

I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Marijuana Advisory Committee was called to order at 6 p.m. by Chair Williams for the purpose of conducting a special meeting.

Board members present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Sara Williams, Chair
Mr. Darryl Dreher
Mr. Mark Rempel
Ms. Peggy Mulligan
Mr. Lance Ketterling
Ms. Lisa Albert-Konecky
Mr. John Norris
Ms. Ronda Marcy
Ms. Rebecca Rein

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Brenda J. Henry, CMC, Assistant Clerk
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Williams queried if there were any changes to the agenda

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 25, 2016

Chair Williams queried if there were any changes or corrections to the January 25, 2016, meeting minutes.

Ms. Henry:

- advised that she inadvertently included an incorrect draft of the minutes;
- requested that on page 1 of 4, the words “or the September 17, 2015” be stricken;
- requested that on page 4 of 4, the words “Ms. Rein inquired if” be stricken; and
- apologized for the confusion.

Chair Williams queried if there were any additional changes.

Ms. Albert-Konecky noted a typo on page 3 of 4 of her comments needed to be stricken, which was the word “in.”

Chair Williams queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

Ms. Henry advised that those changes would be made prior to preparing the minutes for signature.

VOTE: The minutes were approved as corrected without objection.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following person recommended that a retail sales tax on marijuana be placed before the voters at the October 2016 election: Mr. Timothy Hale.

The following person spoke in opposition to an excise tax on marijuana and in support of waiting until after October 2016 to propose a tax: Mr. Don Hart.

The following person spoke in support of commercial marijuana and in support of a marijuana tax: Mr. Clint Tuma.

The following person spoke in support of a marijuana tax and to concerns with the proposed conditional use process: Ms. Amy Tuma.

The following person spoke to concerns with the staff recommendation regarding 100-foot setbacks and opined that there would be no money to be made off of a marijuana tax: Mr. Brad Empey.

The following person spoke to concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

The following person spoke in support of a low marijuana tax, in opposition to the Borough opting out of a tax, and to the need to keep marijuana out of the hands of children: Mr. Miles France.

The following person spoke in support of a middle ground for a marijuana tax: Mr. Joe McAneny.

The following person thanked the body for their hard work, in support of the body making recommendations to the Assembly, and in support of the proposed land use regulations for marijuana: Assemblymember Jim Sykes, District 1.

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- A. Discussion Regarding Possible Marijuana Tax; Possible Resolution to the Assembly Regarding a Marijuana Tax

Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney answered questions of the Marijuana Advisory Committee regarding different types of possible marijuana taxes.

MOTION: Ms. Rein moved to provide a resolution to the Assembly regarding a possible marijuana excise tax.

The motion was seconded.

VOTE: There was no objection noted.

Ms. Henry requested that if the body would like to make any amendments to the draft MAC Resolution Serial No. 16-01, to please take them from the beginning of the resolution and go paragraph by paragraph in order to be clear for the public.

MOTION: Ms. Marcy moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 16-01, by striking the 9th and 10th whereas clauses in their entirety.

The motion was seconded.

WITHDRAWAL: Ms. Marcy moved to withdraw her primary amendment.

VOTE: There was no objection noted.

MOTION: Ms. Marcy moved to postpone Resolution Serial No. 16-01 to the next meeting of the Marijuana Advisory Committee.

The motion was seconded.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Dreher thanked the public for their input regarding a possible marijuana tax.

Mr. Rempel thanked the public for attending the meeting.

Ms. Mulligan spoke to her appreciation of the public attending meetings.

Ms. Albert-Konecky thanked the public for their participation.

Mr. Norris thanked the public for providing input and noted that it brings more to the meetings.

Ms. Rein:

- thanked the public for providing testimony; and
- advised the body that Ordinance Serial No. 16-003, regarding marijuana land use regulations would be on the Assembly agenda for March 1, 2016.

Chair Williams:

- thanked the public for their input and noted that there were a lot of new people in attendance;
- invited the public to provide public comment on Assembly Ordinance Serial No. 16-003 at the March 1, 2016 meeting; and
- summarized where the State is with their process for approving commercial marijuana licenses.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
MARIJUANA ADVISORY COMMITTEE



SARA WILLIAMS, Committee Chair

ATTEST:



BRENDA J. HENRY, CMC, Assistant Clerk

Minutes Approved: 06/23/16