


VI. CONSIDERATION ITEMS:**A. CITY COUNCIL:**

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1. Consider the Cannabis Dispensaries Medical Delivery Only Facilities Status Update Report, and provide staff with direction on whether to develop an Ordinance for Planning Commission consideration to allow for such operations within the City of La Habra.

Mayor Pro Tem Beamish confirmed that all Councilmembers received the email for this item that was submitted at the dais.

Community and Economic Development Deputy Director Jaramillo presented the staff report. He noted that the State of California allowed delivery of cannabis products to a physical address. He added that delivery of cannabis products was not allowed to the following places: publicly owned land, land leased by a public agency, a school providing instruction from kindergarten through 12th grade, daycare centers, or youth centers.

Council discussion included: confirmation that retail cannabis deliveries were already occurring in La Habra and that staff did not know their locations; clarification that an ordinance would allow for the operation of cannabis dispensary warehouse(s) in La Habra; modification of the ordinance to allow for non-store front retail licenses; explanation of the Weedmaps application and its function; confirmation that the proposed cannabis dispensary medical only delivery facility (facility) would strictly function in a delivery capacity; verification that the closest cannabis facility was located in the City of Hesperia, which had six operations in place; clarification that the City of Cudahy had approved ordinances for such businesses, but were tied to other types of operations, and to date none had cleared the Los Angeles County Fire Department for operation; potential for legal cannabis operations to decrease the number of illegal operations; the possibility for legal cannabis operations to be taken over by the criminal element; revenue to be realized by the City of La Habra from cannabis distribution centers; limit sales for adult use and decrease the number of non-storefront licenses from four to two; clarification that the State of California allowed individuals to grow cannabis plants in their homes; and the availability for individuals to use the synthetic drug Merinol through a prescription as an alternative to cannabis.

Mayor Gomez invited the public to testify at 7:22 p.m.

Attorney Dana Cisneros, from the Cannabis Corporate Law Firm, representing Canna America Distribution, LLC, encouraged Council to consider recreational deliveries of cannabis products for veterans and for extremely ill people. She spoke regarding a potential lawsuit against Weedmaps due to unregulated, unlicensed, and illegal cannabis dispensaries that pay a large monthly fee to be on their application. She clarified that there is a threat to public health with the illegal dispensaries delivering unregulated and untested cannabis products. She spoke in support of Council directing staff to proceed with an ordinance.

Mayor Gomez closed public testimony at 7:26 p.m.

Acting Police Chief Capelletti confirmed the following regarding illegal cannabis dispensaries: the statement made by Attorney Cisneros regarding the number of them on Weedmaps was somewhat accurate; La Habra Police Department had shut them down in La Habra using a

tactical plan; that they were a threat to public safety; they were usually located in industrial/business areas; and that federal law still considered cannabis an illegal substance.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Beamish, seconded by Councilmember Shaw, and CARRIED (3-2) TO APPROVE TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE CANNABIS DISPENSARIES MEDICAL DELIVERY ONLY FACILITIES STATUS UPDATE REPORT AND DIRECT STAFF TO DEVELOP AN ORDINANCE, FOR ADULT USAGE AND WITH A LIMIT OF TWO LICENSES, FOR PLANNING COMMISSION CONSIDERATION TO ALLOW FOR SUCH OPERATION WITHIN THE CITY OF LA HABRA.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Beamish, Councilmember Espinoza, Councilmember Shaw
NOES: Mayor Gomez, Councilmember Medrano
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE



VII. MAYOR'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

Mayor/Chair Gomez made the following announcements:

- La Habra Police Department's "National Night Out" - Tuesday, August 6, starting at 5:30 p.m. at Portola Park.
- "Summer Concert Series" – Thursday, August 15, at 6:30 p.m. in Portola Park featuring "Jumping Jack Flash," a Rolling Stones Tribute Band.
- La Habra Children's Museum's "Night at the Museum" - Saturday, October 19, at 6:00 p.m. fundraiser to benefit the La Habra Children's Museum.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

City Manager Sadro congratulated the La Habra Host Lions Club on another successful Corn Festival. He thanked City staff who worked with the Lions Club on the logistics for the Corn Festival parade and three-day festival.

IX. COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS/DIRECTORS:

Mayor/Chair Gomez requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of Ronnie Martinez, and the victims of the El Paso, Texas, Dayton, Ohio, and Gilroy, California shootings. He stated that he attended the Corn Festival and thanked Police Captain Capelletti, the La Habra Police Department, and the Los Angeles County Fire Department for keeping the community safe. He thanked Planning Manager Ramsland, who was also Chairman of the La Habra Host Lions Club (LHHLC) for organizing the event and helping the community. He thanked City staff, the Public Works staff, and the Community Services staff for their contribution to the Corn Festival. He reported that he attended the 2019 La Habra Chamber of Commerce Annual Community Awards Installation and Luncheon held at the Westridge Golf Club on July 25, 2019.

Councilmember/Director Medrano stated that he attended the Corn Festival. He thanked Planning Manager Ramsland, who was also Chairman of the La Habra Host Lions Club (LHHLC) and City staff for organizing the event. He thanked Robin Demaro who drove his