



Lowell City Council

Cannabis Control SC Meeting Minutes

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City Clerk

Date: October 29, 2024
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: City Council Chamber, 375 Merrimack St./Zoom (Hybrid)

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were C. Robinson, C. Mercier and C. Nuon. Also present were C. Yem, Atty. Michael Broderick (1st Asst. City Solicitor), Lloyd Dejesus (Insp. Services), C. Gitschier and C. Belanger.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

C. Robinson noted agenda items and attendance.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Robinson commented on changes regarding cannabis at the state level and that the commission issued a best practice manual regarding the industry. C. Robinson commented on possible zoning changes to expand the industry and provided a historic review of current businesses. C. Robinson noted current topics for review would be the delivery aspect of the industry and consumption levels and that there should be regulations drafted regarding these. C. Robinson noted that the state would make a distinction for social/equity and economic empowerment applicants which the City should recognize. C. Mercier noted fund established based upon the three percent charge on the industry and requested balance of that account. C. Nuon commented on host agreements and how they are following state guidelines and also the need to formulate a delivery ordinance for the City. Atty. Broderick noted the updates to host agreements and that they are working well with businesses and the community regarding these. Atty. Broderick noted goal was to provide level playing field for all applicants. C. Robinson note the requirement for City to provide concrete data for use of fee charge to the industry. Atty. Broderick outlined City compliance with current regulations and the process to begin a cannabis business in the City. C. Robinson noted the need for continued discussion with the subcommittee. C. Yem commented on zoning changes, delivery ordinance and minority opportunity.

C. Robinson open meeting to public and Nairby Sanchez addressed the body commenting on her interaction with the City as a social/equity applicant. C. Nuon noted any updates regarding



these regulations need to be properly published and made available to the public. **Motion** by C. Mercier, seconded by C. Nuon to request City Manager provide balance of the fund established through cannabis industry fees. Adopted per Roll Call vote 3 yeas. So voted. **Motion** by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Nuon to provide updates in the drafting of delivery ordinance regarding the cannabis industry. Adopted per Roll Call vote 3 yeas. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to recess by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Mercier. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.

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