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## CITY OF EMERYVILLE

### ACTION MINUTES

#### City Council

##### Members:

Mayor Dianne Martinez  
Vice Mayor Scott Donahue  
Council Member John J. Bauters  
Council Member Ally Medina  
Council Member Christian R. Patz

#### Special Study Session

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Tuesday, June 1, 2021

6:30 PM

Teleconference

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened via teleconference at 6:30 p.m. The Mayor read aloud a statement announcing that the meeting was being conducted by teleconference pursuant to the Brown Act waivers provided for under the Governor's Executive Order in response to the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Dianne Martinez  
Vice Mayor Scott Donahue  
Council Member John J. Bauters  
Council Member Ally Medina  
Council Member Christian R. Patz

#### 3. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

**A motion was made by Council Member Patz, seconded by Vice Mayor Donahue, to approve the Final Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 5 - Mayor Martinez, Vice Mayor Donahue, Council Member Bauters, Council Member Medina, and Council Member Patz

#### 4. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

No ex parte communications were reported.

#### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

1. Brian Donahue commented on the outcome of Measure C in the 2005 election and stated that late Council Member Nora Davis should not be honored by the City.

2. Nasser Azimi spoke regarding cannabis business attraction and referred to the late correspondence he had sent to the Council and which was posted online.

## 6. STUDY SESSION

- 6.1. [ID-2021-256](#) Cannabis Industry Expansion Study Session (Charles S. Bryant / Chadrick Smalley)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)

[Late Correspondence - Nasser Azimi](#)

Economic Development Manager Chad Smalley gave the staff presentation and responded to Council Member questions.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Brian Donahue said that the City should not be accommodating the cannabis industry to a greater extent than it does other businesses, stating that it should not just be about revenue.
2. Raymond, Maple Group, stated that his company would love to operate in Emeryville and has both recreational and pharmaceutical aspects.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Emeryville City Council**

/Sheri Hartz/

**Sheri Hartz, City Clerk**