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City of Watsonville
Medical Cannabis Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda

April 27, 2016
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Meeting Topic: Cannabis Taxation

Technical Advisory Committee Members:

Dorma Baker	Bryce Berryessa	Erica Padilla Chavez	Allan Flores
Thomas Frye	Felipe Hernandez	Aaron Newsom	Ari Parker
Jarrad Pecoraro	Henry Robles	Jenny Sarmiento	

Staff:

Suzi Merriam, Assistant CDD Director
Ezequiel Vega, Administrative Services Director
Kurt Overmeyer, Senior Planner
Laurie Blackwood, Administrative Analyst
Doug Mattos, Administrative Analyst

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call
- III. Ground Rules and Expectations of the Committee
- IV. Cannabis Taxation- Review of Tax Structures in Other States and in California
 - a) Report by Staff
 - b) Advisory Committee Questions
 - c) Public Hearing
 - d) Advisory Committee Discussion
 - e) Motion
- V. Adjournment



Reunión Pública

Comité Consultivo de Cannabis Medicinal

miércoles, 19 de octubre del 2016

5:30-7:30 pm

Salón Comunitario de la Plaza Cívica

275 Main Street, 4to piso

Presentación y discusión sobre:

Condiciones de Aprobación de Cannabis Medicinal

La ciudad de Watsonville tendrá una reunión pública sobre impuestos en la industria de cannabis medicinal, como la segunda en una serie de juntas para revisar la ordenanza provisional de las instalaciones de cannabis medicinal. El enfoque de esta reunión se centrará en condiciones de redacción de la aprobación de instalaciones de cannabis medicinal.

Para más información favor de llamar a:
Suzi Merriam, directora en función del departamento de desarrollo urbano
Ciudad de Watsonville (831) 768-3050



Public Meeting

Medical Cannabis Advisory Committee

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

5:30-7:30 pm

Civic Plaza Community Rooms

275 Main Street, 4th Floor

Presentation and Discussion of:

Medical Cannabis Conditions of Approval

The City of Watsonville will hold a public meeting to discuss the taxation of the medical cannabis industry, as the second meeting in a series to review the draft Medical Cannabis Facilities Ordinance. This meeting will focus on drafting conditions of approval for medical cannabis facilities.

For more information please contact:

Suzi Merriam, Assistant Director, Community Development Department
City of Watsonville (831) 768-3050

MEDICAL CANNABIS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

APRIL 27, 2016

AGENDA

- Introductions
- Ground rules
- Overview of taxation
 - Report by staff
 - Advisory Committee questions
 - Public hearing
 - Advisory Committee discussion
 - Motion
- Date of next meeting
- Adjournment

INTRODUCTIONS

CITY STAFF
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GROUND RULES

- Start on time, end on time
- Be respectful
- Public speakers: 3 minutes each
- Stay on topic



WHY TAX CANNABIS?

- Raise funds for:
 - Enforcement of ordinance
 - Prevention
 - Auditing

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- I. **Call to order:** Suzi Merriam called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.
- II. **Roll call:** Committee members present were Erica Padilla Chavez, Allan Flores, Thomas Frye, Felipe Hernandez, Aaron Newsom, Ari Parker, Jarrad Pecoraro, Henry Robles, and Jenny Sarmiento. Committee members absent were Dorma Parker and Bryce Berryessa. Rich Buse was present on Ms. Parker's behalf. Staff present were Suzi Merriam, Ezequiel Vega, Laurie Blackwood, and Doug Mattos.
- III. **Ground Rules and Expectations of the Committee:** There was a consensus that only persons appointed to Committee may vote on items, no substitutes or proxies will be allowed.
- IV. **Cannabis Taxation- Review of Tax Structures in Other States and in California**
 - a) **Report by Staff:** Presentation was made by Suzi Merriam on reasons for taxation, existing tax structures, and types of taxes currently in use.

- b) Advisory Committee Questions:** Members asked about what the City feels it needs to address potential impacts to City resources, the number of application that have been received or could potentially be submitted, and what kinds of taxes the State may be planning to impose.
- c) Public Hearing:** Several members of the public spoke about funding effective prevention activities, addressing legal versus illegal activities, access especially by low income patients, safety concerns, costs to City resources, and amount of taxes that will be imposed. Members were urged to consider including amnesty for existing businesses and a tiered rate structure for medical versus recreational uses.
- d) Advisory Committee Discussion:** There was some discussion regarding how to determine what impact the Ordinance will have on the City and its resources, the amount of funding needed to address these impacts, what kind of taxes should be applied, and how the tax revenue should be allocated. The Members cited the need to remain aware of what the State may impose so that any proposed City tax structure is fair and equitable. Implementation of a tiered tax structure as well as funding for prevention was also discussed.
- e) Motion:** There was general agreement that more information is needed and requested that Staff provide data on other jurisdictions, proposed cost analysis and timeline that needs to be met for discussion and potential action at the next meeting. Members were also urged to provide any information to Staff they feel would be pertinent to this matter.

V. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.