

Session 17-02, a Regular Meeting of the Cannabis Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair Tim Clark at 5:30 p.m. on April 27, 2017 in the Cowles Council Chambers located at City Hall 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS HARRIS, REYNOLDS, LEWIS, ROBL, STEAD, GAROUTTE, CRANE AND CLARK

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER YOUNG (EXCUSED)

STAFF: CITY PLANNER ABOUD
DEPUTY CITY CLERK KRAUSE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Clark requested a motion to approve the agenda.

LEWIS/REYNOLDS - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS

RECONSIDERATION

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Meeting Minutes for the January 26, 2017 Regular Meeting

Chair Clark called for adoption of the Consent agenda containing the minutes from the January 26, 2017 regular meeting.

LEWIS/STEAD - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

REPORTS

City Planner Abboud reported that retail establishment and Standard Cultivation Applications had been filed for businesses within city limits. So far he has not received any other additional paperwork but assumes that in the near future the city will be sent those

documents. Commissioner Lewis commented that he saw the notice in the Homer News edition for April 27, 2017.

He responded to questions from the Commission regarding the license coming before council, the public notice requirement, and review by the Kenai Borough Assembly and comments against the license.

Commissioner Harris inquired about getting notice of comments or action to prohibit a license application in the city. Discussion ensued on the process and notice thereof and how the process would work. City Planner Abboud will be reviewing any application packet received in accordance with the established city code. Commissioner Harris asked if the application is a public document could he email it to commission. It was noted that Deputy City Clerk Krause could perform that task and a reminder not to respond all was given.

Commissioner Reynolds brought forth issue of procedure and to speak through the Chair not to comment back and forth. She then commented on the location for the applicants were zoned areas and there should not be any issues with those applicants.

City Planner Abboud noted that several potential applicants have come in to speak with him and the only one who hasn't come in is the one shown on the list who is on the Spit.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PENDING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. Welcome New Commissioners

Chair Clark welcomed Commissioner Garoutte and Crane and requested that they let the commission know why they decided to serve on this commission.

Commissioner Crane provided a brief explanation on joining this commission is that he was recruited stating that he has no opinion for or against but is what you might call a cannabis agnostic. He has a background in law in public safety.

He did ask a question though of the Commission and that was how they were able to talk, and go into business regarding what is still an essentially illegal drug. Commissioner Reynolds encouraged him to ask his questions of the commissioners.

He also provided snack materials "munchies" to test humor of the commissioners.

There was a brief discussion and recommendations from the commission on where he can obtain information to assist him on the why and how they are able to operate and regulate cannabis and why they serve on the commission.

Commissioner Garoutte provided a brief explanation on his purpose in joining the commission. He noted that he operates an marijuana trimming service around the state with his brother and is interested in what is going on in this town and he would like to see level headed regulations.

B. Elections

Chair Clark summarized the reason for having elections that he has decided not to request reappointment. He inquired if Vice Chair Stead is interested in moving to the position of Chair.

After some encouragement from the Commissioners to take the role of Chair Commissioner Stead accepted.

Chair Stead called for nominations for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Reynolds nominated Commissioner Harris. Commissioner Lewis seconded the nomination.

There was a discussion regarding seeking another member or volunteer to serve as Vice Chair after Commissioner Harris expressed reluctance at serving as Vice Chair. Commissioner Garoutte had offered to serve as Vice Chair stating he has experience with another organization on how meetings are conducted. After some encouragement and noting that Commissioner Stead has only missed one meeting since being appointed Commissioner Harris accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Lewis moved to close nominations. Seconded by Commissioner Garoutte.

There being no additional nominations Commissioner Harris was elected as Vice Chair.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

- A. 2017 Meeting Schedule and Packet Processing Deadlines
- B. 2017 Commission Attendance at Council Meetings

Chair Stead requested a volunteer to speak at the May 8th Council meeting and the September 11th Council meeting. He provided a brief explanation on what would be reported. Commissioners Garroute and Crane volunteered to speak at the meetings.

- C. Open Draft Regulations and Adopted Regulations Awaiting Final Process

There was no discussion.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

COMMENTS OF STAFF

City Planner Abboud had no comments.

Deputy City Clerk Krause expressed her appreciation of a short meeting.

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

Chair Stead thanked everyone for attending tonight.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Robl and Harris had no comments.

Commissioner Clark stated it was a fun ride, he learned a lot, appreciated the help from the other Commissioners, he has enjoyed his tenure and they will see him in the audience in the future.

Commissioner Garoutte expressed his appreciation to be on the commission and looks forward to working with everyone in the future.

Commissioner Reynolds expressed her appreciation for Commissioner Clark's time and service on the Commission and welcomed the newest members advocating for them to feel free to ask questions of the commission any time, she looks forward to working with them and it was a good meeting.

Commissioner Lewis commented it was a good meeting and welcomed the new commissioners.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Clark adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

Renee Krause, CMC, Deputy City Clerk I

Approved: _____