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Meeting Minutes Special City Council

*THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL MEETS CONCURRENTLY AS
THE FORT BRAGG MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1
AND THE FORT BRAGG REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR
AGENCY*

Monday, May 3, 2021

6:00 PM

Via Video Conference

Cannabis Ordinance

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Norvell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, all Councilmembers appearing via video conference.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Bernie Norvell, Vice Mayor Jessica Morsell-Haye, Councilmember Tess Albin-Smith, Councilmember Lindy Peters and Councilmember Marcia Rafanan

1. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 1A. [21-198](#)** Receive Report and Recommend Edits to Ordinance to Update Municipal Code 9.30 Cannabis Businesses

Associate Planner Gurewitz presented the staff report on this agenda item.

Public Comment via Zoom was received from Jacob Patterson.

Direction: Council directed staff to revise Municipal Code Chapter 9.30 by: (1) using the State of California's language which focuses on owners and applicants, and not on employees, (2) centralizing cannabis application processing in the Community Development Department instead of the Police Department, and (3) adding definitions to Chapter 9.30.

This Staff Report was referred to staff.

- 1B. [21-201](#)** Receive Report and Provide Direction on a Cannabis Cultivation Policy

Associate Planner Gurewitz gave the staff report for this agenda item.

Public Comment via Zoom was received from Simeon, Michael Strupp and Jacob Patterson. The City Clerk read a comment from Brandy Moulton.

Mayor Norvell recessed the meeting at 6:58 PM; the meeting reconvened at 7:00 PM.

Direction: After discussion, the Council provided feedback to staff by completing the chart on Page 10 of the PowerPoint Presentation as follows:

- Outdoor Cultivation - prohibited for commercial, allowed for personal.
- Indoor Cultivation - allowed
- Mixed Light Cultivation - allowed
- Water Usage Plan - shall (requirement)
- Water Conservation Measures - shall (requirement)

- Private Water Source - should (recommendation)
- Water Reclamation - shall (required)
- LED Lighting - should (recommendation)
- Solar Panels or Sonoma Clean Power - should (recommendation)

This Staff Report was referred to staff.

- 1C. [21-199](#)** Receive Report and Provide Direction to Staff on Where Commercial Cannabis Cultivation, as a Primary Use, Should be Allowed

Associate Planner Gurewitz gave the staff report for this item.

Public Comment via Zoom was received from Jacob Patterson, Simeon, and Michael Strupp.

Direction: Council directed that cannabis businesses may be allowed in the Light Industrial (IL) and Heavy Industrial (IH) zoning districts with an administrative permit, and in the Highway and Visitor Commercial (CH) and General Commercial (CG) zoning districts with a use permit.

This Staff Report was referred to staff.

- 1D. [21-202](#)** Receive Report and Provide Direction to Staff on Whether to Create a Cannabis Microbusiness Category or Enhance the Accessory Use Definition in Inland Land Use and Development Code Section 18.42.057

This item was continued to a special meeting set for May 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Norvell adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM.

BERNIE NORVELL, MAYOR

June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)