



CITY OF SURPRISE
Regular City Council Work Session
16000 North Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ 85374

Tuesday, August 17, 2021 @ 4:00PM

Call To Order

Roll Call

Mayor Hall called to order the Regular City Council Work Session of August 17, 2021 at 4:00 PM at Surprise City Hall Council Chambers, 16000 N Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, Arizona 85374. Also in attendance with Mayor Hall were Vice Mayor Duffy and Council Members Winters, Cline, Judd, Hastings and Remley.

Staff Present: City Manager, Michael Frazier; City Attorney, Robert Wingo and City Clerk, Sherry Ann Aguilar.

Pledge of Allegiance

Call To The Public

Regular City Council Work Session Agenda

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Presentation and discussion pertaining to an update on Fighter Country Partnership.Â

[Ron Sites, CEO gave a brief presentation on Fighter Country Partnership.](#)

2. Presentation and discussion pertaining to aÂ proposed Text Amendment to Chapters 102 and 106 of the Surprise Land Development Ordinances (LDO) regarding Recreational Marijuana; Case FS20-619 - NO ACTION

[City Planner, Robert Kuhfuss gave a powerpoint presentation on this item.](#)

[Councilmember Remley asked why is a marijuana growing facility the same as a marijuana sales facility.](#)

[Attorney VanRiper commented that we decided to have it all the same for clarification for the ease of administration and enforcement. They are all the same distances, dispensary or recreational facilities.](#)

Councilmember Judd commented on testing facilities with higher paying job, more educated people. Why isn't this separated?

Councilmember Hastings commented that Prop 207 voted yes, but maybe some don't wasn't cultivation in the backyards and all over Surprise. Also please explain the separate distance requirements.

Mr. Kuhfuss clarified.

Attorney VanRiper added additional legal clarification.

Councilmember Cline confirmed the same concerns as previous Council comments.

3. Presentation and discussion pertaining to a proposed Text Amendment to Chapter 109 of the Surprise Land Development Ordinance regarding Class II Temporary Signs; Case FS21-372 - NO ACTION

City Planner, Robert Kuhfuss gave a powerpoint presentation on this item.

Mayor Hall asked if the Chamber has been involved or attended any of the meetings.

Mr. Kuhfuss commented not at this point.

Councilmember Judd questioned the distance from the business to the sign. Would like to see language defining what a shopping center clearly defined. And also limited the amount of signs each business can have to give visibility but control the amount. I wouldn't mind seeing signs banned from arterial corners.

Community Development Director, Chris Boyd commented that keeping it simple will prove to be most beneficial. We think your suggestions make sense for distance and locations. Several options were discussed.

Councilmember Remley commented that it now sounds complicated again with regulations that might be confusing. If we don't have a problem, then why make one?

Councilmember Hastings commented that 20 feet separation is a good starting point and in favor of no 1,000 foot rule. What is the general feedback from the public? The reviews are mixed.

Vice-Mayor Duffy commented that the 20 feet rule I am fine with, no one is going out there with a measuring tape. The separation needs to be there.

Adjournment

Council Member Hastings made the motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Work Session of August 17, 2021 at 4:50 PM. Vice mayor Judd seconded the motion. Seven yes votes, motion carried.

Skip Hall, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk, MMC

CERTIFICATION:

I, Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk for the City of Surprise, Maricopa County, Arizona, do hereby verify that these are the true and correct minutes of the Regular City Council Work Session of **Tuesday, August 17, 2021.**

Sherry Ann Aguilar, City Clerk, MMC