

## DECEMBER 8, 2021 – CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Wu called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: MPT/Wu, C/Freedman, C/Pacheco, C/Tragarz

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: M/Ching

Also present: City Manager Wishner; Assistant City Manager Weiner; Assistant City Manager Rooney; City Attorney Leibold; City Planner Carlson; Community Services Superintendent Barcelo; Community Services Superintendent Bumia; Senior Planner Vasquez; Senior Management Analyst Layman; Management Analyst Ramos; Public Information Officer Maio; Administrative Assistant Markel; and City Clerk De Dios.

### **DISCUSSION ITEM:**

- **Tobacco Retail Licensing Ordinance**

MA/Ramos provided a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the following: potential restrictions that could be imposed and how to enforce them, types of flavored tobacco, the businesses that sell flavored tobacco products, the possible effects in sales tax if flavored tobacco is banned, how to reduce youth access to products, cities that have a ban on flavored tobacco, and current state legislature on the subject.

C/Tragarz stated that she would like to see some implementation or ordinance along with alternatives to Council since this is an important issue affecting the youth.

C/Freedman stated that this issue is affecting the youth and regulation could be beneficial to the community.

C/Pacheco stated that he would like information on how surrounding cities are approaching the issue and is in favor of reducing the effects of flavored tobacco on the youth while not affecting consenting adults.

It was the consensus amongst Council for staff to bring the item back for discussion with more information.

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Primo Castro and Lorrie Bremner expressed support for a tobacco retail licensing ordinance banning flavored tobacco products.

There being no further input, it was unanimously moved by Council to close oral communications. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED on the 12th day of January 2022.**

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Eric Ching, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

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Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant