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City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: JUNE 26, 2018**

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER CONDER AND **WARDS: ALL**
COUNCILMEMBER MAC ARTHUR

SUBJECT: SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PLANNING CASE P18-0337 –
MARIJUANA PROHIBITION AND REGULATION AT 1:00 P.M. ON JULY 10, 2018

ISSUE:

Setting a public hearing at 1:00 p.m. rather than 3:00 p.m. for July 10, 2018, as outlined in the Rules of Procedure and Order of Business of the City Council to facilitate adequate discussion time for the consideration of Planning Case P18-0337 – Marijuana Prohibition and Regulation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council set a public hearing session at 1:00 p.m. on July 10, 2018 for the consideration of Planning Case P18-0337 – Marijuana Prohibition and Regulation.

DISCUSSION:

On July 25, 2017, the City Council directed staff to prepare a moratorium on commercial marijuana activity. Subsequently, City Council adopted an interim moratorium on September 12, 2017, followed by a ten-month fifteen-day moratorium extension on October 24, 2017. The moratorium is set to expire on September 11, 2018.

At the March 27, 2018 City Council workshop, the Council, by a vote of 5 Ayes and 2 Noes, directed staff to immediately prepare an ordinance prohibiting within the City of Riverside (a) retail and commercial sale of marijuana; (b) commercial agricultural cultivation of marijuana; (c) the manufacturing and sale of marijuana extractable and consumable products; (d) distribution of all marijuana and cannabis associated products; (e) and establishment of microbusinesses such as boutique marijuana pot lounges; and (f) outdoor cultivation of all marijuana plants, including medical marijuana.

Per City Council direction, staff has prepared a number of amendments to the Riverside Municipal Code for City Council consideration during a public hearing. Due to the impending expiration of the existing moratorium on marijuana uses, and the timing necessary to implement Ordinances amending the Municipal Code, it is imperative that the item be considered on July 10, 2018. The table below illustrates the key dates of the Ordinance adoption process.

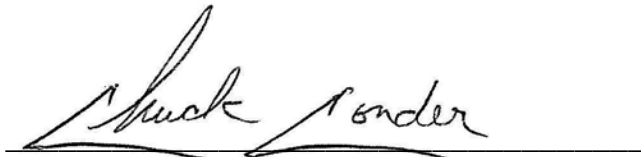
Ordinance Steps/Council Action	Key Dates
Ordinances Introduced	7/10
Ordinances Adopted (Second Reading)	7/24
Effective Date of Amendments	8/24
Moratorium Expiration	9/11

The Rules of Procedure and Order of Business of the City Council specify that the public hearing session shall commence at approximately 3:00 p.m. However, there are other items scheduled for the July 10, 2018 hearing that will likely result in lengthy discussions. As such, it is recommended that the public hearing session for the marijuana ordinance commence at 1:00 p.m. to facilitate the anticipated discussion related to the prohibition and regulation of marijuana uses.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact related to this action.

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