

KIRTLAND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 1, 2024 – Work Session

The work session meeting of Kirtland City Council commenced at 6:35 p.m. Council members present were Suzanne Grazia, Joseph Smolic, Julie Symonds, Ronald Fenstermaker, Matt Schulz, and Scott Haymer. Absent: Eric Zeigler.

City Engineer Doug Courtney, Service Director Joseph Fornaro, Police Chief Brian McCallister, Fire Chief Anthony Hutton and Senior Center Coordinator Teresa Szary were in attendance.

Council members discussed Resolution No. 24-R-47. Law Director Matt Lallo (“Lallo”) stated that he is proposing amended language to the Resolution. Council President Smolic requested Lallo wait until the Public Hearing portion of the Regular Council Meeting to present the proposed amended language. Lallo further stated if the amended language is accepted the Resolution will revert to second reading and that a vote can be taken to waive the third reading. Lallo stated he feels it is prudent to pass this at today’s meeting as the ballot language needs to be approved and submitted to the Lake County Board of Elections as soon as possible so that the Elections Board can get the language to the State for review and approval for inclusion on the November 2024 ballot.

Council President Smolic asked Service Director Joseph Fornaro if 24-R-49, which is on second reading, needs to be passed this evening, Mr. Fornaro stated he would like the resolution to pass this evening if possible.

Regarding Resolution 24-R-52 relating Finance Director Louis Slapnicker asked that this be approved this evening as the Tax Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 needs to be filed with the Lake County Auditor by July 20, 2024.

Regarding 24-O-39 Council President Smolic and Councilmember Haymer stated they would both like to learn more about the issue before voting. Councilmember Haymer stated that during the Public Session of the regular Council Meeting Mr. Laurello will be presenting information to the Council and members of the public in attendance regarding medical marijuana dispensaries. Mr. Lallo stated that the existing City Ordinance in place already prohibits cultivation, processing and dispensing of medical marijuana for adult use. He stated the moratorium expires at the end of this month and suggested voting to add language to include the cultivation of adult use marijuana. Further stating that if Council wishes to revisit the issue, he suggested Council consider creating a committee to evaluate the matter and report back to Council.

Council President Smolik addressed New Business Ordinance No. 24-O-53 stating this Ordinance represents modifications suggested by City Engineer Doug Courtney relating to riparian setbacks. Further stating that a Public Hearing will be held on August 19, 2024, as required.

There was no further discussion, and the work session meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. upon the unanimous consent of Council.

President of Council

Clerk of Council