



City of Goodyear

Meeting Minutes

City Council Work Session

Mayor Georgia Lord

Vice Mayor Bill Stipp

Councilmember Joe Pizzillo

Councilmember Sheri Lauritano

Councilmember Wally Campbell

Councilmember Brannon Hampton

Councilmember Laura Kaino

Goodyear Municipal Court
and Council Chambers
14455 W. Van Buren St.,
Suite B101
Goodyear, AZ 85338

Monday, January 11, 2021

5:00 PM

Goodyear Municipal Court and Council
Chambers

While the Goodyear City Council meetings are open to the public, the occupancy has been reduced to implement social distancing. Seating is generally available on a first come basis, but meeting attendees will be cycling in and out so attendees may be present during items of interest.

Face Masks are required and must be worn when moving throughout the building.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lord called the Work Session to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Mayor Lord, Vice Mayor Bill Stipp, Councilmember Pizzillo, Councilmember Lauritano, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Hampton, and Councilmember Kaino

Staff Present: City Manager Julie Arendall, City Attorney Roric Massey and City Clerk Darcie McCracken

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. [2021-7165ws](#) Council discussion and review of proposed city code amendments which will revise Chapter 11 to add a new Section 11-1-38 to establish marijuana regulations, restrictions and penalties and clarify the definitions in Article 10-1 of Goodyear City Code and provide an update on human resource policy changes to ensure compliance with Arizona Proposition 207. (Lisa Maxie-Mullins, Assistant City Attorney)

Assistant City Attorney Lisa Maxie-Mullins presented an overview of the proposed Goodyear City Code (City Code) amendments specifically related to the enactment of Proposition 207 also known as the Arizona Smart and Safe Act (Prop 207) regulating marijuana. She also provided information

on the changes to Human Resources policies.

Ms. Maxie-Mullins discussed the details of Prop 207 noting that it was approved by Arizona voters on November 3, 2020. She stated Prop 207 authorized the Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS) as the agency to regulate marijuana use in the State of Arizona. AZDHS would establish rules, issue licenses to marijuana establishments such as retail, cultivation, manufacturing and processing facilities. Ms. Maxie-Mullins added that licenses were expected to be issued in the first quarter of 2021.

Ms. Maxie-Mullins explained the proposed City Code amendments to Chapter 11 and the two main goals for the City. The goals included resolving any conflicts between Prop 207 and the existing City Code, and providing clarification concerning definitions and prohibitions to ensure compliance within the Goodyear city limits. She added that City Code Chapter 10-1-1 was amended to change the definition of marijuana to include marijuana as a hazardous waste to ensure proper disposal.

Council asked if it was a Class 1 Misdemeanor if someone was buying marijuana for a younger person. Ms. Maxie-Mullins replied that it was not included in the City Code amendments, but that Prop 207 provided specific sections relating to underage users and petty offenses that can graduate to a misdemeanor.

Council asked if a landlord or private property owner could ban marijuana under Prop 207. Ms. Maxie-Mullins responded that she did not think it was possible under the law.

Council suggested that there be an outreach education plan to private property owners/landlords.

Council expressed their concerns about the delivery of medical marijuana being prohibited and how it could affect those who have it delivered for medicinal purposes as well as marijuana being classified as hazardous waste.

Ms. Maxie-Mullins went on to discuss the potential changes to the Human Resources policies. She stated Prop 207 does allow employers to maintain a drug free work place and does not require employers to accommodate consumption or possession of marijuana at the work place.

Council thanked Ms. Maxie-Mullins for her work on the presentation.

2. [2021-7099ws](#) City Council to receive an update on judicial branch activity for the Goodyear Municipal Court for FY20 as well as future Court initiatives. (Hon. Mayra Galindo, Presiding Judge)

The Honorable Mayra Galindo, Presiding Judge, reviewed the activity highlights of the Goodyear Municipal Court (Court). She reviewed several of the safety measures taken during the COVID-19 pandemic. She also recognized the hard work and dedication of the Court employees who made the success possible.

Presiding Judge Galindo discussed options to become a more digital and paperless Court and asked for the Council's support in the purchase of new equipment to allow for these options.

Presiding Judge Galindo went on to review the completion of the Capital Improvement Court Security Project and innovations that were implemented such as telephonic/remote criminal plea adaptations.

Presiding Judge Galindo also discussed the Court's culture of change and how the Court is focusing on employee engagement, employee satisfaction and empowering the employee. She also reviewed the Court's future initiatives.

Council appreciated the Court's emphasis on creating an environment that created growth for employees.

Council expressed their support in providing the Court with the technology needed to continue to provide services to customers.

INFORMATION ITEMS

City Manager Julie Arendall noted that city offices would be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Lord adjourned the Work Session at 6:20 p.m.

Darcie McCracken, City Clerk

Georgia Lord, Mayor

Date: _____