



Lowell City Council

Cannabis Control SC Meeting Minutes

Michael Q. Geary
City Clerk

Date: September 5, 2019
Time: 5:00 PM
Location: City Council Chamber
375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were C. Elliott and C. Conway. (1) absent C. Nuon. Also present was Eric Slagle (Inspectional Services).

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Elliott noted there were many calls regarding community meetings being held throughout the City by perspective business owners. C. Elliott reviewed the process for medical and recreational sales. Mr. Slagle noted there was a limit of five establishments for retail and that there was not limit on cultivation. Mr. Slagle reviewed the application process and the results of the referendum passed by the voters of the City. Mr. Slagle noted the differences in application process between the medical and recreational licenses. Mr. Slagle noted the need to enter Host Agreements with the City which would outline traffic mitigation and security measures used by the facilities and the involvement of the Lowell Police and the State Police. C. Conway questioned where the potential sites would be. Mr. Slagle commented on the neighborhoods in which possible locations would be. Mr. Slagle noted that there are a number of zoning restrictions on the establishments has well. Mr. Slagle noted the confusion caused by the community meetings being held according to State regulations before any application approval. C. Conway noted any establishments hoping to do business in the City must conform to the rules and regulations established. C. Elliott noted that a moratorium on applications may be favorable to the process until backlog is controlled. C. Conway noted State regulations are bothersome and that sites should be allowed evenly throughout the neighborhoods in the City. Mr. Slagle noted that there is no oversight for proposed sites and that approved sites would be evenly placed throughout the City. C. Elliott opened matter up to public and following addressed the body: Edward Caulfield; David D'Auro; Tom Bellegarde; Nancy Judge; and Juan Castellino. C. Elliott commented on traffic concerns with these establishments. **Motion** by C.



Elliott, seconded by C. Conway to request report regarding placing a moratorium on applications. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

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