



**CITY OF FAIRFIELD
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021; 6:00 PM
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

MINUTES

Mayor Price called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

On roll call were Councilmembers Pam Bertani, Catherine Moy, Doriss Panduro, Chuck Timm, and Scott Tonnesen; Vice Mayor Rick Vaccaro, and Mayor Price

INVOCATION

Elder Jerome Childs of Church of the Living God gave an invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Price.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Bertani thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She also thanked Debi Tavey of the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce and Sandy Persons of Solano EDC for joining her in seeking reciprocal licensure for military spouses, so they can work in Fairfield while their spouses are deployed here. The program is called "Hire our Heroes," and Bertani will continue to report on this important topic as they move forward and hold regular meetings.

Councilmember Moy reported she had the honor of being a panelist for a female Eagle Scout candidate, Katelyn O'Donnell (only the second female in Solano County to earn that distinction!), who did a construction project at a local non-profit. She stated Katelynn wants to be the President of the United States! Next, she thanked Pastor Dr. Claybon Lea, Jr. of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church for holding a COVID-19 vaccination clinic for the underserved community.

Councilmember Panduro reported she is a Commissioner in Solano Commission for Women and Girls and that they would hold a webinar every Thursday afternoon during March to highlight local women leaders in honor of Women's History Month. She invited the community to attend.

Councilmembers Timm and Tonnesen had nothing to report.

Vice Mayor Vaccaro thanked everyone for tuning in to the Council meeting and reported that he was encouraged to see that Solano County is now providing the COVID-19 vaccine for its teachers and that he expects schools will open sooner than later in a hybrid fashion.

Mayor Price had nothing to report.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Stefan Chatwin reported he anticipates that Solano County will move to the “Red Tier” from the more restrictive “Purple Tier” for COVID-19 protocols in the next few days or the following week. He stated he and staff recommend that the first in person Council meeting in the newly remodeled Council Chamber be held on April 6, 2021, and that there would be a short ribbon cutting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. prior to the Council meeting. Lastly, he reported that Council would hold its fourth and final workshop on March 9 at 4 p.m. via Zoom on the Heart of Fairfield and that the community is invited to participate.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Greg Stepanicich reported that during Closed Session the Council voted 7-0 in favor of a settlement for employee Robert Weist in the amount of \$68,440.

CITY CLERK REPORT

City Clerk Karen Rees had nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Edward Russell, Jr. spoke about racism.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Resolution 2021-38 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Approving a Product and Services Agreement for a Recreation Management Software System with Active Network, LLC
2. Resolution 2021-39 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Accepting the Pavement Maintenance Project 2020 Chadbourne, Beck, Courage as Complete
3. Resolution 2021-40 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Accepting the Business Center Drive Extension Improvements as Complete
4. Resolution 2021-41 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Accepting the Subdivision Improvements for the Jayo Subdivision as Complete; and

Resolution 2021-42 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Accepting the Landscaping Improvements for the Jayo Subdivision as Complete

5. Resolution 2021-43 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Authorizing the Fire

Department to Apply for the Fiscal Year 2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant

6. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for January 29, 30, and February 8, 2021
Councilmember Timm made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Vice Mayor Vaccaro seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Economic Development Manager Dwayne Dalman recommended to Council that it approve Resolution 2021-44 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Approving the Report of the Advisory Board for 2020 and Proposed Budget for Calendar Year 2021 in Connection with the North Texas Street Business Improvement District;

and Resolution 2021-45 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Declaring Intention to Levy an Assessment Against Businesses within the North Texas Street Business Improvement District for Calendar Year 2021 and Setting a Time and Place for Hearing Objections Thereto

Councilmember Moy made a motion to approve Resolutions 2021-44 and 2021-45. Councilmember Panduro seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dalman stated that the March 16, 2021 Council meeting would be held via Zoom and not in person as noted on staff report.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. Planner Brian Miller recommended to Council that it open the Public Hearing; and approve the First Reading and Introduction of Ordinance 2021-02 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Amending Section 25.38 (Density Bonus) of the Fairfield Municipal Code to Adopt Regulations to Conform with State Density Bonus Law (California Government Code Section 65915)

Mayor Price opened the public hearing. There were no requests to speak. Mayor Price closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Timm made a motion to waive full reading of Ordinance 2021-02, read by title only, and introduce ordinance for first reading. Councilmember Panduro seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

9. Planner Brian Miller recommended to Council that it open the Public Hearing; and approve the First Reading and Introduction of Ordinance 2021-03 of the City Council of the City of Fairfield Amending Chapter 25, Article I of the Fairfield City Code (Also known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Fairfield) Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Fairfield to Rezone Two Parcels at the Southwest Corner of Peabody Road and Cement Hill Road from IL (Limited Industrial) (APN: 0170-250-030 and -040) to CN (Neighborhood Commercial).

Mayor Price opened the public hearing. There were no requests to speak. Mayor Price closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Tonnesen made a motion to waive full reading of Ordinance 2021-03, read by title only, and introduce ordinance for first reading. Councilmember Timm seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

10. Senior Planner Amy Kreimeier recommended to Council that it open the Public Hearing; and discussion and give direction on (1) Award Preliminary Approval to Operate a Commercial Cannabis Retail Business in the City to Two Finalists, (2) Direct Staff to Prepare a Resolution for Adoption that Authorizes the City Manager to Issue a Commercial Cannabis Retail Permit to Operate a Commercial Cannabis Retail Business in the City to each of the Two Selected Finalists in Accordance with the Requirements and Procedures for Operation in Fairfield Municipal Code Chapter 10E and Any Conditions of Approval, and (3) Provide Direction to Staff in Identifying any Additional Conditions of Approval, Such as Community Benefits, to be Included with the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Commercial Cannabis Retail Permit.

Mayor Price opened the public hearing.

Five applicants for retail cannabis permits were selected for consideration by the Council at this hearing by specific criteria evaluation and scoring. They were allotted 15 minutes each to present to Council:

- 1) Brian Mitchell of Authentic Fairfield LLC, (Shryne Group, Inc.); proposed site at 2470 Martin Road
- 2) Gavin Kogan of East of Eden North Bay LLC, (Grupo Flor); proposed site at 1740 Travis Blvd.
- 3) Josh Black of Element 7 Fairfield LLC, proposed site at 2320 Courage Drive
- 4) Haley Andrew of Fairfield Cannabis Collective (FWC Inc.); proposed site at 150 Alaska Avenue
- 5) Lauren Carpenter of Embarc Fairfield (Responsible & Compliant Retail Fairfield LLC); proposed site at 180 Serrano Drive

Councilmembers were given time after each presentation to ask questions for clarification.

The following individuals spoke on item 10: Lance Rogers, Raymond Courtemanche, Daniel Weiss, Ruth Forney, Austin "AJ" Schrader, Lindsey Hickman, Jeff Ramirez, Chris Francis, Cade Beckwith, Kayla, Rob Smith, William Bradshaw, Josh, Tony Bowles, Michael Coleman, Nick Haddox, Tony Canales, Jofil Borja, James Araby, David Isom, Jason Reyes, Amy O'Gorman Jenkins, Joseph Avakian, Garret Mann, and Claire Courtney.

After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Price ordered that the public hearing be continued to March 16, 2021. In addition to those who spoke this evening, there were 14 additional speakers, who will speak first at the continued hearing in two weeks.

At the March 16, 2021 continued hearing, Council may award preliminary approval to two

finalists out of the top five to receive retail permits. There is only one applicant for the manufacturer's permit, 3Bros. Fairfield, who will also be heard on March 16, 2021.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:01 P.M. TO TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021, 6:00 P.M., VIA TELECONFERENCE.

City Clerk

Mayor