



**City Council Marijuana Task Force Minutes**  
**Monday, March 14, 2016, 10:00AM**  
**Pikes Peak Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall**

**In attendance:** Brian Anderson, Councilmember Larry Bagley, Jan Doran, John Harding, Dale Hecht, Charles Houghton, Sarah Johnson, Fire Marshal Brett Lacey, Commander Sean Mandel, Tom Scudder, Marc Smith (representing Wynetta Massey), Bret Waters,

**Absent:** Lynette Crow-Iverson

1.	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Update from the Chair</b> - Councilmember Larry Bagley</p> <p>Councilmember Bagley welcomed the task force and outlined the meeting's agenda and next steps.</p>	<b>10:00AM</b>
2.	<p><b>City Clerk's recommendations re: licensing ordinances</b> – City Clerk Sarah Johnson</p> <p>Ms. Johnson provided an overview regarding changes to the City's licensing ordinance (City Code, Chapter 2, Article 2, Part 1). The group discussed proposed changes in section 2.3.109, Unlawful Acts, relating to operating hours and ventilation and filtration requirements, and voted unanimously to support Ms. Johnson's proposal and recommend changes to the City's Medical Marijuana License Code as presented.</p>	<b>10:10AM</b>
3.	<p><b>Medical Marijuana-Infused Products Manufacturers (MIPS) Zoning</b> – Peter Wysocki, Director, Planning and Development</p> <p>Mr. Wysocki and Fire Marshal Lacey briefed the task force on the result of staff's work on the definition of MIPS operations, distinguishing between "Hazardous" and "Non-Hazardous" MIP locations, and the group discussed at length. Ultimately, the task force did not support such a distinction at this time, noting that further study might be warranted on the topic, and voted unanimously to support the staff recommendation that licensed MIP businesses be limited to M1 and M2 zones.</p>	<b>10:40AM</b>
4.	<p><b>Continuation of Issues before the Task Force</b> – Bret Waters, Deputy Chief of Staff</p> <p>Mr. Waters noted that his experience with the task force has underlined that the regulated medical marijuana industry is constantly changing and developing, and that there will undoubtedly be other issues that come up for the City to</p>	<b>11:10AM</b>



	<p>address as part of its regulation. He noted that it's important to let Council know that this is not a "closed issue" with the issuance of the Task Force's report. Issues such as plant counts between 12-36 outside of residential areas, "co-op" grows, fees, and utility issues ; co-location of related businesses (i.e. "gas &amp; grass" model), gifting, odor control plans were not within the scope of the task force to address adequately in the limited time period available and deserve further study.</p> <p>Mr. Scudder endorsed a more permanent moratorium for medical marijuana businesses in Colorado Springs. He believes that there are too many such businesses in the City and that the market is distorted and unsustainable. He noted that, because Denver has a continuing moratorium, many people wanting to learn the business come to Colorado Springs, and that's not healthy for the local market or the City.</p> <p>The task force unanimously endorsed the recommendation to continue study and bring them forward to Council as circumstances warrant.</p> <p>Councilmember Bagley noted that, depending on Council's feedback at the work session next week, it is possible that the group may need additional meetings between the work session and first/second readings before Council or a possible Planning Commission meeting in April.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Review of Reporting &amp; Action Schedule</b> - Eileen Lynch Gonzalez, City Council Administrator</p> <p>Ms. Gonzalez confirmed that task force members would be in attendance at the Council work session on March 21.</p>	11:30AM
6.	<p><b>Comments &amp; Discussion</b></p> <p>Mr. Wysocki noted that the issue of 1000' separation between MMC businesses and certain other land uses had not been formally resolved by the task force. The group reviewed a draft ordinance amending City Code section 7.3.205 specifying a 1000' separation (changing from 400'), with no requirement for separation from residential uses. The group voted unanimously to support this version, rather than the version including an additional requirement for 1000' separation from residentially used or zoned properties, due primarily to the concern that the residential separation requirement was too restrictive.</p>	11:45AM



7.	<b>Adjourn</b>	<b>12:00PM</b>

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