



MEETING MINUTES OF SPECIAL
MEETING OF THE TOWN OF GUADALUPE
COUNCIL

A public meeting of the Town of Guadalupe Council was held on THURSDAY, JUNE, 29, 2017, AT 6:00 P.M., 9241 South Avenida del Yaqui, Guadalupe, Arizona.

Valerie Molina
Mayor

Anita Cota
Vice Mayor

Gloria Cota
Councilmember

Elvira Osuna
Councilmember

Joe Sanchez
Councilmember

Faustino Valenzuela
Councilmember

Ricardo Vital
Councilmember

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- A. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Valarie Molina.
- B. ROLL CALL: Absent: Councilmember Sanchez.
- C. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Gloria Cota
- D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM:

1. Executive Session

The Guadalupe Town Council voted to go into an Executive Session closed to the public, as allowed by A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)3, to obtain legal advice from the Town Attorney concerning the legal requirements to grant, deny, or grant with modifications applications for variances of the Town Code of Guadalupe. Vice Mayor Cota made the motion seconded by Councilmember Osuna to go into executive session.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Councilmember Vital made a motion seconded by Councilmember Osuna to close the executive session and reconvene in public session. Motion carried. (Time of open session 6:25)

2. Variance Request V6-17.C, G.T.L. LLC d/b/a The Mint

The Town Council of Guadalupe, in its capacity as the Board of Adjustment on June 22, 2017 held a public hearing to take public comment concerning the variance request from G.T.L. LLC (d/b/a The Mint, a medical marijuana dispensary) that it be allowed to extend its hours of operation from the time currently allowed under the Town Code 8 AM to 6 PM 7 days per week to 8 AM to 12 AM (midnight) 7 days per week. The Mayor announced that the Council may take action to approve, deny, or approve with modifications said variance request. Ayensa Millan, attorney for the business, distributed an information paper referring to case law regarding operating hours for businesses and expressing the company's need for being able to remain open later than 6:00 p.m. Vice Mayor Cota indicated she was opposed to the business staying open until midnight. She indicated she was okay with 8:00 pm to close. Various acceptable closing times were expressed by other council members. Mayor Molina said 9:00, Councilmember Faustino suggested 10:00 and Councilmember Vital said 9:00. Vice Mayor Anita Cota made a motion seconded by Councilmember Osuna to accept the modification of hours of operations to 8:00 with additional lighting and security. The vote on this motion was 2 for and 4 against. Councilmember Valenzuela made a motion seconded by Council member Gloria Cota that the business be allowed to remain open until 10:00. This motion was not approved by a vote of 2 to 4. Council member Vital made a motion seconded by Councilmember Cota that a closing time of 9 for a period of one year be approved. Vice Mayor Cota expressed opposition to the motion. Motion carried 5-1. Dave Ledyard, town attorney presented a paper entitled "Findings and Decision Granted As Modified". After this information was reviewed, Councilmember Vital made a motion seconded by Councilmember Valenzuela that the findings be approved and the time of closing be set at 9:00 p. m. seven days a week and that this variance shall be for one year. Motion carried, Vice Mayor Cota disagreed with the statement in 6 (a) about difficulty of residents to get to the dispensary after work and before the closing time.

- E. ADJOURNMENT: Vice Mayor Cota made a motion seconded by Councilmember Vital that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried (Time 6:40 p. m.)