

Mt. Shasta City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

City Park Upper Lodge 1315 Nixon Road, Mt. Shasta
Monday, March 11, 2019; 5:30 p.m.
Approved as Amended

“Our mission is to maintain the character of our “small town” community while striking an appropriate balance between economic development and preservation of our quality of life. We help create a dynamic and vital City by providing quality, cost-effective municipal services and by forming partnerships with residents and organizations in the constant pursuit of excellence.”

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call to Order and Flag Salute: At the hour of 5:30 p.m. Mayor Barbara Wagner called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call: Council Members Present: Engstrom, Stackfleth, Redmond, Collings, Wagner
Council Members Absent: None

3. Special Presentations & Announcements: None

4. Public Comment:

Andy Fusso – Comments regarding Fair Political Practices Commission and mailers.
Kathy Morter – Review of homeless population survey.

5. Council and Staff Comments:

Juliana Lucchesi, City Planner – Emergency preparedness, Trail Town community outreach, Prop 68 grant, US Bike Route.
Parish Cross, Chief of Police – CodeRed, emergency preparedness information.
Paul Engstrom, Councilmember – Trail Town event, boys basketball team.
Barbara Wagner, Mayor – February 25th meeting cancellation, City Manager goals update, pre-agenda meetings, Discover Siskiyou event, meetings with the Mayor.

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

6. Consent Agenda:

COUNCIL ACTION: Approved the following Consent Agenda items. All Resolutions and Ordinances on this agenda, or added hereto, shall be introduced or adopted, as applicable, by title only, and the full reading thereof is hereby waived.

- a. Approval of Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting February 11, 2019
- b. Acceptance of Brown Act Committee Minutes: Beautification Committee November 19, 2018
- c. Approval of Disbursements: Accounts Payable, Approval of Disbursements: Accounts Payable, 2/5, 2/7, and 2/11/19; Total Gross Payroll and Taxes: For Period Ending 2/10/19
- d. Monthly Financial/Investment Report
- e. Letter of Support for K-12 Strong Workforce Program Grant Application
- f. Approval of Resolution Suspending Commercial Connection Fees

MOTION TO APPROVE: Stackfleth

SECOND: Collings

Discussion regarding monitoring the budget in regard to connection fees.

AYES: Engstrom, Stackfleth, Redmond, Collings, Wagner

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

7. Discussion and Possible Action: Police Department Dispatch Services Options

Parish Cross, Chief of Police – Staff report, review of options.

Clarifying questions from Council.

No members of the public wished to comment.

COUNCIL ACTION: Approve Resolution CCR-19-07, returning to 24-hour dispatch services.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Stackfleth

SECOND: Engstrom

AYES: Engstrom, Stackfleth, Redmond, Collings, Wagner

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

8. Appoint Ad Hoc Committee for Solid Waste Management

Councilmember Engstrom and Mayor Pro Tem Stackfleth appointed to ad hoc committee.

9. First Reading of CCO-19-XX, Amendment to Chapter XX of the Municipal Code, Cannabis
Councilmember Engstrom recused himself from the discussion due to previous dealings with property owners opposed to cannabis location near their school.

Juliana Lucchesi, City Planner – Staff report, review of proposed Ordinance amendments.

Clarifying questions from Council.

Beverly Shannon – Comments regarding real estate, 600 foot buffer, not in favor of reduction.

Paul Beck – In favor of a safe cannabis industry and slow, incremental growth.

Diane Dolf – In support of the Planning Commission recommendation, opposed to cannabis.

Eric Price – Objection to the original ordinances.

Jonathan Murdock – In support of Jefferson Soul, local jobs.

Jamie Scepkowski – In support of reducing buffer zone and cannabis industry.

Andrew Strack – Comments regarding propagation of false information, regulations.

Andy Fusso – Comments regarding regulations, in support of business.

Ray Strack – Comments in support of regulated industry.

James Corcoran – Against reducing the buffer, separation of sensitive uses and industry.

Tom Tindall – Comments regarding propaganda funding, smell of cannabis, businesses and residents moving.

Aron Bruser – Comments opposed to lowering the buffer, civil rights.

Michael Huffman – Comments opposed to reducing the buffer around the I AM school.

Patty Crosson – Comments regarding democracy, representing voices present and not present by going to a vote.

Shelley Blomberg – Comments in opposition of a reduction in the buffer around the I AM school, concern regarding the proximity of the WIC office, job loss.

Jeremiah LaRue – Read letter from Sheriff Lopey expressing his opinion on the impact in the County.

Carol Kihm – Request that Council maintain the buffer zone, concern regarding cannabis industry.

Charity Townsend – Comments regarding distribution of misinformation, jobs created by the cannabis industry. Comments in support of Jefferson Soul.

Allen Klug – Comments regarding health impacts of cannabis, urged caution.

John Duncan – Comments regarding school board resolution against lowering the buffer.

Kathleen McGinnis – Comments in support of Jefferson Soul.

Ben Gardner – Comments regarding creation of career opportunities by the cannabis industry, comments regarding misinformation.

Nicholas Hendricks – Comments regarding misinformation sent in the mail.

Bill Odegard – Comments in support of Jefferson Soul, economic outlook and business environment.

Ian Cummings – Comments in support of the cannabis industry.

Kristin Sellmer – Comments in support of cannabis industry and employment opportunities, comments regarding misinformation and the St. Germain Foundation.

Claudia Frandsen – Comments regarding pros and cons, expressed concern over cannabis businesses near schools.

Christine Savory – Comments regarding cannabis industry in relation to youth and Jefferson Soul contributions to youth groups.

Reny Townsend – Comments on cannabis industry and issues surrounding, comments regarding use of propaganda.

Steve Hillman – Comments opposed to cannabis. Comments regarding religious and property rights, opposed to reducing buffer zone.

Alexis Kihm – Comments in support of youth and the I AM school.

Luke Tunis – Read City's mission statement. Comments regarding misleading material, regulation.

Tom Scoville – Comments supporting Planning Commission recommendation.

Justin Blomberg – Comments opposed to cannabis in proximity to the I AM school.

Aidan – Concerns regarding cannabis facility in proximity to the I AM school.

Jimmy McCullough – Comments regarding tax revenue, in support of Jefferson Soul.

Dana – Comments regarding safety, concern regarding proximity to schools.

Dee Sponsler – Comments opposed to cannabis, in favor of buffer zone.

Steve Gardener – Comments in favor of further research.

Jorgen S. – Comments in support of legal businesses.

Perry Sims – Comments regarding the history of prostitution and alcohol, taxation of cannabis.

Elizabeth Tabor – Comments regarding existing facilities, signage, and the legal cannabis industry.

Jenelle Guthrie – Comments regarding generational health.

William Masis – Comments regarding economic slump in the area, relationship of cannabis to economic goals.

Steve Torry – Comments regarding the need for facts, the need to take time and not rush.

Ed Pecis – Comments regarding history with homeless and enforcement, moral issues.

Maxine Lopey – Comments regarding experience witnessing cannabis use.

Kevin O – Comments opposed to reduction in buffer zone.

Kurt Reichel – Comments regarding zoning and the complexity of the issue. Comments regarding buffer distance.

Jack Trout – Comments regarding business environment, parenting.

Frances Mangels – Comments regarding cannabis and health.

Kay Scoville – Comments regarding controversy, value of children.

Megan Summerour – Comments regarding cannabis use and facility complaints, testing of cannabis. In support of reduction to buffer zone.

Robert Kihm – Comments regarding property in proximity to cannabis facilities, St. Germain Foundation and I AM school.

Pam Neronha – Comments regarding athletes, health benefits of the area. In support of increase to buffer zone and reduction in number of licenses.

Will Diamond – Comments regarding the future of Mt. Shasta, in opposition to the cannabis industry.

Carlos Rodriguez – Comments regarding real estate, industrial uses, and buffer zones.

Zach Scott – Comments in support of cannabis industry, regarding zoning and real estate.

Robert Blomberg – Read letter from son, comments in support of 600 foot buffer zone.

Roslyn McCoy – Comments regarding zoning, in opposition to school in industrial area.

Kelly Coleman – Comments in opposition to cannabis industry.

Council Recess

Council discussion.

COUNCIL ACTION: Maintain 600-foot buffer for retail, nursery, and cultivation and facilities with onsite public access and to reduce buffer to 450 feet for food based, distribution, and nonvolatile, and facilities with no public access, for all schools, daycares, or youth centers. Cultivation, nonvolatile manufacturing, and food production licenses to be left at five, nursery licenses to be capped at five.

MOTION: Collings

SECOND: Stackfleth

AYES: Collings, Redmond, Wagner

NOES: Stackfleth

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Engstrom

CITY COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTING PERIOD

10. Council Reports on Attendance at Appointed/Outside Meetings:

- a. Report on ICS 402 Course, Mayor Wagner

11. Future Agenda Items (Appearing on the agenda within 60-90 days):

COUNCIL ACTION: Reviewed Items a through e.

- a. CEQA/Sewer Interceptor Line – 4/8/2019
- b. Nuisance Abatement Ordinance - TBD
- c. Mid-Year Budget – TBD
- d. Audit - TBD
- e. Solid Waste Franchise Agreement – TBD

12. Closed Session: None

13. Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Kathryn M. Wilson, Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Clerk