

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS

Mayor Tim Grayson, Chair
Laura Hoffmeister, Committee Member

5:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 11, 2015

Wing A, Garden Conference Room
1950 Parkside Drive, Concord

- ANNOTATED AGENDA -

ROLL CALL: All present

STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Coon, City Attorney; Jovan Grogan, Deputy City Manager; Jeffrey Krieger, Concord Police Lieutenant; Andrew Mogensen, Principal Planner; Guy Swanger, Concord Police Chief; Victoria Walker, Community Development Director

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE:

Cara Bautista-Rao, Administrative Analyst, City of Walnut Creek; Ray Barbour, Concord resident;

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Ray Barbour, Concord should promote the use of recycled water; Jarrett Jern, promoting California First program

1. DISCUSSION – Alco-Pops. Police Department and City Attorney.

ACTION: City Attorney Mark Coon presented the legal background regarding the regulation of “alco-pop” and alcohol beverages containing stimulants. One method of regulation could involve the establishment of zones within which “alco-pops” are banned. Mayor Grayson recommended that staff look into this option

Lt. Jeffrey Krieger discussed the current issues with teen/ underage usage and current marketing methods of “alco-pop” and related caffeinated or stimulant containing alcohol products. Lt. Krieger noted that the focus has been on voluntary compliance by retailers in either removing or limiting the number and location of these types of alcoholic beverages that they sell. Lt. Krieger

also indicated that the Concord Police Department (CPD) has been engaging in a fairly aggressive outreach, educating youth as to the dangers of alco-pops. Chief Swanger indicated that the CPD has executed a number of “sting” operations in which minors attempt to buy Alco pops, none of which have revealed any violations. The CPD will plan on continuing with these operations.

Mayor Grayson noted that there is legislation making its way through the state banning these type of alcohol products.

No public comments.

No action was taken by the committee on this informational item. However, Mayor Grayson indicated that he would like staff to bring back information on the sting operations and the potential for banning this type of alcoholic product in certain City zones.

2. CONSIDERATION – Participation in SunShares Residential Solar Cost Reduction Program.
Report by Andrew Mogensen, Principal Planner

ACTION: Principal Planner Andrew Mogensen presented a report with an overview of the proposal. The City would serve as a facilitator to promote and monitor the program. Should the Council opt to join the program, the Council would need to appoint two citizens to serve on a temporary ad-hoc committee to vet and select potential solar installation vendors. Principal Planner Mogensen also explained the motivation and benefit to the City of Concord in regards to policies within the Climate Action Plan.

Cara Bautista-Rao, Administrative Analyst, City of Walnut Creek, answered questions and informed the Committee members of the lead role that the City of Walnut Creek would assume. Lafayette and Fremont are considering joining Walnut Creek in the program.

Chair Grayson recommended that any interested local business be offered the opportunity to be considered as a vendor. City Attorney Mark Coon addressed the Chair’s concerns regarding indemnity and liability if the City opted to join the program.

No public comments.

Chair Grayson motioned to recommend approval to the Council. Committee Member Hoffmeister seconded the motion.

3. ADJOURNMENT at 5:57 p.m.

Reviewed by:



Jovan Grogan, Deputy City Manager

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