



City of Ontario
Marijuana Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2018 5:30 P.M.
Ontario City Hall

1. **Roll Call**

Committee Members Present: Brad Bartolome, Jamel Cooke, Flora Gibbs, John Kirby, Steve Meland, Andy Peterson, and Alfredo Rodriguez.

Committee Members Absent/Excused: None

Ex-Officio: Councilor Dan Capron

Staff: Dan Cummings, Community Development Director

2. **Public Comment**

None

3. **Call to Order**

Chairman Steve Meland called meeting to order at 5:41 giving on member Andy Peterson time to return from out of town to attend meeting.

Chairman Steve Meland asked the Community Development Director Dan Cummings to give the committee and update of the progress of the proposed planning document and proposed business license requirements.

4. **General discussion**

Dan – City Attorney would like clarification on the license process/fee. This was drafted on page 5 of the license ordinance (3-24-6).

Committee Discussion Summation - The Ad Hoc committee's purpose for licensing includes:

- 1. Allow the City to better regulate home/medical marijuana grows that are **not** governed by the OLCC licensing/oversight process.*
- 2. Allow the City to collect additional income from recreational marijuana business licenses/applications.*
- 3. The committee wants the City to have the opportunity to inspect homes, smaller medical grows, and assure they are compliant with standards with the same authority as a recreational business. By adding a registration requirement of said facilities the City can also receive authorization to monitor sites.*

The Ad Hoc committee recommends it may be better to clarify the type of license/registration by amending the final line from 3-24-6 A "A marijuana business whose sole OLCC license is as a medical marijuana produce must submit an application for a marijuana business but is exempt from the application fee." The committee discussed several alternative statements with the consensus of language to the affect as follows:

“All OLCC licensed marijuana businesses must pay the application and licensing fees for each license as monetized herein. All OHA medical marijuana businesses would be exempt from paying a City business license or application fee. However, all OHA medical marijuana businesses are required to submit a no-cost City registration/license application.”

Motion by Dr Peterson, 2nd by Brad Bartolome, Passes Unanimously

Dan - Business license ordinance suggestion is still in the works and has plenty of time to be submitted by the Larry to Council. The purpose of the business ordinance draft is to allow the committee to review it for suggestions and to allow for time needed to be addressed/researched by legal.

Committee discussion was to continue to review the license ordinance offline and come back with comments at the next meeting.

John – Can we change planning commission document 2748-2018?

Dan – Changes can be made to 2748-2018 prior to it being sent to the Planning Commission. After that any suggestions must be made during a PC meeting as testimony. The purpose of sending it now to the DLCC is to assure there is nothing in general that violates State law. The draft should reflect all the State laws, suggestions from Dan based upon research, and the Committee’s recommendations. Again, it should be reviewed for any clerical errors. Additionally, any additional comments must be submitted before the PC takes up the matter. The buffers and other separations are the reason the CUP are required over outright use.

John – Most of the Committee has not had the opportunity to review the five draft documents. He would also like to see an updated map. He would like more time to review.

Dan – The land use portion needs to be submitted next meeting to allow time for change before it is sent to PC for the meeting on 9/17. The business draft is not under such a strict deadline.

Steven – Asked for clarification of the documents provided

Dan:

- Exhibit A: Is the draft ordinance for business operations without legal ease so it is easier to understand and should be the document reviewed for the next meeting. It can be translated into 2748-2018*
- Exhibit B: is a copy of the recommendations approved by the committee at this time*
- *-2018: is the full draft ordinance of the city licensing drafted by Larry*
- 2748-2018: is the full draft ordinance for business operations with legal callouts*

- *PC Agenda: is the draft of the agenda for the PC 10/8*

Steven: Suggested discontinuation of further discussion until next week to allow for review of handouts and each member to make notes as they see issues.

Jah – Motioned to add marijuana business coalition discussion the agenda. He wants it to be labeled Easter Oregon Cannabis Coalition. He wanted it to be comprised of the business owners of the City marijuana community.

John – Agreed that he would be willing to discuss this at a later time but land use was more important currently.

Steven – Agrees a coalition could be helpful for the community, however, again suggested the matter be taken up at a later time so it could be discussed at a later date to allow for ordinance business to take precedence.

Jah – Agree that it was not pressing at the moment but he did not want to left it undiscussed.

Dan – Suggested that the 9/12 meeting should be focused on land use.

Committee discussion: They would like clarification on how long the committee is charged with meeting. Some felt that the charge of the committee was completed and that once this ordinance was put to PC that there was not further meeting needed.

Dan – The frequency and topics of meetings after 9/12 are up to the committee.

Brad - Asked for clarification on how the Coalition would be formed.

Jah – Was unsure how it would be compiled, if it would be official such as ad hoc, or any specifics.

Dr Peterson – It sounds like the commission is more of a co-op of business owners who would like to participate in self mandate above/beyond ordinances. How do you propose people would participate?

Dan Capron – Is the presentation that if you have a license you must be a part of EOCC or is it voluntary?

Jah – Agreed that everyone should be required to participate. He wants a forum where all people are heard no matter what their opinion.

Steven – Are you suggesting that is comprised of a representative of each business?

Jah – Yes/But unsure at this point it is a new idea how it would be composed.

Steven – Unsure if you can mandate participation or if there would be any authority of the EOCC other than an advisory board similar to a medical association. Only those who want to participate do.

Jah – Since this is regulated on a municipality level and not Federal he thinks some governing body needs to oversee the industry in the city.

John – He thinks it should be talked about but again not at this time as they have a mandate to complete ordinance work first.

Committee discussion – agreed that it can be talked about at a later date and will be tabled until ordinances were completed. No motion was carried to put this on the agenda officially.

5. Set Next meeting

Steven – At this point it seems most want to take home the drafts for review. The next meeting will be set for 9/12 at 5:30 pm.

6. Adjourn

Motion by Steven to Adjourn, second by Brad, passes unanimously

Close: 6:31

Next Meeting 9/12 5:30 pm

ACCEPTED

Chair

Secretary