

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LICENSING AND ZONING FOR CANNABIS
MARCH 20, 2018 @ 7:00 PM
COUNCILLOR WILLIAM SALTZMAN ANTECHAMBER – ROOM 213
AGENDA

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CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

1. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Abreu, Martins, Council President Lopes, Councillors Winterson and Coelho requesting that a Representative of the City Solicitor's Office come before the Special Committee on Licensing and Zoning for Cannabis to begin the collaborative dialogue and process of working on and establishing appropriate zoning parameters, the number of allowed licenses, the application process, and overall implementation of recreational cannabis dispensaries for the City of New Bedford which can come any time after April 1, 2018. (To be Referred to the Special Committee on Licensing and Zoning for Cannabis, Representative of the City Solicitor's Office and Legislative Counsel Gerwatowski.) (Ref'd 6/8/17) (10/25/17-tabled) (2/20/18-tabled 30 days)
- 1a. RELATED MOTION, Councillor Lopes, requesting that the Committee on Licensing and Zoning for Cannabis invite a representative from the Licensing Board to provide us with a copy of the requirements for the establishment of a regulation Liquor Store in the City of New Bedford and that Legal Counsel from the Licensing Board attend the next meeting of this Committee. (Ref'd 10/25/17) (2/20/18-tabled 30 days)

INVITEES: Steven A. Beauregard, Chairman, Licensing Board; Kreg R. Espinola, Legal Counsel, Licensing Board; David Gerwatowski, Legal Counsel Attorney; Mikaela McDermott, City Solicitor

2. 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) (3/29/17-tabled 90 days) (2/13/18- Referred to City Council with a Recommendation to Transfer Item to the Committee on Licensing and Zoning for Cannabis) (Ref'd 2/22/18)

INVITEES: David Gerwatowski, Legal Counsel Attorney; Mikaela McDermott, City Solicitor; Ari J. Sky, Chief Financial Officer; Representative, Mayor's Office

3. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Abreu, Gomes, Winterson, Council President Lopes, Councillors Martins and Bousquet, requesting, that Police Chief Joseph Cordeiro and Health Director Dr. Brenda Weis, come before the Special Committee on Licensing and Zoning for Cannabis to discuss the November 2016 passage of the Recreational Legalization of Commercial Cannabis and discuss questions or concerns they may have from a law enforcement and overall community health standpoint, and how we can work as a community to insure public safety, health and wellness always remains paramount in light of this new impending piece of legislation. (To be Referred to the Special Committee on Licensing and Zoning for Cannabis.) (Ref'd 1/26/17) (2/27/17-tabled) (2/20/18-tabled 30 days)

INVITEES: Damon Chaplin, Director, Health Department; Joseph C. Cordeiro, Chief, New Bedford Police Department

4. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Lopes, requesting, that the Committee on Ordinances draft an Ordinance that would limit the number of marijuana retailers to no more than 20 percent of the number of licenses issued by the City of New Bedford for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises sold under Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws. (To be Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.) (Ref'd 9/22/16) (3/21/17-Referred to the Committee on Licensing and Zoning for Cannabis from the Committee on Ordinances) (10/25/17-tabled) (2/20/18-tabled 30 days)

INVITEES: David Gerwatowski, Legal Counsel Attorney

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