

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD APRIL 6, 2021, VIA GOTOMEETING.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Jon Bullock – Krisanna Clark-Endicott – George Endicott – Clifford Evelyn – Ed Fitch (left at 7:24 p.m.) – Jay Patrick – Shannon Wedding

MEDIA PRESENT: Jackson Hogan, The Bulletin

Mayor Endicott called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Redmond Convention Visitor's Bureau Strategic Plan FY 2021-2022

Redmond Chamber of Commerce and Convention Visitor's Bureau (CVB) Executive Director Eric Sande shared information on their organization, current staff, and Board of Directors. Consultant Lynnette Brillard provided the Council with an overview of the CVB's strategic plan. She highlighted tourism and website statistics, their marketing year in review as well as upcoming events, their Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022 goals and objectives, upcoming strategies, the timeline for marketing initiatives, and a review of the CVB budget.

B. Time Place Manner Restrictions: Marijuana Dispensaries

City Manager Keith Witcosky introduced the topic by sharing it appears the federal government will decriminalize marijuana so the presentation is designed to enable the Council to take proactive action regarding marijuana dispensaries within the City. He stated that time/place/manner (TPM) restrictions need to be reasonable. Mr. Witcosky said the Council will have ample time for questions as they consider where and how they want this industry to operate. He stated the intention of this presentation is to have discussion and then for the Council to provide staff with input regarding the ordinance. Once compiled, the ordinance will be presented formally at a future Council meeting.

City Attorney Keith Leitz provided background on the TPM of marijuana dispensaries noting there is a fair amount of latitude in the requirements a City can impose. The City currently manages marijuana through its business license process. Mr. Leitz said that business licenses are contingent upon compliance with state and federal law, so if marijuana is decriminalized at the federal level, there will be no restrictions on selling marijuana according to current processes. He stated that drafting TPM restrictions will allow the City to regulate the marijuana industry once federal decriminalization occurs.

Deputy City Manager John Roberts explained the purpose of TPMs adding that many cities use them and tailor them to fit their needs. The biggest consideration for TPMs is zoning location. The current M-1 zone does not allow for retail, but a code amendment would be brought to Council allowing for some modifications.

Concerns were expressed with allowing dispensaries near places where children would congregate such as a strip mall. Mr. Leitz indicated a dispensary would be grandfathered in the event a business that caters to children moves in next door, such as an entertainment center, toy store, or ice cream shop.

Much discussion was held regarding whether to allow dispensaries in both M-1 and commercial zones. One factor mentioned was that in commercial areas, businesses rotate in and out frequently such that there might be an instance at some point with a dispensary nearby/next to a business that caters to children and/or teens. Mr. Roberts reiterated that the Redmond Development Code would need to be adjusted to allow dispensaries within the M-1 zoning areas as they would be considered retail establishments.

Councilor Fitch questioned whether limiting dispensaries to M-1 zoning would be considered "reasonable" or would create pushback from those seeking to open dispensaries in Redmond. Councilor Clark-

Endicott suggested removing commercial from consideration. Councilor Patrick stated he would be supportive of staff vetting out appropriate locations within the City, reiterating the desire to protect children and teens from potential exposure to dispensaries. Councilor Wedding concurred with suggestions to limit dispensaries to M-1 zoning, but also wondered about pushback regarding how restrictive those limitations would be. Councilor Evelyn recommended taking time to research the areas but would be supportive of the M-1 zone. Councilor Bullock asked for more information regarding what other jurisdictions have done regarding limiting dispensaries to M-1 zoning areas and what the TPM restrictions are for alcohol sales.

The consensus of the Council was to look at M-1 with 500 feet separation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Endicott convened the Council into Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(e) authorizes executive session “to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.”

Mayor Endicott closed the Executive Session portion of the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

The regular portion of the meeting was called to order at 7:41 p.m.

MOTIONS AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no motions as a result of Executive Session

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Prepared by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 14th day of July 2021.

/s/ George Endicott
George Endicott, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder