

CITY OF WEED CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 09, 2022

The City Council of the City of Weed held a regular meeting on Thursday, June 09, 2022 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Kim Greene called the meeting to order and Mayor Pro-Tem Stacey Green led recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Present, in addition to Mayor Greene, were Council Members Stacey Green, Bob Hall, Ken Palfini, and Susan Tavalero. Also present were City Attorney David Ruderman, City Manager Tim Rundel, Police Chief Justin Mayberry, Public Works Director Craig Sharp, Asst Fire Chief Brian Carter, and City Clerk Sandra Duchi.

Council Member Green moved to add urgency items to the Regular Agenda as item D. Council Member Tavalero seconded the motion and the vote was:

AYES: Council Member Green, Greene, Hall, Palfini, and Tavalero

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Mayor Greene moved item C, Request for TOT Funds, to be moved to the beginning of the Regular Agenda.

III. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Dingus from the Weed Chamber presented an update to Chamber events.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Palfini verbatim: I would like to start my report tonight by talking about ethics and government. And although there are 3 general categories in government ethics, I want to talk about the process of accountability. This topic is about transparency of action and behavior when dealing with governance of our community. Plus the need for transparency when there is the appearance of economic benefit. A few days following that meeting the MAYOR who is also the executive director of the Weed Rec and Park made a petty, intentional and malicious attempt to chastise me by threatening an increase in rent from \$50 to \$350 which is a \$12-15,000 annual increase for our Cities Senior Lunch program. The FCRCW runs this program at the community center. It is no secret that I sit on the SCRC board of directors which is the parent 501 3 (c) to FCRCW. The MAYOR/ED handed our program director a written statement for the rent increase and made it retroactive to Jan 2022, with a direct comment about Palfini needs to see this (I am paraphrasing). First, as the MAYOR you should at least educate yourself to the wording of the MOU and how will your actions impact the city you were elected to serve. Second, The Senior Lunch program is an approved function of the city until at least 2023 per the MOU. Third, have you looked at other sources of your income stream in the same manner as the FCRCW or was this discriminatory toward me and the FCRCW? Fourth, Did the MAYOR take these actions individually or were they in concert with others. I have tried to be as civil as possible in this meandering but rest assured, I am livid. This kind of rogue action gave us the litigation between the city and Sylvia Masse Lawsuit which cost the city over \$400K. I hope my fellow councilors understand the gravity of the situation and where it can lead. I feel the appropriate. Council Member Tavalero reported the Great Northern free lunch program for kids will start this month and will be held Monday through Thursday's at Bel Air Park and Mountain View Apartments. Council Member Hall hosted a meet and greet at Mountain View Apartments, has a second meet and greet scheduled for Heritage Plaza. Council Member Green reported concerns regarding current events and attended a zoom call regarding the effects of smoking and vaping in youth. Council Member Greene reported she will be attending a zoom meeting regarding cannabis regulations.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Greene asked if there are items to be removed from the consent agenda. Item C was removed.

A. Public Safety – by Motion, approved Encroachment Permit for the Weed Chamber of Commerce.

B. Human Resources – by Motion, approved the Memorandum of Understanding 2022/2025 for Sworn and Non-Sworn.

C. Administration – by Motion, approved changing the September 8, 2022 Regular Meeting to September 15, 2022 Special Meeting due to League of California Cities Meeting in Long Beach.

D. Removed from Consent**

E. Minutes – By Motion approved City Council Minutes for Work Session, and Regular Meeting Minutes from 5/12/2022.

F. Financial Report(s) – By Motion approved payment warrants dated from 04/13/2022 through 06/01/2022 including any voided warrants totaling \$329,351.65.

Council Member Greene moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Council Member Green seconded the motion and the vote was:

AYES: Council Members Green, Greene, Hall, Palfini, and Tavalero

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

VI. ITMES REMOVED FROM CONSENT

D. Water Restrictions – by Motion, approved Resolution No. 18-2022 Water Restrictions. Public Works Director Sharp explained the Resolution was updated to match the Ordinance adopted. Council Member Greene moved to approve Resolution No. 18-2022. Council Member Palfini seconded the motion and the vote was:

AYES: Council Members Green, Greene, Hall, Palfini, and Tavalero

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

VIII. REGULAR BUSINESS

C. **Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT)** – by **Motion**, considered requests for TOT and approve allocations. Council Members discussed allocations, questions were asked and answered. Council Member Green moved to approve the 22/23 allocations. Council Member Tavalero seconded the motion and the vote was:

AYES: Council Members Green, Greene, Hall, and Tavalero

NOES: Council Member Palfini

ABSENT: None

A. **Finance** -by **Motion**, Council considered introduction and first reading by title only for Ordinance No. 469-2022. City Attorney Ruderman presented the staff report. Council Members questions were asked and answered. Council Member Tavalero moved to introduce and hold first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 469-2022. Council Member Green seconded the motion and the vote was:

AYES: Council Members Green, Greene, Hall, and Tavalero

NOES: Council Member Palfini

ABSENT: None

B. **League of Cities** – by **Motion**, Council considered selection of Voting Delegate and Voting Delegate Alternate for the Annual Conference in Long Beach September 7-9, 2022. Council Member Tavalero moved to approve Council Member Hall as Delegate and Council Member Green as Alternate. Council Member Hall seconded the motion and the vote was:

AYES: Council Members Green, Greene, Hall, Palfini, and Tavalero

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

D. **Urgency Item(s) Added. Notice of Exemption for the E. Inez Street Parking Lot and the Lake Street Rehabilitation.** Public Works Director Sharp presented the staff report. Council Member Green moved to approve the two Notice of Exemptions. Council Member Hall seconded the motion and the vote was:

AYES: Council Members Green, Greene, Hall, Palfini, and Tavalero

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

IV. STAFF REPORT

Police Department reported on their new Police Officer. Public Works reported the Lincoln Avenue project had started. Fire reported a full week of training which included confined space, technician training and elevator training. City Manager reported the clock on Main Street is working, the new hires at the City, the EV Station lot is getting cleared out, and thanked all that worked on the MOU's.

X. ADJOURN

Council Member Hall moved to adjourn. Council Member Tavalero seconded, and the vote was:

AYES: Council Member Green, Greene, Hall, Palfini, and Tavalero

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

SINE DIE 7:34 pm

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk