

CANNABIS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 25, 2016

Session 16-02, a Regular Meeting of the Cannabis Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair Aryn Young at 5:30 p.m. on February 25, 2016 in the Cowles Council Chambers located at City Hall 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS HARRIS, STEAD, SARNO, ROBL, YOUNG AND LEWIS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS CARROLL, REYNOLDS (EXCUSED)

STAFF: CITY PLANNER ABBOD  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK KRAUSE

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Young called for a motion to approve the agenda.

LEWIS/HARRIS - MOVED TO POSTPONE THE AGENDA TO A TIME THAT THE ISSUE OF THE ELECTION HAS BEEN DECIDED.

Discussion ensued on postponing any discussions or actions on the current agenda before them tonight along with any future agendas since if cannabis is banned then it would be a waste of time of the commission. Commissioner Sarno and Harris were against the idea preferring to be able to provide information and educational materials and direction for the community. Commissioner Lewis noted that that was not a directive of Council to the Commission.

Deputy City Clerk Krause requested the commissioners to review and submit recommendations on the Land Allocation Plan and an explanation why they were provided this document. It was also noted that the Public present would be provided the opportunity to comment.

STEAD/LEWIS - MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO INCLUDE NEW BUSINESS ITEM. A LAND ALLOCATION PLAN.

Commissioner Harris offered an amendment to the motion to suspend action on Commissioner Lewis' motion to address those items on the agenda then suspend meetings. There was no second to the motion.

Commissioner Lewis suggested they vote down his motion carry on with the meeting as normal then he will be make a motion not to meet until after elections in April. There was no action on the suggestion.

Chair Young requested a reading of the motion on the floor as amended. Ms. Krause read what she had.

VOTE. YES. ROBL, STEAD, YOUNG, SARNO, LEWIS

VOTE. NO. HARRIS.

Motion carried.

Deputy City Clerk Krause inquired what motion that Commissioner Harris wanted to address to determine where it might fit on the agenda and if the Commission could address the motion tonight. Commissioner Harris wanted to put forth a motion to take out a two page advertisement on Council actions if the commission has a budget.

Commissioner Lewis responded that they do not have any budget allocated which Commissioner Harris then stated the request was moot.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public may speak to the Commission regarding matters on the agenda that are not scheduled for public hearing. (3 minute time limit).

This item was not addressed

## VISITORS

## RECONSIDERATION

### ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

*(Items listed below will be enacted by one motion. If separate discussion is desired on an item, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Meeting Agenda at the request of a Commissioner.)*

#### A. Meeting Minutes for the January 28, 2016 Regular Meeting

The minutes were suspended.

### REPORTS

#### A. Report to the Commission - City Planner Abboud

#### B. Kenai Peninsula Borough Cannabis Task Force Report - Minutes from the December 10, 2015 Meeting

Reports were suspended.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

### PENDING BUSINESS

#### A. Generating Revenue through Cannabis

#### B. Cannabis Businesses on the Spit

Pending Business items were suspended.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Land Allocation Plan

##### 1. Memorandum from Deputy City Planner Engebretsen dated February 16, 2016

Chair Young read the title into the record and invited City Planner Abboud to provide additional information on the process.

City Planner Abboud provided a brief summary on the process. He reviewed staff recommendations

A brief discussion in response to a questions posed by Commissioners Harris and Sarno ensued. Included in the discussion was the issue of leasing lands for cannabis businesses presents a liability to the city since the city is the landowner and the city attorney advised against that; comments on the Chip Pad and fish waste being thrown away and that the land should be leased and marketing to a fish waste business. City Planner Abboud noted that the land is already for lease and currently is in the process of having the fence demolished. Commissioner Harris noted that they will give away the fish waste free to whoever wants it.

Commissioner Lewis questioned why the Land Allocation plan was on the agenda. Deputy City Clerk Krause explained that since this was a standing commission of the council and as such could offer recommendations on city owned land the same as all standing commissions, boards and committees.

Some of the city owned lands were for sale but have not garnered any interest. Commissioner Harris recommended advertising the lands for sale again and note that they were zoned for cannabis businesses.

Chair Young requested recommendations for Council on any of the city land. Staff requested support for the staff recommendations.

LEWIS/STEAD - MOVED TO ADOPT THE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS TO DESIGNATE THE 40 ACRES ACQUIRED THROUGH TAX FORECLOSURE FOR WATERSHED PROTECTION PURPOSES AND THE OLD

HARBORMASTER OFFICE PROPERTY ON PAGE D20 DESIGNATED FOR PARKING AND RESTROOMS AND INCLUDE THE BOAT HOUSE IN THE DESIGNATION.

There was a brief discussion on recommendations,

VOTE. YES. LEWIS, SARNO, YOUNG, STEAD, ROBL

VOTE. NO. HARRIS

Motion carried.

Commissioner Sarno pointed out the parcels next to the Fishing Lagoon and Rink are more family friendly areas of the spit and proceeded to say that there are some areas that are more family friendly than areas of the Spit such as near the Salty Dawg. Comments from Harris in the opposite were offered regarding the Spit being a construction zone and an adult area that kids are brought along.

B. Next Meeting Deliverables, Agenda Items

#### **INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**

A. 2016 Meeting Schedule and Packet Processing Deadlines

B. 2016 Commission Attendance at Council Meetings

C. State of Alaska Application Timelines, Handler Permit Timelines and Consumption Endorsement Regulation Timelines

#### **COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

Members of the audience may address the Commission on any subject. (3 minute time limit)

Scott Adams, city resident, commented on wanting to gather some information and it seems puzzling, he questioned that the Borough just went along with the State regulations and asked about the application of the 10 mile rule. He requested further clarification that if the city bans commercial marijuana then someone across the street on Skyline could open up a business.

Ginny Espenshade, non-resident, commented on the work that the commission has done and believes they have done good work. She has a flyer that she wanted to present to the commission regarding a presentation on designer drugs. She believes that our kids need to be taught the difference between synthetic marijuana and that it is giving marijuana a bad name. She offered that if it is banned that maybe they can put signage out warning about the dangers.

Kevin Walker, non-resident, commented on the financial possibilities of marijuana and cited some numbers that would pay for the new public safety building and he believed it made sense to him that it was being taken from the black market and being tested.

Dixie Hart, city resident, commented on page 23 in the packet regarding buffers and the recent actions of Anchorage changing it as walking instead of crow flies. She wanted to inform the commission that they relaxed their requirements and that the city might want to make changes.

#### **COMMENTS OF STAFF**

City Planner Abboud commented on the synthetic drugs being sold in Homer. Commissioner Lewis responded with the information that he had on the availability in Homer.

Deputy City Clerk Krause had no comments.

#### **COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR**

Chair Young commented that if a person felt strongly on an issue that they should come and vote. They really appreciate people who get their opinions out and the city's government runs with the public's vote. She hopes to see everyone come out and vote.

**COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION**

Commissioner Robl, Harris, Stead, Lewis had no comments.

Commissioner Sarno commented on the interesting dialog that has developed between Chief Robl and herself outside of these meetings. She commented on them being informative and even delightful. Ms. Sarno thanked Chief Robl for serving on this commission, and considers this an oath keepers moment because if the issues that come before them on cannabis clubs and she looks forward to really fruitful dialog.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. The next regular meeting is TENTATIVELY scheduled for THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2016 OR THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE AFTER THIS ISSUE OF ALLOWING COMMERCIAL CANNABIS HAS BEEN VOTED ON, A MEETING WILL BE at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

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Renee Krause, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_