

**July 7, 2020, 5:30 p.m.**

Tracy City Hall, 333 Civic Center Plaza, Tracy

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Due to the COVID-19 emergency, the regular meeting was conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 which suspends certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act. Residents participated remotely via email, phone and WebEx during the meeting.

1. Mayor Rickman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Roll call found Council Members Arriola, Ransom, Mayor Pro Tem Young, and Mayor Rickman present. Council Member Vargas absent from roll call.
3. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE – There were no comments from the public.
4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

4.A. APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S CANNABIS BUSINESS PERMIT APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES

Bill Dean, Assistant Development Services Director provided the staff report.

Kimberly Cargile suggested Council select answer A in question 2 on page 17 of the agenda item, application page limit be updated to 250 - 300 pages, spoke about background checks and application for the Police Department, asked about application fee and application release.

Michelle Trew recommended increasing the application page limit requirement to 250-300, with a font size of 12pt, and asked about the use of the word Cannabis in the business name, retail licensing and designated strictly for local and social equity applicants.

Arabella McCreary asked for clarification on the new page count for combined applications.

Derek Brownlow asked how long it would take from the time the applications are submitted to the time the conditional use permits are issued, and when the applications are coming out.

Matthew shared concerns regarding the requirement to source local products, and suggested including how applicants intend to prioritize local investments from people and economic perspective.

Alex Monceaux spoke about zip codes stretching outside city boundaries and suggested using the sphere of influence line, and requested that anyone that qualifies as local skip out on having the landlord letter right away.

Pamela Epstein spoke about social equity, suggested having a social equity applicant that could obtain more points for meeting the classification, while still having every applicant or operator have a social equity diversion and inclusion plan, background checks, invasion of potential employee's privacy and/or violate the California Fair Employment Housing Act.

Laura encouraged Council to consider implementing verification of past community and financial benefit to the City and spoke about critical evaluation of an applicant's history.

City Council questions and discussion followed.

Mr. Dean summarized Council's consensus: The desire to keep it flexible, have the 16 desired requirements consolidated into one bullet point into one plan that can potentially be worth 13 points. Staff will include all those relevant bullet points but make it one requirement to submit a social equity plan that includes all these things. Staff will bring back the boundary maps to see the difference between the maps that indicate zip code boundaries and the map that utilizes boundary by sphere of influence.

It was Council's consensus to do the following:

1. Have the Local Preference Plan similarly scored for the purpose of identifying "Local Preference Applicants" in Phase 2 for the purpose of administering the same waiver.
2. Expand the waivers enjoyed by such qualifying applicants to include waivers of other application requirements.
3. Include one or more of the social equity criteria listed in the staff report into the City's Guidelines.
4. Include the following criteria related to social equity into the Guidelines:
  - A. Business Practices
  - B. Economic Inclusion
  - C. Equity Hire
  - D. Equity Ownership
  - E. Arrest/Conviction for Cannabis-Related Crime
5. Change the font size in the application to 12-point font

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Council Member Vargas and seconded by Council Member Ransom to recess to the regular meeting. Roll call found all in favor; passed and so ordered. Time: 7:04 p.m.

*Special meeting was reconvened and Item 4.B was heard following the adjournment of the regular meeting at 1:27 a.m., Wednesday, July 8, 2020.*

4.B. INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 6.36 OF THE TRACY MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING COMMERCIAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION

Leticia Ramirez, City Attorney provided the staff report.

No one from the public wished to speak.

There were no comments from City Council.

Adrienne Richardson, City Clerk read the title of the proposed ordinance.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Young and seconded by Council Member Arriola to waive the reading of the full text and introduce **Ordinance 1293** an ordinance of the City of Tracy amending various sections of Chapter 6.36 of Title 6 “Businesses, Professions, and Trades” of the Tracy Municipal Code regarding local regulations of commercial cannabis activity in the City of Tracy. Roll call found all in favor; passed and so ordered.

5. Council Items and Comments – There were no comments from Council.

6. Adjournment – Time: 1:33 a.m., Wednesday, July 8, 2020.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Council Member Arriola and seconded by Council Member Ransom to adjourn. Roll call found all in favor; passed and so ordered.

The above agenda was posted at the Tracy City Hall on July 2, 2020. The above are action minutes. A recording is available at the office of the City Clerk.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk