



## MINUTES OF MENDOTA SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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**Special Meeting**

**October 19, 2017**

**Meeting called to order by Mayor Castro 5:06 p.m.**

**Roll Call**

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Rolando Castro, Councilors Jesse Mendoza, Oscar Rosales (at 5:16 p.m.), and Robert Silva.

**Council Members Absent:** Mayor Pro Tem Victor Martinez.

**Flag salute led by Bert Escobedo.**

### **FINALIZE THE AGENDA**

1. Adjustments to Agenda.
2. Adoption of final Agenda.

A motion was made by Councilor Silva to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Martinez and Rosales).

### **PRESENTATION**

1. Council receive presentation from a cannabis cultivation company interested in leasing/purchasing City-owned property near the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Randi Knott, Government Affairs Director for Genezen, gave the history of her career; stated that Sacramento has had 30 dispensaries since 2009; provided an overview of the company; the company's pursuit of a state license; currently building campuses in the state; the environmental philosophy of the company; their approach to the industry, including the different parts of cannabis production; their business model; their approach to local employment; community benefits they will provide (at 5:16 p.m.)

Councilor Rosales entered the Council Chambers); and showed an artist's rendering of the proposed campus.

Discussion was held on how Genezen located the City of Mendota; the amount and classes of jobs that will be available; details on the security; distribution and logistics chains; how the water is going to be used and re-used; the Mendota ordinance that regulates the production of cannabis; Genezen enforcing regulations when they lease out land to other companies, should they come to Mendota; how any fees will be collected, including the Council's desire to have one "clearinghouse" that ensures all cannabis producers pay and remits one payment to the City; the purpose of the campus model in helping smaller businesses rent space and succeed; problems related to fires in Northern California that are causing issues in the cannabis business; the fact that staff has not heard from this company until now; the proposed size of the project; the wages of potential employees; the different phases Genezen would build out; the funding the Genezen has through private funders and its willingness to divulge who those funders are as part of a written agreement; and the interest from other parties on the land the City owns.


Council provided direction to have representatives from Genezen meet with the sub-committee.

**CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS**


None offered.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 5:53 p.m. by Councilor Silva, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

  
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Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Matt Flood, City Clerk

