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Subject: Regarding Ordinance no 1485-24

Mayor Bubenik, Council President Pratt, Councilors Hillier, Brooks, Reyes, Sacco and Gonzalez,

April 15th, 2024

Regarding: ORDINANCE NO. 1485-24

I am writing you today because I read thru the Council meeting agenda for your April 22nd meeting next week, I am not always successful in doing this but I do try to remember to read the Agenda and then to watch the meeting, sorry it is very hit and miss for me at my age. So when I read the above Ordinance, I was concerned about any decision after such a short time that we have had a Marijuana retail store/dispensary in our city, that you would be discussing a change to the hours of operations. I don't see that in the just over 3 years, I think it is, this facility has been open it should have to change its hours. What is it that they have been able to show you that would indicate this is necessary? For example, have you seen their financials to know why they would have a need for longer hours now, are they losing money? If so, wouldn't it cost more to add hours, if not, and business is good why should we take the impact of more congestion and possible earlier and later need of police and other emergency services activity since this is still mostly a cash only business? Also interesting this is being consider at the same meeting you are doing a Proclamation for the National Police Week, please do pay attention to the words of your Proclamation when you read it.

I think this business is also in an area where the additional traffic certainly could cause more congestion, especially in the morning hours, when people are already having time and traffic concerns getting to their work destinations out of and into Tualatin, though I don't understand how later hours are needed at least on that end it likely would not impact as many people as detrimentally traffic wise. Having said that, I am also concerned about the possible additional stress on our first responders on both ends. Certainly our Tualatin Police Department department, TVFR and Emergency Services (have they been contacted, says you talked to city staff did that include the police and then these other services that can be impacted as well) so could be that early and later hours may impact all of these services at times that can

be already difficult hours to handle many urgent emergencies. I didn't see anything about this in the monthly newsletter which I read first of each month, who is it you reached out to with these types of human rather than business only concerns?

I am especially concerned at your timing as well based on what appears to me to be in direct conflict with your City Council Vision and Advance Summary Report decisions of just a month or so ago. It leaves me worried about how to trust what you say being in opposition to what you do at times? That is not a good spot for me as a constituent to be and feel about your decision making expertise for our city.

Your Vision addresses under "CULTURE & IDENTITY - Training and Education to support a Trauma-informed Organization." I don't see how making a decision to broaden these hours for these types of businesses under an umbrella of human/medical, called a "medical dispensary" as well as a regular retail store, already I think a bit of a conflict, doesn't open the door to other businesses with similar requests and if I understand this correctly they won't need to request as this is now accepted. Why the rush? I don't think your education and training has begun yet, right? This is potentially larger than one business modal Beware and LEARN first and choose changes later.

Your Advance Summary Report "7.2 Trauma Informed. Continue the internal training and work supporting a trauma informed culture and conduct similar training with the City Council. POLICE" Here, again, I don't see how in this short time, since your Advance meeting, the Police Department could have begun working on your training in this area and I expect they will need to reach out to other emergency services as well to gather good information to share with you.

So please. Slow down this Ordinance, you have others with a broader, more retail oriented scope that you are and should continue to support I think, this isn't one of them. So I ask you, as an 18+ year resident of Tualatin who votes, pays attention, respects and appreciates the dedication you have to our community, to take your time, slow down these types of decisions until you have the Training and Education your Vision and Advance Summary shows you support as you should to continue to be good stewards of our City of Tualatin.

Thank you for listening and paying attention. Thank you always for the dedication you give our City.

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