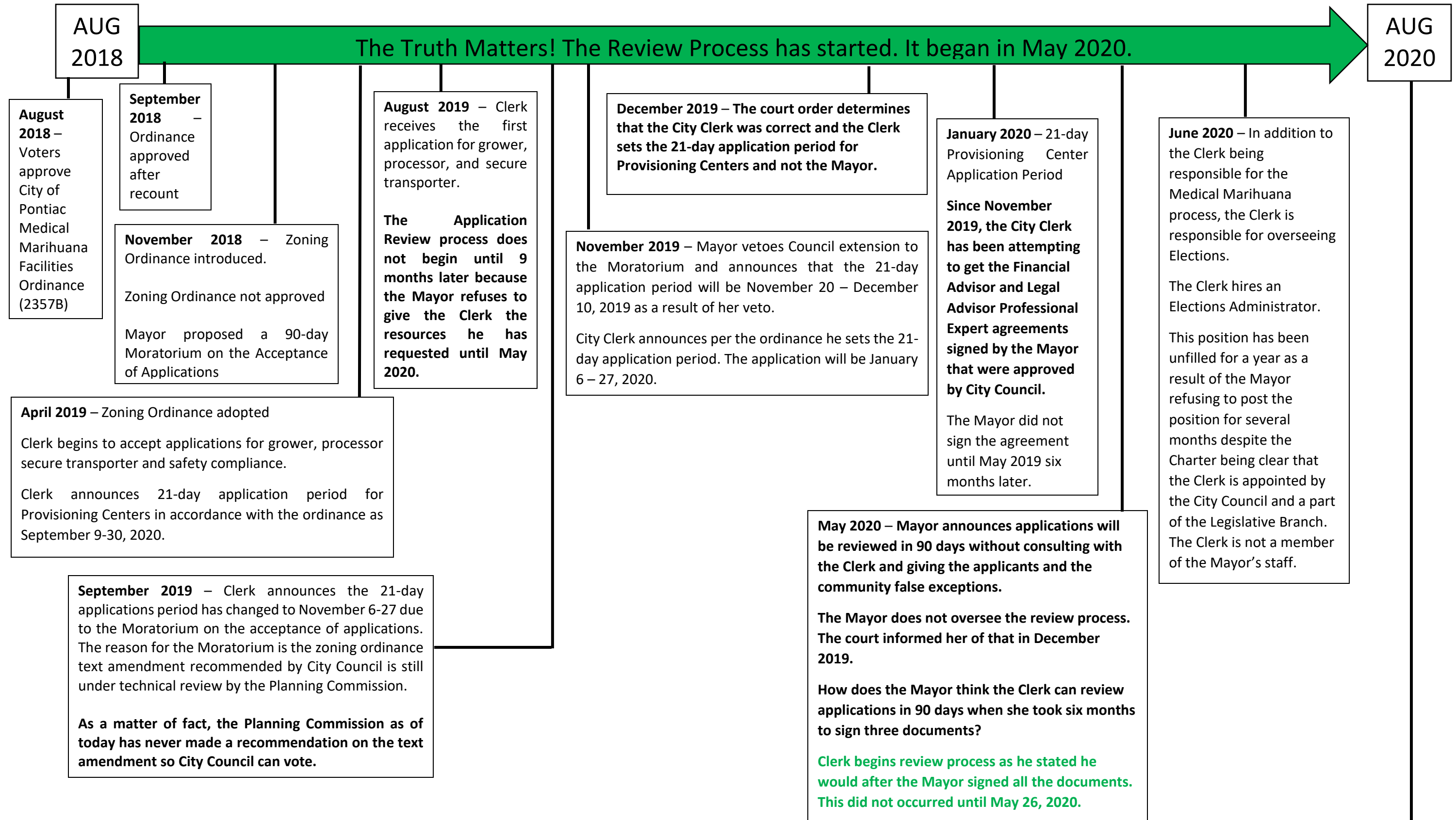


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June – August 2020 – The Clerk’s Office had to prepare for the Primary Election. We had historic Absentee Voting for the primary which required the Clerk to assign all his staff to Election duties beginning in July.

AV BALLOTS	AUG Ballots Issued	AUG Ballots Returned	AUG Return Rate	NOV Ballots Issued	NOV Ballots Returned	NOV Return Rate
2016 - Presidential	1859	1647	89%	4769	4604	97%
2018 - Governor	2517	2328	92%	4934	4569	92%
2020 - Presidential	8004	5925	74%			

- This year, we had a 400% increase in absentee voting when compared to 2016 Primary
- This year, we had a 300% increase in absentee voting when compared to 2018 Primary

In order to accommodate this record number, the Clerk had to pull his Special Assistant off of assisting with the review of applications and have him assist with the Election along with bringing on more temp staff.

Recommendation

- In July, we received two additional grower and one processor applications for a total of \$15,000 in application fee revenue. The Clerk is proposing that \$15,000 be used to cover the cost of allocated the majority of the Special Assistant time to the review process. The \$15,000 that was allocated for the Special Assistant salary in the Clerk’s Office budget will be reallocated to hiring a part-time customer service rep to help the Clerk with non-Medical Marihuana duties, since the Special Assistant will have to allocate the majority of his time to Medical Marihuana. The Special Assistant salary will not change but will allow the Clerk to allocate a full-time employee to the review process. This should help speed up the review process.

Outstanding Issues

1. The Planning Commission has not made a recommendation to the City Council about the proposed zoning text amendment regarding Hidden River being designated as a park. The text amendment was submitted in August of 2019. It is a year later and still no action by the Planning Commission. **Why?**
2. The Planning Commission has not made a recommendation to the City Council about the proposed zoning map amendment to allow grower and processor facilities to locate outside of the Walton Blvd and Cesar Chavez Overlay Districts. The text amendment was submitted in January 2020. It has been seven months and still no action by the Planning Commission. **Why?**

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3. The Planning Advisor recommendation about the Planning Division standards need to be resolved.
4. The Mayor has not named the members of Medical Marihuana Commission.
5. The City Council has to approve the Medical Marihuana Commission rules.
6. There are still some Staff and/or Reviewer forms that need to be signed.

Name	Office/Department	Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure	Conflict of Interest
Garland Doyle	City Clerk	Yes	Yes
Jonathan Starks	City Clerk	Yes	Yes
Robert Huth, Jr. Esq. Kirk, Huth, Lange, and Badalamenti, PLC	Legal Advisor to the City Clerk	Yes	Yes
Sherman Taylor, JD CPA SRT Consulting, LLC	Financial Advisor to the City Clerk	Yes	Yes
Jill Bahm, AICP Giffels-Webster	Planning Advisor to the City Clerk	Yes	Yes
John Fraser, Esq. Grewal Law PLLC	Hearing Officer	Yes	Yes
Vern Gustafsson	Planning	Yes	Yes
Mike Wilson	Building	Yes	Yes
Dan Ringo	DPW	Yes	Yes
Matt Gibb	Economic Development	N/A (not reviewing applications)	Yes
_____	Code Enforcement	No	No
_____	Treasury	No	No
_____	Income Tax	No	No

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Application Reviews

Q: Has the Review Process started?

A: Yes, application reviews started in May 2020. The City Clerk would appreciate it if the Mayor and her team stop giving the community misinformation that the review process has not started. It is underway. Applicants can attest that they have begun to receive communications about their applications.

Q: Will the outstanding issues stop the Clerk from reviewing all applications?

A: No, applications not affected by the unresolved issues will continue to be reviewed.

Q: What are the next steps?

A: The City Clerk will continue reviewing applications.

The City Clerk will be referring grower and processor applications to the Financial Advisor to review beginning next week.

The City Clerk will be submitting a budget amendment to cover the reallocation of time of the Special Assistant to the City Clerk and to increase the budget for a part-time customer service rep from \$5,000 - \$16,762.