



Minutes Town Council Regular Meeting January 27, 2022

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Ricardo Vital
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Minutes of the Guadalupe Town Council Regular Meeting held on Thursday, January 27, 2022, at 6:00 P.M., at Guadalupe Town Hall, 9241 South Avenida del Yaqui, Museum Room, Guadalupe, Arizona.

A. Mayor Molina called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m..

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Valerie Molina and Councilmember Joe Sánchez. The following councilmembers participated via video conference: Vice Mayor Ricardo Vital, Councilmember Gloria Cota, Councilmember Mary Bravo, Councilmember Elvira Osuna, and Councilmember Anita Cota Soto

Staff Present: Jeff Kulaga – Town Manager / Clerk (via video conference); David Ledyard – Town Attorney and Jennifer Drury – Assistant to the Town Manager

C. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilmember Cota Soto provided the invocation. Mayor Molina then lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None.

E. CALL TO THE PUBLIC: No one spoke.

F. MAYOR and COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS: None.

G. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

1. PUBLIC HEARING – MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT (ORDINANCE NO. O2022.01)

Mayor Molina stated that this is a public hearing to receive public input regarding Ordinance No. O2022.01 amending § 154.082 Operation Requirements of the Town of Guadalupe Zoning Code regarding hours of operation for medical marijuana dispensaries. The proposed ordinance would change the current hours of operation for medical marijuana dispensaries from not earlier than 8:00 AM and not later than 10:00 PM, to not earlier than 8:00 AM and no later than 12:00 MIDNIGHT. Due to COVID-19 staffing illness, the Town Manager is requesting this matter be tabled to a date certain of the February 10, 2022 Town Council Regular Meeting. *(related to G2)*

Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk, stated that the proposed ordinance amendment is to extend the closing time for marijuana dispensaries from 10:00 PM to 12:00 Midnight. The public hearing is to receive input from the public regarding the ordinance amendment. Agenda item G1 is related to agenda item G2. As a result of being short staffed due to COVID-19, staff is recommending that agenda items G1 and G2 be continued to the February 10, 2022, Town Council Regular Meeting.

Motion by Vice Mayor Vital to table the public hearing and reschedule this agenda item to the February 10, 2022, Regular Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m., at Town Hall, live streamed; second by Councilmember Osuna. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote 7-0.



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Councilmembers tabled the public hearing and rescheduled the public hearing to the February 10, 2022, Regular Council meeting. The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive public input regarding amending § 154.082 Operation Requirements of the Town of Guadalupe Zoning Code regarding hours of operation for medical marijuana dispensaries. The proposed ordinance would change the current hours of operation for medical marijuana dispensaries from not earlier than 8:00 AM and not later than 10:00 PM, to not earlier than 8:00 AM and no later than 12:00 MIDNIGHT. Due to COVID-19 staffing illness, the Town Manager requested that this agenda item be tabled to a date certain of the February 10, 2022, Town Council Regular Meeting. *(related to G2)*

2. MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT (ORDINANCE NO. O2022.01)

Mayor Molina stated that this agenda item is for Council to consider adoption of Ordinance No. O2022.01 that amends § 154.082 Operation Requirements of the Town the Town of Guadalupe Zoning Code to extend the hours of operation for medical marijuana dispensaries from not earlier than 8:00 AM and not later than 10:00 PM, to not earlier than 8:00 a.m. and no later than 12:00 MIDNIGHT. Due to COVID-19 staffing illness, the Town Manager is requesting this matter be tabled to a date certain of the February 10, 2022 Town Council Regular Meeting. *(related to G1)*

Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk, clarified that the Ordinance number for agenda items G1 and G2 is Ordinance No. O2022.01. Staff is recommending a continuance of this agenda item.

Motion by Vice Mayor Vital to table agenda item G2 and reschedule G2 to the February 10, 2022, Town Council Regular Meeting; second by Councilmember Bravo. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote 7-0.

Councilmembers tabled agenda item G2 and rescheduled G2 to the February 10, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. This agenda item will be for Council to consider adoption of Ordinance No. O2022.01 that amends § 154.082 Operation Requirements of the Town the Town of Guadalupe Zoning Code to extend the hours of operation for medical marijuana dispensaries from not earlier than 8:00 AM and not later than 10:00 PM, to not earlier than 8:00 a.m. and no later than 12:00 MIDNIGHT. Due to COVID-19 staffing illness, the Town Manager is requesting this matter be tabled to a date certain of the February 10, 2022 Town Council Regular Meeting. *(related to G1)*

3. CALL OF PRIMARY ELECTION – AUGUST 2, 2022 (RESOLUTION NO. R2022.03)

Mayor Molina stated that this agenda item is for Council to consider adoption of a resolution for a Call of Election announcing that the Town of Guadalupe Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. There will be one open seat for Mayor and three open seats for Councilmember on the ballot.

Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk, stated that per State statute, and direction from the Maricopa County Elections Department, the election must be called a certain number of days prior to the election date. The Primary Election is scheduled for August 2, 2022. Candidate packets will be available for pick up by appointment on Monday, February 8. Signature requirements are a minimum of 26 and a maximum of 51 signatures.

Motion by Vice Mayor Vital to approve agenda item G3; second by Councilmember Osuna. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote 7-0.

Councilmembers adopted **RESOLUTION NO. R2022.03** for a Call of Election announcing that the Town of Guadalupe Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. There will be one open seat for Mayor and three open seats for Councilmember on the ballot. The candidate nomination filing period is Monday March 7 – Monday, April 4, 2022. The nomination packets must be filed with the Town Manager / Clerk. Tuesday, July 5, 2022 is the voter registration deadline. Wednesday, July 6, 2022 early voting will be available at the Mercado.



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H. TOWN MANAGERS' COMMENTS

Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Clerk

- The Senior Center is experiencing a shortage of staff members however, staff continues to provide home meal deliveries and a meal pick up option.
- Sidewalk improvements are occurring throughout the Town. The cost of the project is approximately \$25,000.
- Thanked residents impacted by the Avenida del Yaqui Street Improvement Project for their patience.

I. COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

Councilmember Bravo

- Thanked staff for their work.

Councilmember Sánchez

- Thanked staff for their work.
- Thanked staff for their work at Stottlemire Park.

Councilmember Cota Soto

- Thanked staff for their work.
- Urged everyone to stay safe.

Councilmember Osuna

- Thanked staff for their work.

Councilmember Cota

- Thanked staff for their work.

Vice Mayor Vital

- Saturday, January 29, 2022 – COVID-19 vaccination/booster event.
- Thursday, February 3, 2022 – COVID-19 testing event.
- Saturday, February 12 and 26, 2022 – COVID-19 vaccinations events.
- There were 143 positive COVID-19 cases this week; and, 168 positive cases last week.
- Thanked staff for their work.

Mayor Molina

- Little League registration is underway. Volunteer coaches are needed.
- Wear masks at gatherings to keep the community safe.
- At home COVID-19 test kits are available via postal mail.
- Thanked staff for their work.



J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vice Mayor Vital to adjourn the Town Council Regular Meeting; second by Councilmember Bravo. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the January 27, 2022, Town of Guadalupe, Town Council Regular Meeting. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Jeff Kulaga, Town Manager / Town Clerk