



City Council Minutes

Special Meeting
Monday, February 03, 2014
7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Guier called the special meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Hulse, Kave, Knudtson, Steiger, Council President Putnam, Mayor Pro Tem Jones, and Mayor Guier

Absent: Council Member Walker

STAFF PRESENT

Court Administrator Kelly Rydberg, Acting Public Works Director Ken Barnett, Planner Paula Wiech, Senior Services Assistant Director Darcie Thach, Public Safety Director John Calkins; Finance Director Richard Gould, and City Clerk Amy Stevenson-Ness

ACTION ITEM:

A. Ordinance No. 14-1855: Adoption 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.

Planner Paula Wiech read the title of the ordinance into the record.

COUNCIL MEMBER KAVE MOVED to adopt 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. Seconded by Council Member Hulsey.

Speaking before Council:

James Dusek, 898 Valentine Ave SE	For him 6 months equals \$35,000 out of pocket; delivered WACs to the City for Council; said 502 businesses are the most highly regulated business in the city and it's very important to run a tight ship; there is no hazardous waste produced and fertilizer can be put down the drain; he is located in an area zoned for light industrial/agricultural;
Doug Steinhauer; 1350 Thornton Place	Said it is not Council's place to judge whether what is being grown is moral; it's about economics and how to serve the city best; Said insurance is an issue if we go against the insurance company's recommendation; He is more than happy to put up a bond for growers naming the city as a beneficiary. The City already had a year to come up with something; maybe a compromise can be reached to allow a test license for businesses.
Jeanne Fancher, 37248 55 th Ave S	Different take on the issues, noticed health and safety requirements as well as secondary and primary land impacts; these impacts need to be applied to all industries in the city, not just one. How much will the city budget to pay for studies regarding these impacts?
Autumn, 898 Valentine Ave SE	Had to get establishment prior to license application with the state; six months will cost them \$35,000 for an empty warehouse

Mayor Pro Tem Jones stated it is critical to do this process right, responsibly. No licenses have been given by the state. The city is not the only entity costing people money; the state is as well.

Council Member Kave read his letter into the record and requested for formation of a citizen advisory committee.

Council President Putnam said we need to rely on state and federal law to regulate it as it stands now. He said he doesn't see how the city can exempt one business from Federal law.

Council Member Hulseley stated that Council needs to consider that the state isn't ready or they'd be issuing licenses.

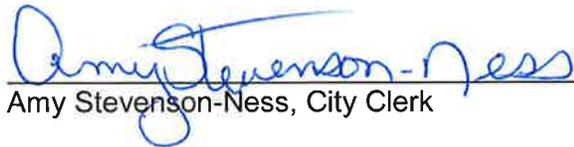
Roll Call vote was taken resulting as follows:

Ayes: Hulseley, Jones, Kave, Knudtson, Putnam Steiger
Absent: Walker

The motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURN

Mayor Guier adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.



Amy Stevenson-Ness, City Clerk