City Council Meeting

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 33 SOUTH MAIN STREET, COLFAX, CA

Mayor Joe Fatula · Mayor Pro Tem Marnie Mendoza
Councilmembers · Kim Douglass · Sean Lomen · Trinity Burruss

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA - WORKSHOP
October 23, 2019
Special Workshop Session: 9:00AM

1. OPEN SESSION AND ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the audience are permitted to address the Council on matters of concern to the public within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council that are not listed on this workshop agenda. Please make your comments as brief as possible; not to exceed three (3) minutes in length. The Council cannot act on items not included on this agenda; however, if action is required it will be referred to staff.

3. WORKSHOP

3A. **Commercial Cannabis Microbusiness**
Action: Discuss and direct staff

4. ADJOURNMENT

I, Jaclyn Collier, City Clerk for the City of Colfax declare that this agenda was posted at Colfax City Hall and the Colfax Post Office. The agenda is also available on the City website at www.Colfax-ca.gov.

Jaclyn Collier, City Clerk

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These are a few of the issues that will need to be addressed in order to permit cannabis microbusiness:

1. Ordinance 536, which provides for medicinal commercial cannabis sales, will have to be amended to allow the activities Jim Dion wants to engage in. At present, Ordinance 536 prohibits the commercial manufacture, processing, storing, testing, labeling, sale, delivery, distribution or transportation of cannabis or cannabis products. CMC 5.32.030.

2. Adult use retail cannabis activities are not allowed in Colfax. The Council was very clear in its direction to allow only one medicinal cannabis retailer. The current ordinances will have to be changed to allow adult use retail cannabis activities and define their scope.

3. Ordinance 535 outlaws commercial cultivation of cannabis. See CMC 17.162.060, which incorporates cultivation in the definition of commercial cannabis activity. CMC 17.162.060 and Chapter 5.32 will have to be amended to allow limited commercial cannabis cultivation.

4. The cannabis regulations the City adopted after Ordinances 535 and 536 do not address microbusinesses, cannabis cultivation, manufacture, adult use retail cannabis stores or cannabis delivery. Regulations will have to be developed and adopted simultaneously with the changes to the City's ordinance. This will include adopting an updated fee structure and enforcement process.

This only begins the inquiry. Some of the issues that need to be addressed are already contained within the existing ordinances, but many are not. Colfax would be wise to retain an outside consultant to assist it in amending its ordinances and developing the revised fee structure. I do not have much of a feel for what that will cost, but I would not budget less than $25,000, and more likely $50,000, to move this forward.