



City of Ontario
Marijuana Ad Hoc Committee Minutes
January 9, 2019
Ontario City Hall 5:30 pm

The purpose of the Marijuana Ad Hoc Committee shall be to explore the impact of Oregon's legalization of marijuana cultivation and use on the health, safety and well-being of the residents of the City. The Committee shall make recommendations to the City Council about steps that the City should take to reduce any adverse effects from that legalization. The recommendations may include changes in the City's current ban on marijuana-related businesses, as long as they include proposals to reduce any adverse impacts from those changes. The recommendations shall be specific, practical, compatible with Oregon law, and shall take into account the financial impact of the recommendations on the City's budget. The City Manager shall make City staff reasonably available to the Committee for consultations and to assist in drafting recommendations.

1. Called to Order by Chair Meland at: 5:011 PM

2. Roll Call

✓ Brad Bartolome, ___Jahmel Cooke, ___ Flora Gibbs, ✓ John Kirby, ✓ Steven Meland, ✓ Andy Peterson, ✓ Alfredo Rodriguez

Others Present

Council Liaison: Councilor Dan Capron

Staff: City Manager Adam Brown

3. Public Comment

None

4. Committee Work

A. Presentation of White Paper – *Presentation of White Paper on Economic Impacts of Marijuana Taxation given by Adam Brown, City Manager*

B. Discussion of Resolutions

Discussion by committee members.

Chair called for a consensus to be taken of the committee to see if there was a need to vote on the proposal to recommend the City Council ask the legislature to give Ontario the authority to increase the local option sales tax to a maximum of 18% under any of the proposals made.

Consensus was 3-2 against recommending the tax to the Ontario City Council

Yes: John Kirby, Andy Peterson

No: Steve Meland, Brad Bartolome, and Freddy Rodriguez

5. Adjourn: *Meeting adjourned at 6:15*