



Lowell City Council

Cannabis Control SC Meeting Minutes

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City Clerk

Date: March 15, 2021
Time: 5:00 PM
Location: Remote Participation/Zoom/LTC

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were C. Elliott, C. Drinkwater and C. Nuon. Also present was Eric Slagle (Inspectional Services), C. Conway, C. Chau, and C. Mercier.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Elliott noted meeting would discuss the distribution of marijuana in the City. Mr. Slagle commented on report that was filed with the Council which outlined the regulations regarding delivery of the product noting the regulations were established by the Cannabis Control Commission of the State. Mr. Slagle noted only two licenses were available one for diverse or judicial justice groups and the other being for wholesale distribution. Mr. Slagle noted that if City allows sale of recreational marijuana then they must accept delivery from any license holder and could only garner revenue with those who have a Host Agreement with the City. Mr. Slagle outlined Host Agreement parameters and noted that City should enter into such agreements with delivery companies. C. Elliott supported opening up Host Agreements for the City. C. Elliott questioned the amount of Host Agreements currently in the City. Mr. Slagle noted that there were five with only one fully operating. C. Elliott requested report for next meeting regarding status of remaining four agreements. C. Nuon noted the need to understand what stage each entity is at who has a Host Agreement and noted the need to promote minority and judicial entities to enter into such agreements. C. Drinkwater noted that there is delivery currently in the City for medical marijuana and expanding to recreational product should not be difficult. C. Drinkwater noted preference for exclusivity for licenses for minority and judicial groups and also requested criteria being used for Host Agreements to be included in prior report request. C. Conway noted report would be informative to understand where City is at in this regard and also requested what the insurance regulations would be for such companies as well as any possible liability exposure to the City. Mr. Slagle noted that there



would be no liability exposure and was not sure of the insurance requirements but that insurance would be required. C. Elliott noted possible limit for the delivery licenses moving forward. C. Drinkwater noted need to investigate limiting the licenses as that could shut the market out for many entities. C. Nuon noted possible limits should be reviewed and that some limits would be beneficial. C. Elliott noted limits in this area are critical and that they should be considered. C. Mercier commented on the cultivation licenses in the City currently. C. Elliott informed the committee that he would give a report of progress at Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to recess by C. Drinkwater, seconded by C. Nuon. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 5: 39 PM.

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