



Committee on Finance

March 29, 2017 – 7:00 PM – **Agenda**

Chambers of the City Council, Room 214

1. Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting a copy of A Host Community Agreement with ARL Healthcare, Inc., of Newton, MA, to operate a Registered Marijuana Dispensary (“RMD”) cultivation and processing facility in New Bedford, to be located at 167 John Vertente Boulevard, New Bedford Industrial Park; ARL Healthcare, Inc., is currently seeking approval from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to operate a medical marijuana cultivation/production facility at said location. (Referred to Finance) (Ref’d 12/8/16)

INVITEES: Robert Fireman, Counsel, ARL Healthcare; David Gerwatowski, Legal Counsel Attorney; Ken Houseman, President, ARL Healthcare; John Levine, CFO, ARL Healthcare; Mikaela McDermott, City Solicitor; Chris Reilly, Director of Government Relations, ARL Healthcare; Ari Sky, CFO; Representative, Mayor’s Office

2. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting a Host Community Agreement with Beacon Compassion Center of Norwood, to operate a medical marijuana dispensary facility at 366 Hathaway Road. (Ref’d 2/23/17)

- 2a. HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT, between the City of New Bedford and Beacon Compassion Center to operate a medical marijuana dispensary facility at 366 Hathaway Road.

INVITEES: Stephen Angelo, Representative, Beacon Compassion Center; Catherine Cametti, President/CEO, Beacon Compassion Center; David Gerwatowski, Legal Counsel Attorney; Mikaela McDermott, City Solicitor; Ari Sky, CFO; Representative, Mayor’s Office

3. Written Motion, Councillor Lopes, requesting, that the Committee on Finance work with the Mitchell Administration on the adoption of the maximum 2% local sale tax option upon the sale or transfer of marijuana or marijuana products by a marijuana retailer operating within the City of New Bedford if Ballot Question 4 is passed. (To be Referred to the Committee on Finance and Mayor Mitchell) (Ref’d 9/22/16) (10/20/16-returned unsigned by the Mayor) (10/24/16-tabled)

INVITEES: David Gerwatowski, Legal Counsel Attorney; Mikaela McDermott, City Solicitor; Ari Sky, CFO; Representative, Mayor’s Office

Chairperson suggests ‘No Further Action’

4. Written Motion, Councillors Abreu, Winterson, Bousquet and Oliveira, requesting, that the New Bedford City Council require Beacon Compassion Center, Inc. and the appropriate representatives of the City of New Bedford to enter into negotiation and execution of a Host Agreement prior to the opening of the dispensary; and further that if after ninety (90) days the parties are unable to reach a mutually satisfactory agreement this matter shall be returned to the City Council for review and additional actions if deemed necessary. (Ref’d 8/18/16) (10/24/16-tabled 30 days)