



## **MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL SOCIAL EQUITY WORKSHOP OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY**

**June 15, 2021**

The meeting was conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **OPEN SESSION**

City Attorney Bell referred the Workshop to begin and Mayor Sotelo-Solis.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor Sotelo-Solis.

### **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers present: Bush, Morrison, Rios, Rodriguez, Sotelo-Solis

Administrative Officials present: Raulston, Winney, Bell, Chapel, Gilman, Gomez, Gamwell, Torres, and Molina.

Interpretation in Spanish provided by Carlos Diaz.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **COMMERCIAL CANNABIS AND LOCAL/SOCIAL EQUITY WORKSHOP**

a. Workshop Guidelines

b. Presentation

City Attorney Bell, and Economic Development Specialist Gamwell gave the introduction to the Workshop and an Overview of the process that will be followed.

c. Breakout Rooms

Meeting participants were given a choice of the breakout room topic they would like to discuss. Those topics were:

1. Economic Empowerment
2. Community Reinvestment
3. Restorative Justice
4. Education and Research

Economic Development Specialist Gamwell explained how the breakout room process would be open for twenty (20) minutes and provided the three (3) questions that would be discussed in the breakout rooms.

1. What does your breakout room topic mean to you?
2. Do you think funds generated from Cannabis businesses should directly benefit local social equity within the Cannabis industry or should they be used to fund other?
3. What programs do you think Cannabis funds go toward in our community?

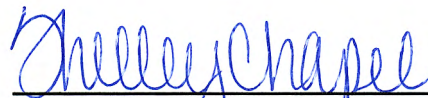
Five (5) minutes will be given on each question per participant. City Attorney Bell provided direction to the City Councilmembers. They are allowed to join the breakout rooms, but are advised not to participate in the discussions or dialogue.

- d. Report on Community Discussions and Community Input  
City Attorney Bell provided time for each room moderator to report out on their session.  
Gabriel Torres, Deputy City Attorney – Community Reinvestment  
Mike Gomez, Risk Manager – Restorative Justice  
Jennifer Gilman, Deputy City Attorney – Economic Empowerment  
Charles Bell – Education and Research
- e. Council Direction / Comments

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Sotelo-Solis adjourned the meeting to the next Virtual City Council and Community Development Commission – Housing Authority, and Successor Agency to the Community Development Commission as the National City Redevelopment Agency of the City of National City meeting to be held Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

  
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Shelley Chapel, MMC, Deputy City Clerk

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of September 7, 2021

  
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Alejandra Sotelo-Solis, Mayor