Summary Minutes

Public Comment

Randy Waage thanked Supervisor Chan for the Showtime in San Lorenzo event, with tours of the theater, car shows and vendors, it was great event.

Jim Metcalf stated that he would like the Board of Supervisors to consider declaring an emergency shelter crisis in Alameda County.

Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Miley stated that the County declared an emergency shelter crisis at a Board of Supervisors meeting in June 2018.

Supervisor Miley also reported that on Saturday, July 28th 2018, he along with other County agencies will be hosting a Commercial Corridor Clean-up for Ashland and Cherryland. The clean-up will be along East 14th, Mission Boulevard and, Lewelling Boulevard and Foothill Boulevard, starting at Eden Night Live, located at 166th Ave @ East 14th Street.

I. Consideration of Issues Regarding County Ordinances for Cannabis Manufacturers, Testing Laboratories and Micro Businesses

Liz McElligott, Assistant Agency Director, Community Development Agency, presented a memorandum regarding “Consideration of Issues Regarding County Ordinances for Cannabis Manufacturers, Testing Laboratories and Microbusinesses”.

State legislation and regulations have established state license requirements for commercial cannabis operations conducting retail sales, delivery, cultivation, and manufacturing, as well as testing laboratories, and microbusinesses. Recently-adopted County ordinances address cannabis retail sales, delivery, and cultivation, but not manufacturing, testing laboratories, or microbusinesses. Amendments to the County Ordinance Code, similar to those for retail sales and cultivation, would need to be adopted before these additional uses would be allowed in the unincorporated area.

At their June 4, 2018 meeting, the Board Transportation and Planning Committee directed staff to obtain input from residents of the urban unincorporated communities regarding whether cannabis manufacturers, testing laboratories, or microbusinesses should be allowed in the unincorporated area and, if so, where they should be allowed. Supervisor Haggerty has indicated that he does not support allowing additional cannabis operations in his District, which includes much of the East County. In response to strong community opposition, Supervisor Chan has consistently opposed the siting of any cannabis-related activities in or around San Lorenzo.

Since cannabis manufacturers, testing laboratories, and microbusinesses would raise many of the same concerns as cannabis retailers and cultivators, it would be appropriate for potential new ordinances to include many of the
same requirements that are in the County’s ordinances for retailers and/or cultivators. In order to further minimize potential impacts on existing communities, the Board may also consider limiting the number of each type of facility allowed as the retail sales and cultivation ordinances do.

Next Steps

Staff requested that the Unincorporated Services Committee take public testimony and provide comments on the potential ordinances for cannabis manufacturers, testing laboratories, and microbusinesses. Staff will report back to the Board Transportation and Planning Committee on the comments received at the community meetings regarding the communities’ interest in allowing additional cannabis-related operations as well as any comments provided by your Committee.

Speakers

Several residents from San Lorenzo and Castro Valley spoke against allowing cannabis-related businesses in their communities. The speakers noted the need for other types of businesses, such as grocery stores, which they said are not receiving the same level of support from the Board of Supervisors. They also questioned the need for cannabis-related businesses.

Other speakers spoke in support of allowing cannabis related businesses and suggested that the Board of Supervisors educate the public on the health benefits, such as pain relief.

II. New Street Sweeping Program in Cherryland

John Medlock, Jr., Deputy Director, Maintenance & Operations, Public Works Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Agency’s Street Sweeping Program.

The Street Sweeping Program is comprised of:
• Three (3) full-time employees
• Four (4) street sweepers

In 2017, the Public Works Agency street sweepers and operators swept over 9400 curb miles (or miles along the roadside). As a result of sweeping this many miles, the sweepers removed approximately 93,000 cubic feet of debris from the roadways.

Cherryland program was a community effort brought about by Cherryland residents to enhance the community. The street sweeping proposal is for the 3rd Thursday and 3rd Friday of the month to sweep the streets.

Enforcement

This program will not work if vehicles block the sweepers path. If a single vehicle blocks their path, they will have to maneuver around the vehicle thereby missing approximately 200 feet of debris. If multiple vehicles block their path, they may be forced to drive down the center of the road effectively skipping the street. Citations will be given to vehicles that are parked on the posted streets during the scheduled sweeping times. At the start of the program warnings will be issued to allow residents to acclimate to the new schedule.

The Public Works Agency requests the Committees’ support to move this item to the full Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Miley recommended the Street Sweeping Program be presented to the Transportation & Planning Committee before going to the full Board of Supervisors.

ADJOURN
The meeting was adjourned to September 26, 2018.