESS:

None

12. CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor LeBarre adjourned the meeting 7:10p.m. to closed session.

Approved Signatures:



Mayor, Michael LeBarre
City of King



City Clerk, Steven Adams
City of King