

**City Council Meeting
December 8, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Regular Meeting called to order at 6:01pm 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 (by video conference), Council member Darlene Acosta (by video conference) (by video conference), Rob Cullen (by video conference), Carlos DeLeon (by video conference), Mayor Pro Tem Carlos Victoria (by video conference).

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

4. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

5. PRESENTATIONS:

A. MST- King City Transit Planning Update, by Daniel Jacobson was introduced by Michelle Overmeyer. Mr. Jacobson presented with a Powerpoint. A survey is out, and they are hoping to get information on MST routes from citizens.

6. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

None

7. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:

Council Member DeLeon stated nothing at this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Victoria stated no AMBAG meeting in December. Soccer field across from Chalone Peaks has been being used by lots of people. There was some miss information was going around about school being closed due to covid but they will be working as they have been for the last few months because they are an essential service.

Council Member Cullen stated the Highlights for Solid Waste Authority are in the packet the next Solid Waste Authority Meeting will be in January. He just wanted to mention that trash cans full and overflowing at the parks. City Manager will look into it. Chamber of Commerce selection committee met, and selected Aera Energy as Business of the Year, Dawn Owens as Friend of the Community, and Steve Adams as Citizen of the Year.

Council Member Acosta stated nothing to report at this time.

Mayor LeBarre stated he has FHL community meeting, Coast Rail Corridor meeting on Friday, and Food Bank will be needing volunteers in January.

8. CITY STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

City Manager Steven Adams stated CalWater water main replacement on Broadway will begin on December 21st- January 8th. East bound traffic open, West bound traffic detoured over one block. Reminder City Hall will be closed from Christmas Eve to January 4th.

City Attorney Roy Santos stated nothing from him tonight.

9. Election

- A. Consideration: Resolution No. 2020-4794 Canvassing and Declaring the Result of the November 3, 2020 Election

City Manager Adams introduced this item.

Action: Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-4794, Canvassing and Declaring the Result of the Consolidated General Election held in the City of King on November 3, 2020; and 2) order the Ordinance amending Chapter 5.14 of the City of King Municipal Code to add a commercial cannabis tax on the retail sale of cannabis and industrial hemp and cannabis and industrial hemp products and on distribution of cannabis and cannabis products be codified into the King City Municipal Code by Cullen and seconded by Acosta.

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

NOES: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

- B. Oath of Office Administered by the City Clerk Steven Adams to Robert Cullen, Carlos DeLeon and Carlos Victoria

- C. Comments by Newly Elected Council Members

Council member Victoria is happy to be back with the Council for four more years. He feels there are lots of great things that are happening and more things to be done. Happy to be here again.

Council member Cullen stated that it was an easy decision to run again because of the four fellow council members that he gets to work with. Good discussions and agreeing to disagree, healthy debates. Looking forward to serving another four years.

Council member DeLeon thanked people who voted for him and he thanked staff for what they do with very little. He was very critical prior to being on the Council as to how things were run. He is very appreciative of all of the staff. He is thankful for those who have encouraged him to run again. He congratulated Council member Victoria and Cullen. He thanked Mayor LeBarre and Council member Acosta.

- D. Consideration: Selection of Council Officers

Recommendation: 1) City Clerk preside over nomination and election of Mayor by a vote of the Council for a period of two years; 2) Mayor preside over nominations and election of Mayor Pro Tem for a period of two years; and 3) the newly elected Mayor chair the remainder of the meeting.

Council member DeLeon nominated Mike LeBarre for Mayor and Council member Victoria seconded that. Council member DeLeon made a motion to nominate Mike LeBarre for Mayor seconded by Council member Victoria. Motion carried 5-0.

Council member DeLeon nominated Carlos Victoria for Mayor Pro Tem Council member Cullen seconded that. Council member DeLeon made a motion for Carlos Victoria for Mayor Pro Tem Seconded by Council member Cullen. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Consideration: Regional Board and Committee Assignments

Recommendation: Select Council representatives and alternates to the following regional Boards and Committees:

1. Transportation Agency of Monterey County (TAMC)- Mike LeBarre, Alternate – Carlos Victoria
2. Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)- Carlos Victoria, Alternate – Carlos DeLeon
3. Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority- Rob Cullen, Alternate- Acosta
4. Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District- Staff
5. Monterey Salinas Transit (MST)- Mike LeBarre, Alternate - Carlos DeLeon
6. Oversight Board for the Successor Agency- not necessary.
7. 4 Cities 4 Peace- Darlene Acosta, Alternate – Carlos Victoria
8. King City Schools – Liaison- Carlos DeLeon, Elementary, Carlos Victoria, High School District
9. Salinas Valley Fair – Liaison – Rob Cullen

Action: Motion to approved committee and alternate assignments by DeLeon and seconded by Cullen.

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

NOES: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

10. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration: Meeting Minutes of November 24, 2020 Council Meeting
- B. Consideration: City of King Check Register November 16, through November 30, 2020
- C. Consideration: Award of Agreement for the King City Skate Park Ramp Replacement Project

Action: Motion to approve consent agenda items A-C by Cullen and seconded by Acosta.

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

NOES: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

12. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Consideration: Deferral of Tax on Distribution of Cannabis and Cannabis Products

City Manager introduced this item.

Mayor would like to defer for a year.

Council member Acosta doesn't feel it is wise to defer at this time because cannabis hasn't generated the revenue that it was promised.

Council member Cullen has a hard time where we certify the election where citizens passed the tax and then defer it in the same meeting. He feels it should be driven by an applicant. He doesn't think it looks good.

Council member DeLeon is in favor of going with what is scheduled and stay the course. He feels it could be revisited at a later date.

Brett Saunders feels that it is important that cannabis company pay taxes. Its important to him to build the cannabis business in King City. He stated that it may be worthwhile to consider a tier approach. First year 0 tax, 2nd year 1%, years after 2%.

B. Consideration: Preliminary FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 Budget Goals

City Manager introduced this item with a Powerpoint.

Karen Jernigan thanked for all the work that had gone into this. She is encouraged to see the continued effort for grants for the Multi-modal Station and the De Anza trail along the Salinas river.

Action: Motion to approve the proposed preliminary budget goals for FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 with a date of May 26th by Cullen and seconded by Acosta.

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

NOES: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

C. Consideration: CPI Adjustments to Cannabis Tax Rates

City Manager introduced this item.

Brett Saunders feels the CPI increase seems very fair.

Action: Motion to adopt a Resolution increasing cannabis tax rates for commercial cultivation, nurseries, manufacturing, and testing businesses by CPI (2.95%) effective January 1, 2021, by DeLeon and seconded by Victoria.

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

NOES: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

D. Consideration: Covid-19 Status Report

City Manager Adams introduced this item. He specifically stated that the County has asked for support for ag workers receive vaccines first so a letter would need to be signed by the Mayor. City Hall would like to close the front door except for appointments. Dropbox for documents and payments. Payments over the phone.

Council member Cullen feels it should be City Manager's discretion to make the decision to close City Hall or not. Council concurs.

City Council supports the Mayor signing the letter as is. Motion by Council member DeLeon and Second Victoria

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

NOES: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

13. CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor LeBarre adjourned the meeting at 8:15p.m. on a motion by Victoria and seconded by DeLeon.

Approved Signatures:



**Mayor, Michael LeBarre
City of King**



**City Clerk, Steven Adams
City of King**