



CITY OF CHICO CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE



PROPOSED COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ORDINANCES AMENDING CHICO MUNICIPAL CODE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Chico City Council will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 421 Main Street, regarding the following:

Proposed Regulatory Framework for Allowing Commercial Cannabis in the City of Chico - The Chico Council will consider two draft ordinances and a resolution that: 1) add a new Chico Municipal Code (CMC) Chapter 5.42 (Commercial Cannabis Businesses) creating a commercial cannabis business permit to be obtained by any business related to cannabis; 2) codify a resolution adding CMC Chapter 5R.42 which implements the application and selection process for competitive and non-competitive commercial cannabis business permits; and 3) amend CMC Chapter 19.75 (Cannabis Regulations) establishing location limitations and operational requirements for the five types of commercial cannabis land uses that would be allowed.

At its February 20, 2020 meeting, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and voted 5-1-1 recommending that Council adopt an ordinance to amend CMC Chapter 19.75 to allow for five commercial cannabis land uses, including: 1) Retailer-Storefront, 2) Retail-Delivery Only, 3) Testing Laboratory, 4) Manufacturer, and 5) Distributor. Microbusiness and Commercial Cultivation businesses would not be allowed or permitted. The ordinance further provides operating standards and identifies appropriate zoning districts for the five commercial cannabis uses. For retail sales (Retailer-Storefront), a use permit would be required to be issued by the Planning Commission prior to operating.

The Planning Commission recommendation regarding amendments to CMC Chapter 19.75 (Cannabis Regulations), adding a new CMC Chapter 5.42 (Commercial Cannabis Businesses), and codifying Section 5R.43 by resolution together provide a regulatory framework for allowing commercial cannabis in the City of Chico, and will be considered collectively by the City Council at the meeting.

The proposed code amendments would not result in an increase in development beyond that which was analyzed in the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared and certified for the Chico 2030 General Plan update (State Clearinghouse #2008122038). The General Plan update EIR includes analyses of the potential environment impacts that could result from development at various commercially designated sites located throughout the City with a range of commercial uses, as well as development at various manufacturing-designated sites with a range of manufacturing land uses. The proposed amendments meet requirements of CEQA Guidelines Section 15183, Projects Consistent with a Community Plan or Zoning, and no additional environmental review or documentation is required.

Any person may appear and be heard at the public hearing, and interested parties are encouraged to submit written comments on the above noted project. Written materials to be presented to the City Council should be delivered to the City Clerk's office 8 days in advance of the meeting (sooner if there are holidays prior to the meeting) in order that copies may be included with the agenda and to give Council an opportunity to review the material in advance. If written materials are submitted later than this deadline, the City Council may not have adequate time to address them. All written materials should be submitted to the City of Chico City Clerk, 411 Main Street, Third Floor, or mailed to P. O. Box 3420, Chico, CA 95927.

In accordance with Government Code Section 65009, if any person(s) challenges the action of the City Council in court, said person(s) may be limited to raising only those issues that were raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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“transient” and vilifies members of the community who do, with hate speech—using words or phrases such as “moral panic,” “crisis mode,” “aggressively posturing and screaming,” “fear-mongers,” “hate,” “glaring examples,” “hysteria.”

Is Ms. Kohler the example we should follow to fight an “us vs. them” situation? In her own words: “Thinly veiled hatred and fear have no place here, and combating it starts with a little bit of humanity in the way we talk about people.” I guess “a little bit” doesn’t apply to Ms. Kohler, only to everyone else.

I believe that civil discourse is the best way to talk one to one another, and I also believe that the citizens of Chico have every right to be upset over the criminal element within the homeless population who are using and abusing this city and others.

Gordon Reimer
Chico

Councilman's comeback

Re “Flaccid leadership” (Letters, by Robyn Engel and Steve Breedlove, March 5):

I feel obligated to correct misrepresentations of my record made in a March 5 letter by Ms. Engel. All of the following corrections are supported by the public record.

Contrary to the assertion that I “helped attempt to unseat Mayor Randall Stone,” I attempted to keep him from being unseated by offering constructive critique, and then voted against the motion to remove him. The statement that I am a “staunch proponent of landlord rights” is easily disproved by my vote to add just-cause protection for renters of thousands of single-family residences. To the claim that my motion on sit/lie “further criminalizes human beings,” it does precisely the opposite, by removing all the financial penalties currently in place that result in unpaid warrants that are the basis for criminalization.

While claiming that the issue of sit/lie is neither Democratic or Republican, it’s clear that retribution is swift when one breaks ranks in an attempt to find creative, compassionate compromises. In a time of such difficult challenges and community polarization, falling back on symbolic gestures

does not move us toward long-term solutions.

Regarding the Breedlove letter, I will only say “consider the source.”

Scott Huber
Chico

Editor’s note: The author is a member of the Chico City Council.

The latest hoax?

Re “Coronavirus, etcetera” (Letters, by Roger S. Beadle, March 5):

Mr. Beadle, President Trump doesn’t appropriate the budget for the CDC. Congress does. That is, when they’re not busy trying to get a duly elected president tossed out with a bunch of made-up malarkey pushed by the horrible, corrupt Democrat-controlled U.S. “news” media. That should concern you and everyone else even more.

Could you provide us with any evidence that the coronavirus isn’t the latest hoax? I’ll wait.

Were you as outraged when Obama appointed Ron Klain as “Ebola czar” with absolutely zero experience in Ebola or public health? Get a clue, Mr. Beadle. Remember, ignorance left unattended breeds stupidity.

Jimmy Hendryx
Chico

Editor’s note: The proposed budget for 2021—authored by Trump but not yet approved by Congress—includes a 16 percent decrease in funding for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

‘Travesty of justice’

PG&E is back to business as usual. This year, it has requested two rate increases on top of the four rate increases last year. In addition, the utility again proposed to the bankruptcy judge \$453 million in bonuses and incentives to management.

PG&E already has the highest rates in the nation and has failed miserably in providing safe, efficient and affordable energy to its customers. The oversight by the CPUC [California Public Utilities Commission] and the fines that have been levied haven’t worked.

I fail to understand why the CEO left the company with a \$2.5 million severance after the Camp Fire rather than in handcuffs. And why PG&E, on felony probation, hasn’t been charged for incinerating 85 people and the town of Paradise. The fact that no

management has faced civil or criminal penalties is a travesty of justice.

I implore Gov. Gavin Newsom and Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey to hold PG&E accountable with criminal charges. There should be no bonuses, incentives or pay increases until the bankruptcy is completed and fire victims have been compensated. Replace management and board and CPUC members, break up the company, or have California take it over if necessary.

No one should lose their life, home, livelihood or community because of PG&E’s continued greed and mismanagement.

Paul Arnold
Chico

The saga continues

Memory lane takes me back to June 27, 2019, when I sent a letter to the CN&R noting the similarities of Donald Trump and North Korea’s Kim Jong Un.

During an interview with NBC’s George Stephanopoulos, Trump’s then-chief of staff, Mick Mulvaney, coughed in the background. Trump came unglued. “I don’t like that. I don’t like that, you know? If you’re going to cough, please leave the room,” Trump chided. “You just can’t, you just can’t cough.”

The episode couldn’t be faked, folks, and I knew at the time that Mulvaney was toast. Trump’s tantrum reminded me of when Kim Jong Un had his vice premier taken out and shot for dozing off during one of his speeches.

Flash-forward to March 6, 2020, and just as I said in my June 2019 letter, Trump has quietly exiled Mulvaney to Northern Ireland and replaced him with right-wing birther Mark Meadows. Yes, the same Meadows who wanted to “send [Obama] back to Kenya or wherever it is. We’ll send him back home.”

The continuing saga of the madman in the Oval Office—unfortunately for America, it rages on and is so predictable.

Ray Estes
Redding

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