



City Council Minutes

Special Meeting
Monday, January 30, 2014
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Guier called the special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Hulsey, Kave, Knudtson, Steiger, Walker, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, and Mayor Guier

Absent: Council President Putnam

COUNCIL MEMBER HULSEY MOVED to excuse Council President Putnam. Seconded by Council Member Steiger. The vote was taken and the motion carried 6-0.

STAFF PRESENT

Acting Public Works Director Ken Barnett, Planner Paula Wiech; and City Clerk Amy Stevenson-Ness

ACTION ITEM:

- A. Ordinance 14-1855:** First Reading of Ordinance 14-1855 relating to the recreational and medical use of marijuana, adopting an interim zoning ordinance prohibiting the siting, establishment and operation of any structures, property or uses relating to recreational or medical marijuana production, processing, cultivation, storage, sale, delivery, exchange or bartering, to be in effect until the city adopts permanent zoning regulations on the same subject, which includes a prohibition on the submission of business license applications for such uses, this interim ordinance to be effective immediately, setting six months as the effective period of the interim zoning ordinance, and establishing the date of a public hearing on the interim zoning ordinance.

Acting Public Works Director Ken Barnett read the ordinance title into the record.

COUNCIL MEMBER WALKER MOVED to allow citizen comments on Ordinance No. 14-1855. Seconded by Council Member Kave. Voice vote was taken and the motion carried 6-0.

Speaking before Council:

James Dusek, 898 Valentine Ave SE	City had a full year to address issues surrounding recreational marijuana; lots of time and money has been invested in establishing a legal business; wants to be a member of the city's business community.
Jason Huddow, 1350 Thornton Place	Understand there's a lot of uncertainty to this issue; would like to be in good standing in the community; hopefully everyone involved in the issue can work this out without legal action.
Autumn, 898 Valentine Ave SE	A year was enough time to take care of establishing a moratorium and should not be doing one at the last minute.
Jeanne Fancher, 37248 55 th Ave S	Fears of crime involved with marijuana production/sale are rather unfounded; how many pot related crimes have been committed in the city vs alcohol crimes?
Tom Bates; 1350 Thornton	6:44 I-502 takes it from being underground to something above board; the process is tracked from seed to sale; state code is so strict that the municipal code couldn't be written tighter
Doug Steinhauer; 1350 Thornton	Owner of building; his applicants were chosen carefully; the security is very stringent; by denying applications, the city is putting people at great financial risk; the city is robbing itself of tax income; this ordinance is creating an expense for the city from lawsuits.

COUNCIL MEMBER WALKER MOVED to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 14-1855. Seconded by Council Member Kave. Voice vote was taken and carried 6-0.

ADJOURN

Mayor Guier adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.


 Amy Stevenson-Ness, City Clerk