



Committee on Licensing & Zoning for Cannabis

February 27, 2017 – 7:00 PM – **Minutes**
Chambers of the City Council, Room 213

MEETING: COMMITTEE ON LICENSING & ZONING FOR CANNABIS
DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2017
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: COUNCILLOR WILLIAM SALTZMAN ANTECHAMBER, ROOM 213, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS IAN ABREU, CHAIRMAN; JOSEPH LOPES VICE-CHAIRMAN; DEBORA COELHO;
STEVEN MARTINS; LINDA MORAD (7:15)

ABSENT: NO ONE

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Councillor Abreu called the Committee on Licensing & Zoning for Cannabis to order and took attendance. The Clerk read a Communication from Councillor Morad explaining the reason for her tardiness. This Communication was received and placed on file by Councillor Martins and seconded by Councillor Lopes.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Abreu, Gomes, Winterson, Council President Lopes and Councillor Bousquet, requesting that Jim Borghesani, Communications Director for the Campaign to Regulate Marijuana like Alcohol, come before the Special Committee on Licensing and Zoning for Cannabis to discuss the November 2016 passage of the Recreational Legalization of Commercial Cannabis, what this passage means for all Cities and Towns within the Commonwealth (especially gateway Cities such as New Bedford) and a current update on the State's regulatory process before its 2018 implementation (To be Referred to the Special Committee on Licensing and Zoning for Cannabis.) (Ref'd 1/26/17) was received and placed on file by Councillor Martins and seconded by Councillor Lopes. (1)

Mr. Jim Borghesani handed out information pertaining to his presentation to the Committee. This information was received and placed on file by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Coelho.

Mr. Borghesani told the Committee that the ballot question passed in Massachusetts allowing for recreational use of marijuana which is different from medicinal marijuana. A three person Commission will be established by the State Treasurer's Office which will create and oversee the regulations. This Commission will have control over and create the language that will be enforced and executed. Recreational marijuana will be allowed for people over the age of 21 years, much like the current alcohol purchase and consumption laws that are currently in place in Massachusetts. Recreational users will only be allowed to use the product in the privacy of their own homes. Landlords and corporate business can set their own guidelines as they see fit using the State regulations as their guide.

This meeting adjourned @ 7:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Denis Lawrence, Jr.,
Clerk of Committees