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**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
12:00 P.M., June 9, 2014**

City Council Chambers, Legislative Building, 745 Fourth Street, Sparks, Nevada

1. Call to Order (Time: 12:03 p.m.)

The workshop of the Sparks City Council was called to order by Mayor Geno Martini at 12:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call (Time: 12:03 p.m.)

Mayor Geno Martini, Council Members Julia Ratti, Ed Lawson, Ron Smith, Mike Carrigan, Ron Schmitt, City Manager Steve Driscoll, City Attorney Chet Adams and City Clerk Teresa Gardner, PRESENT.

ABSENT: None

Staff Present: John Martini, Lisa Hunderman, Chris Syverson, Brian Allen, Jean Marie Walsh, Tom Garrison, Adam Mayberry, Armando Ornelas, Tim Thompson, Kathy Clewett, Rich Brown.

Comments from the Public (Time: 12:03 p.m.) - None

3. Discussion of and possible direction to staff regarding proposed amendments to S.M.C. Chapter 5 to provide for the issuance of business licenses to Medical Marijuana Establishments (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 12:04 p.m.)

An agenda item from City Planner Armando Ornelas and Senior Planner Tim Thompson recommending Council review the proposed amendments to S.M.C. Chapter 5 for the licensing of Medical Marijuana Establishments and provide direction to staff. On February 24, 2014, the City Council directed staff to prepare and bring forward for the Council's consideration amendments to Title 5 to allow for the business licensing of medical marijuana establishments which propose to operate within the corporate boundaries of the City of Sparks in compliance with Nevada Senate Bill 374 (2013) and the State of Nevada's regulations for medical marijuana establishments.

City Planner Armando Ornelas and Senior Planner Tim Thompson presented PowerPoint slides which revealed history of medical marijuana direction provided by the State of Nevada and Sparks City Council to date. It included background; a description of the types of medical marijuana establishments to be licensed by the state of Nevada and the City of Sparks; a review of some policies adopted by the Sparks City Council to date; the proposed Sparks code;

background of how the Sparks code was developed; proposed business license fees for the various medical marijuana establishments; and the business impact statement process.

Other items discussed by Council and Staff included medical marijuana license fees proposed in some other Nevada cities and municipalities; potential additional fees that can be established; safety and police issues; potential profit and cost to the city; potential of establishing fees for licensing of medical marijuana establishments and then changing those fees at a later date; the question of what Sparks wants to accomplish as a city in the establishment of the medical marijuana facilities; costs to the city to date in the discussion, and work accomplished by staff to establish the medical marijuana facilities; and potential city expenses and gains in the establishment and operations of medical marijuana facilities.

A motion was made by Council Member Lawson, seconded by Council Member Ratti, to approve the amendments to SMC Chapter 5 as proposed by staff. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, YES. Council Members Carrigan, Schmitt, NO. Motion carried 3-2.

4. Comments

4.1 Comments from the Public (Time: 1:01 p.m.)

Comment was received by Attorney Katherine Hoffman representing Forever Green NV, supporting the establishment of medical marijuana facilities; confidentiality regarding proposed facilities' safety procedures in transport of cash and product; the proposed medical marijuana business fees.

4.2 Comments from City Council and City Manager (Time: 1:05 p.m.) - None

5. Adjournment (Time: 1:05 p.m.)

Council was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa Gardner, City Clerk

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