## **RESOLUTION NO. 2023**- 191

## A RESOLUTION REJECTING THE PROPOSALS RECEIVED ON APRIL 13, 2023 FOR LOCAL ENDORSEMENT FOR CANNABIS LICENSING.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Vineland has heretofore advertised for requests for proposals in accordance with a fair and open process for cannabis businesses interested in receiving a local license for Class 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 cannabis businesses within the City of Vineland in accordance with specifications on file in the office of the Purchasing Agent; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 13, 2023, 7 proposals were received; 1 for a Class I license; 1 for a Class II license and 5 for a Class 5 license, duly opened and read aloud, being referred to the Business Administrator and Solicitor for tabulation, evaluation, report and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator and Solicitor have determined that the Request for Proposals was confusing in that it grouped all categories of licenses into one request for proposal and this led to a failure of interested companies applying for the local licenses and the City reserved the right to reject all proposals and the Business Administrator and Solicitor determined that all proposals must be rejected and new requests for proposals separating the different license categories into separate requests for proposals is in the best interest of the City.

## NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Vineland that

- 1. The proposals received by the Purchasing Agent on April 13, 2023 for local endorsement for Class 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 cannabis licenses be and the same are hereby rejected.
- 2. The Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized and directed to immediately return to said bidder any bid bonds, certified checks, or other forms of security submitted by such bidders
- 2. The Purchasing Agent is authorized to re-advertise for Requests for Proposals for local endorsement for Class 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 cannabis businesses in the City as separate requests for each class of cannabis license.

Adopted:	
	President of Council
ATTEST:	
City Clerk	

## **Reid Wanda**

From:

Tonetta Richard

Sent:

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 2:53 PM

To:

Reid Wanda; Lopez Regina; Petrosky Keith; Franchetta Richard; Fanucci Anthony R;

Arthur Elizabeth; Vargas Albert; Acosta David; Spinelli Paul; Franceschini Ronald J.

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All,

After reviewing the proposals, the submissions and speaking to companies who expressed an interest in the several types of licenses, it became apparent that the RFP was confusing as it grouped all categories of local licenses together and that each category should have been advertised separately. We believe it is in the best interest of the City to reject proposals received and re advertise with 5 separate requests for proposals. The request should also be advertised in its entirety on our website. Attached is a resolution for next agenda

Rick