



Lowell City Council

Cannabis Control SC Meeting Minutes

Michael Q. Geary
City Clerk

Date: December 18, 2018
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: City Council Chamber
375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were C. Elliott, C. Conway and C. Nuon. Also present were C. Mercier, Eric Slagle (Inspectional Services), C. Leahy, C. Cirillo, M. Samaras and Manager Donoghue.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

C. Elliott noted meeting agenda and called meeting to order.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Elliott noted that there are companies holding community meetings before any permits from the City have been issued. C. Elliott noted that this was part of a State regulation which is not very efficient and emphasized that it has no bearing on the City procedure. Mr. Slagle noted that only one applicant has received permits from the City (Patriot Care) and they have not been approved by the State. C. Elliott outlined the three steps as part of permitting process: 1. Host Agreement with City; 2. Planning Board Approval; and 3. Cannabis Control Board (State) Approval. Mr. Slagle outlined the number of outstanding applications for four remaining locations. Manager Donoghue noted it was a complex legislation which entails City and State procedures. C. Conway questioned sites and locations. Mr. Slagle commented on current zoning by-laws regarding retail locations. Manager Donoghue outlined application procedure and established committee to review these applications. C. Conway noted the need for traffic regulations and penalties if not adhered to. C. Elliott commented on evaluation committee and listed criteria which include traffic regulation. C. Nuon commented on Patriot Care and their traffic plan. Mr. Slagle noted that the police department has been involved in those discussions. C. Mercier noted the Steadman Street area would not be conducive to retail location. C. Leahy questioned possible locations for retail stores. C. Elliott noted Council should review Host Agreements before they are executed. C. Cirillo commented on traffic plan of Patriot Care. C. Elliott opened meeting to public and following individuals addressed the body: Nancy Judge; Edward Caulfield; Ty Chhung; Robert Hunt; Violet Milana; and JoAnn Keegan



(Board of Health). **Motion** by C. Conway, seconded by C. Elliott to request City Manager present Host Agreements to City Council for review before executing. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by C. Conway, seconded by C. Nuon. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Michael Geary, City Clerk
