

**SPECIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
ON THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM**

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015**

The Council of the City of San José convened in Special Session at 1:39 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Council Members - Carrasco, Herrera, Jones, Kalra, Khamis, Matthews, Nguyen, Oliverio (1:44 p.m.), Peralez, Rocha; Liccardo (1:42 p.m.).

Absent: Council Members - All Present.

Staff: City Attorney Richard Doyle, Interim City Manager Norberto Dueñas, City Clerk Toni Taber, Deputy City Clerk Susan Davis.

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Council Member Donald Rocha, dated April 17, 2015, providing recommendations on Medical Marijuana. (2) Memorandum from Assistant to the City Manager Angelique Assistant to the City Manager Angelique Gaeta, dated April 15, 2015, transmitting the Staff Report on Medical Marijuana for the Study Session. (3) Letter from Dania M. Alvarenga, Esquire, Alvarenga Law, dated April 20, 2015, regarding Medical Marijuana, Summary and Thoughts from a Legal Perspective. (4) Letter from Dania M. Alvarenga, Equire, Alvarenga Law, dated April 22, 2015, providing a follow-up memorandum to the Medical Marijuana Study Session. (5) Copy of the Patient Focused Certification, Regulator's Program Guide for Medical Cannabis dated April 20, 2015. (6) Letter from Sean Kali-Rais, Forest Consulting, LLC, dated April 15, 2015, about issues regarding Title 20 and Title 6 implementation for discussion. (7) A Special Edition copy of New Times dated 2014 on Youth Marijuana Issues.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Vice Mayor Rose Herrera presented opening remarks.

Assistant to the City Manager Angelique Gaeta, Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Harry Freitas, Police Sergeant David Woolsey, Director of Finance Julia H. Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer Diane Buchanan, and Terra Chaffee from the City Attorney's Office presented the report on Medical Marijuana and responded to Council questions and concerns.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Sam Liccardo opened the floor for public testimony

Public Comments: Providing comments on Medical Marijuana were Susan Landry, Matt Lucero, Buddy's Cannabis; Kristin Nevedal, Americans for Safe Access; James Anthony, John Cude, Norcal Care; Steve DeAngelo, Harborside Health Care; Gabrielle Antolovich, Voices United; Josh Santaga, HAZE; Darren Dykstra, Whitefire Collective and Ace Salvatore, Silicon Valley Care.

Council discussion ensued.

Mayor Sam Liccardo requested that Staff return in May 2015 with a follow-up report.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Sam Liccardo adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

Toni J. Taber, CMC  
City Clerk

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