

PRESENT: Councilmembers Mendoza, Lopez, Martinez, Ortiz & Gonzalez

OTHERS: Lara, Waters, Zamora & Zacarias

ABSENT:

FLAG SALUTE

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR –ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Request Approval of the Consent Calendar Action Items (IV. A-H)

- A. Action: Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held on March 11, 2019
- B. Action: Approval of Warrants
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of the February 2019 Monthly Report of Investments
- D. Action: Reject Claim for Damages from Mary J. Brockman (Pages 35-36)
- E. Action: Accept Proclamation from the City of Woodlake, Proclaiming April 2019 as Child Abuse Prevention Month
- F. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of the Agreement for the Transit Military Discount Program Between the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) and the City of Woodlake
- G. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of the Agreement Between the County of Tulare and the City of Woodlake for Public Transportation Services for the Period of July 1, 2018 Through June 30, 2019
- H. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement Between the City of Woodlake and Community Holdings, LLC for the Property with APN No. 060-170-088

ON A MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY LOPEZ IT WAS VOTED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Issue Regulatory Permits to Green Smart to Conduct Cannabis Cultivation Operations Within the City of Woodlake

PUBLIC HEARING

Community Services Director Waters reported the following: City Council adopted cannabis business regulations on August 14, 2017, authorizing cannabis businesses to locate within the City of Woodlake. A Regulatory Permit is required for any cannabis business within city limits. The applicant is proposing to operate cannabis businesses on the subject property located at 1099 W Ropes in a light manufacturing zone designation and 22.72 Acres. The property has already been issued a Conditional Use Permit for cannabis businesses.

The applicant is requesting regulatory permits for the following cannabis businesses:

- 1. Cannabis Cultivation (3 licenses)

The cannabis regulatory license authorizes companies to operate cannabis businesses within City limits. At this time the applicant has not received a Certificate of Occupancy.

PUBLIC HEARING OPEN: 6:36 PM

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSE: 6.36 PM

ON A MOTION BY MARTINEZ, SECOND BY LOPEZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND ISSUE REGULATORY PERMITS TO GREEN SMART TO CONDUCT CANNABIS CULTIVATION PERATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF WOODLAKE. APPROVED 4-1, GONZALEZ OPPOSE.

- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Issue Regulatory Permits to Uncle Green to Conduct Cannabis Cultivation Operations Within the City of Woodlake

PUBLIC HEARING

Community Services Director Waters reported the following: City Council adopted cannabis business regulations on August 14, 2017, authorizing cannabis businesses to locate within the City of Woodlake. A Regulatory Permit is required for any cannabis business within city limits. The applicant is proposing to operate cannabis businesses on the subject property located at 34368 Rd 196, Woodlake, CA. in a light manufacturing zone designation. The property has already been issued a Conditional Use Permit for cannabis businesses.

The applicant is requesting regulatory permits for the following cannabis businesses:

1. Cannabis Cultivation (4 licenses)

The cannabis regulatory license authorizes companies to operate cannabis businesses within City limits. At this time the applicant has not received a Certificate of Occupancy.

PUBLIC COMMENTS OPEN: 6:42 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS CLOSE 6:42 PM

ON A MOTION BY LOPEZ, SECOND BY MARTINEZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND ISSUE REGULATORY PERMITS TO UNCLE GREEN TO CONDUCT CANNABIS CULTIVATION OPERATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF WOODLAKE. APPROVED 4-1. GONZALEZ OPPOSE.

- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve the City of Woodlake Cannabis Local Equity Program

Community Services Director Waters reported the following: The California Cannabis Equity Act of 2018 (Equity Act), established by Senate Bill 1294 (Bradford 2018), allows for direct assistance to local jurisdictions' commercial cannabis equity programs that provide assistance to local equity applicants or local equity licensees. After the voter approved Proposition 64, the Bureau of Cannabis Control established a program allowing eligible local jurisdiction to submit an application to the bureau for a grant to assist local equity applicants and local equity licensees through that local jurisdiction's equity program.

The Bureau has been appropriated \$10 million to award to cities and counties to assist equity applicants and licensees through equity programs that focus on inclusion and support of persons in the cannabis industry, who are linked to populations or neighborhoods that were negatively or disproportionately impacted by cannabis criminalization.

The adoption of the attached equity program would allow the City to apply for these funds that provide funding for a variety of different programs, including:

- (1) Small business support services offering technical assistance to those persons from economically disadvantaged communities that experience high rates of poverty or communities most harmed by cannabis prohibition, determined by

- historically high rates of arrests or convictions for cannabis law violations.
- (2) Tiered fees or fee waivers for cannabis-related permits and licenses.
 - (3) Assistance in paying state regulatory and licensing fees.
 - (4) Assistance securing business locations prior to or during the application process.
 - (5) Assistance securing capital investments.
 - (6) Assistance with regulatory compliance.
 - (7) Assistance in recruitment, training, and retention of a qualified and diverse workforce, including transitional workers.

As a low-income, predominately minority population, Woodlake's residents were likely disproportionately affected by previous cannabis legislation. The Woodlake Equity Program would provide assistance that would help alleviate the effects of those laws.

ON A MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY MARTINEZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND APPROVE THE CITY OF WOODLAKE CANNABIS LOCAL EQUITY PROGRAM. APPROVED 4-1. GONZAELZ OPPOSE.

- D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of the City of Woodlake's Fiscal Year 2019/2020 List of Projects Funded by SB1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017

City Administrator Lara reported the following: With the passage of Senate Bill 1 (SB1) the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 the City of Woodlake has created a separate fund to track revenues and expenditures associated with the approved projects constructed with the new funding. The City has created Fund (028) Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA). Annually the City will have to approve potential projects that may use RMRA funding. In FY 2019/2020 the City is estimated to receive \$128,871. The revenues received are expected to be used all in FY 2019/2020 on the North Valencia Boulevard Extension Improvement Project and West Naranja Boulevard Extension Improvement Project. Below is a project list of projects that may use RMRA funding.

Project List:

Project 1 – North Valencia Boulevard Extension Improvement Project:

This project will be located along the westside of Valencia Boulevard from Sierra Avenue to Sequoia Avenue. The project will consist of the installation of curb, gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, drive approaches, storm drainage, and paveout. The estimated useful life of this roadway is 15 years and construction is anticipated to start in 2019.

Project 2 – West Naranja Boulevard Extension Improvement Project:

This project will be located along Naranja Boulevard from Palm Street to Acacia Street. The project will consist of the installation of curb, gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, drive approaches, storm drainage, and paveout. The estimated useful life of this roadway is 15 years and construction is anticipated to start in 2020.

ON A MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY MARTINEZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND APPROVE THE CITY OF WOODLAKE'S FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 LIST OF PROJECTS FUNDED BY SB1. THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Information: Items from Staff

Student Representative Chavez – Reported he had competed in a swim meet against Delano before the council meeting. He also attended a conference in Sacramento, they visited the state capitol and also attended a dinner with Assemblyman Mathis. He found the entire experience very interesting since his career goal is to become an ag attorney.

Student Representative Frausto – Reported students were very busy last week taking many different exams, SAT, ACT, etc. She also attended the conference in Sacramento with Mr. Chavez.

Community Services Director Waters – Reported he had attended another meeting for the Greater Kaweah Agency. They discussed many concerns regarding wells and water availability. It is estimated that if wells are not dug deeper, that by 2040 58% of domestic wells will go dry.

City Administrator Lara – Reported the basketball season will have their closing games this week. Softball/Baseball practices should be starting soon. Opening Day is scheduled for April 13th at 9 am at Willow Ct. park. City Staff is currently working with Self-Help regarding the Valencia House apartments and the list of findings to correct on the housing complex. Council Member Martinez asked if there was any concern about the letter sent to residents regarding the water testing. City Administrator Lara stated there is no concern, water is safe to drink.

B. Information: Items from Council

Councilmember Ortiz – Reported she had received a call from Romelia Castillo regarding an invite to all councilmembers to the ceremony in Dinuba to honor all Vietnam Veterans at the Dinuba Memorial building on Saturday, March 30th at 10 am. A flyer was given to each councilmember.

Councilmember Martinez – Reported he had attended the Council of Cities meeting and the topic was the homeless in each city and cannabis. He also attended an award ceremony in Sacramento with Mayor Mendoza and accepted the award on behalf of the City.

Mayor Mendoza – Reported he had attended an award ceremony in Sacramento with Councilmember Martinez. The award was presented to the City of Woodlake for the amazing job on the Community Center and Woodlake Plaza. He thanked QK for their partnership. He asked Councilmember Gonzalez if he can attend the upcoming EDC meeting. Councilmember Gonzalez will check and see if his schedule will allow it. Mayor Mendoza asked staff to provide an overtime report at the next council meeting. Also, he would like to see a clock and possibly some decorative pictures on the walls in chambers.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

1. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR(S)** (Government Code § 54956.8). It is the intent of this governing body to meet in closed-session to confer with its real property negotiator concerning the purchase, sale, exchange, or lease of real property by or for this local agency as follows:

Property Description (Specify street address, or if no street address, the parcel number or other unique reference): 060-170-071 and 060-170-098

Our Negotiator: City Administrator

Parties with whom negotiating:

Instructions to negotiator concerning: Price Terms of payment.

**MEETING MOVED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:20 PM
MEETING RECONVENED AT 7:25 PM**

Mayor Mendoza stated no action was taken and there was nothing to report

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

As provided in the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code sections 54950 et seq., the Governing Board may meet in closed session with members of its staff and its attorneys. These sessions are not open to the public and may not be attended by members of the public. The matters the Council will meet on in closed session are identified below or are those matters appropriately identified in open session as requiring immediate attention and arising after the posting of the agenda. Any public reports of action taken in the closed session will be made in accordance with Government Code sections 54957.1

“Documents: If distributed to the Council less than 72 hours before a regular meeting, any public records which are subject to public inspection and pertain to an open-session item on the regular meeting agenda shall be available at the following address at the time they are distributed to a majority of the Council: 350 North Valencia Boulevard, Woodlake, California 93286. Public records distributed to the Council at a public meeting will be available to the public at such meeting if they were prepared by the City. Exemptions and details in Government Code § 54957.5 (a) shall apply.”

VIII. ADJOURN

The next scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at City Council Chambers located at 145 N. Magnolia, Woodlake, CA 93286.

City Council:

Rudy Mendoza - Mayor

Frances Ortiz - Vice Mayor

Louie Lopez - Councilmember

Greg Gonzalez Jr. - Councilmember

Jose L. Martinez - Councilmember

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

Submitted by,

Irene Zacarias
City Clerk