



# Lowell City Council

## *Cannabis Control SC Meeting Minutes*

Michael Q. Geary  
City Clerk

**Date:** February 25, 2020  
**Time:** 5:00 PM  
**Location:** City Council Chamber  
375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA

### **PRESENT:**

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

### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

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

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

C. Elliott commented on the regulations requiring five establishments as per the referendum in 2016 as well as specific uses of revenue collected. Mr. Slagle commented on the 2016 referendum and the actions of the City as a result of that vote. Mr. Slagle noted that Patriot Care was currently the only licensed establishment in Lowell and that there have been no issues with their operations. Mr. Slagle commented on the revenue stream of the establishments which include excise tax on sales as well as tax for cultivation which he indicated would not be collected if distributed to Lowell facilities. C. Elliott questioned the State tax on the products. Mr. Slagle outlined which Host Agreements are close to being executed and the parties involved. Mr. Slagle noted that each entity has been before local and State boards as per regulations. C. Elliott did not agree with City policy on not taxing cultivation which is distributed in Lowell. Mr. Slagle reviewed policy regarding the cultivation tax. C. Noun commented on applicants currently awaiting opening. Mr. Slagle outlined the general terms of those Host Agreements. C. Nuon noted need to tax sellers and cultivators. Mr. Slagle noted that the State limits the amount allowed to be taxed on a local level. C. Drinkwater commented on traffic mitigation around the facilities. Mr. Slagle reviewed the regulations regarding parking and traffic at the facilities as well as noting the need to get a Special Permit from the Planning Board to operate. C. Rourke questioned if companies can make payments in kind in addition to taxes being collected. Mr. Slagle questioned legality of such arrangements. C. Elliott noted that there needs to be more discussion and that meeting would be recessed for later date. **Motion**



by C. Drinkwater, seconded by C. Nuon to have City Mgr. request annual reports for Patriot Care regarding operation of their facility. So voted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 5: 25 PM.

Michael Q. Geary, City Clerk

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