



Willows City Council Regular Meeting Action Minutes

May 28, 2024
Willows City Hall
6:00 PM

City Council
Gary Hansen, Mayor
Evan Hutson, Vice Mayor
Rick Thomas, Council Member
David Vodden, Council Member
Forrest Sprague, Council Member

City Manager
Marti Brown

City Clerk
Amos Hoover

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1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Hansen, Vice Mayor Hutson, and Councilmembers Thomas, Sprague, and Vodden

Councilmembers Absent: None

4. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Moved Item #6a until the arrival of the City Attorney later in the meeting.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT & CONSENT CALENDAR FORUM

a. Register Approval

Action: Approved general checking, payroll, and direct deposit check registers.

b. Minutes Approval

Action: Approved the May 14, 2024, meeting minutes.

c. Delegated Maintenance Agreement with California Department of Transportation

Action: Authorized the City Manager to execute a Delegated Maintenance Agreement with the State of California Department of Transportation.

Public Comment

Shannon McGovern

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Vodden and Vice Mayor Hutson

Yes: Councilmembers Thomas, Sprague, Vodden, Vice Mayor Hutson, and Mayor Hansen

No: None

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION CALENDAR

a. Councilmember Complaint

Action: No action taken.

b. **Award of Contract for the FY23-24 Annual Sidewalk Maintenance Project**

Action: Rejected all bids, and directed staff to readvertise the project and ensure that local vendors receive notice of the project.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmembers Vodden and Sprague

Yes: Councilmembers Vodden and Sprague, and Vice Mayor Hutson

No: Councilmember Thomas and Mayor Hansen

c. **Retail/Dispensary Cannabis Businesses – Modify Distance Requirements**

Action: Passed a resolution to modify the cannabis retail business distance requirements to 1,000ft from schools (preschool – 12th grade) only. Directed the Planning Commission to review zoning for retail cannabis businesses and provide recommendations for changes.

First Motion: To reject the proposed change and to retain the current standards as written.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Sprague and Mayor Hansen

Yes: Councilmember Sprague and Mayor Hansen

No: Councilmembers Vodden and Thomas, and Vice Mayor Hutson

Second Motion: To pass the resolution, with an amendment that the distance requirement remain at 1,000 feet from schools and direct the Planning Commission to reconsider and recommend to the Council zoning for the permitted use of retail cannabis businesses.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Vodden and Vice Mayor Hutson

Yes: Councilmembers Vodden and Thomas, and Vice Mayor Hutson

No: Councilmember Sprague and Mayor Hansen

Public Comment: Kathy Gilmore, Jenee' Corum, Jason Grant, Joe Flesher, Keith Corum, Doug Ross, Judy Corum, Hibana Aquino, Sherry Brott, Shirley Benningfield

d. **I-5 Feasibility Study – Final Project**

Action: Continued to the June 11, 2024, City Council meeting.

7. **COMMENTS & REPORTS**

- a. Council Correspondence
- b. City Council Comments & Reports
- c. City Manager's Report

8. **CLOSED SESSION**

Conference with Labor Negotiators (\$54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives:

Marti Brown, City Manager and Carolyn Walker, City Attorney

Employee Organizations: WEA, UPEC, and Management

Report Out: Direction given to staff.

9. **ADJOURNMENT - 10:30PM**

Amos Hoover, City Clerk