



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Monday, February 3, 2020
6:00 PM

Pre-Council

Conference Room
1A/1B
Columbia City Hall
701 E. Broadway

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:01 p.m. Councilman Skala arrived at approximately 6:05 p.m.

Present: 5 - Ruffin, Trapp, Treece, Skala, and Pitzer

Absent: 2 - Thomas, and Peters

This item is open to the public: Medical Marijuana

Attachments: [Medical Marijuana Presentation](#)

Stephanie Browning, Director of Public Health and Human Services, introduced staff that assisted on this work. She stated that the objectives for tonight are to provide a history of medical marijuana legislation, review key themes from other ordinances, propose key concepts for our ordinance, and receive feedback from Council.

Ms. Browning provided a brief history of medical marijuana legislation. Councilman Pitzer asked how many license applications we have received so far. Finance Director, Mr. Lue, stated that two have been received.

Ms. Browning summarized some of the public health issues related to medical marijuana including, protecting children and adolescents from access, ensuring patients are aware of harmful effects of medical marijuana, the need for state inspections, and enforcement of the Columbia Clean Indoor Air Ordinance. Ms. Browning noted that smoking marijuana indoors is prohibited. Councilman Trapp requested the citation on the reference to marijuana addiction. Ms. Shikles stated she would provide that.

Ms. Browning noted key themes found in other state ordinances. These include the need for positive identification, no onsite or public consumption, no onsite consumption of alcohol in dispensaries, no misleading product names, no advertising without a license, no packaging that would be attractive to use, no products with a characterizing flavor, and no claims of health benefits. These themes were found statewide with many states allowing for more local control. Mayor Treece requested the ordinances in other municipalities. Ms. Shikles stated she would provide those.

Ms. Browning reviewed the items they would recommend be included in our ordinance relating to packaging, labeling, signage, dispensary facility requirements, potency/additives and toxicity, inclusion in a food code, prohibiting marijuana products (except edibles) that have a characterizing flavor, unlawful signage, and in-store safety information. Mayor Treece felt that the potency and toxicity is something being addressed by the state process. Ms. Shikles added that the CDC has recommended THC vaping not be allowed due to the outbreak of vaping illnesses and deaths. Ms.

Browning reviewed example in-store safety information language.

Ms. Browning explained that the state did not include a rule requiring a patient be 21 or older. It also allows for a patient over 21 to bring up to two support persons into a dispensary with them, and no age requirements are specified. So a 22 year old patient, could enter the dispensary with two 17 year old support persons. Adding the age qualifier would fill that loophole. Ms. Browning also stated that the ordinance will include the health department providing public education, as well as a section on penalties.

Ms. Browning asked if Council would like a draft ordinance and how Council would like to handle the 21 year age requirement. Councilman Skala stated that he would like to see a draft with options. Mayor Treece stated that he doesn't want to be more strict than state requirements and suggested the Public Health Committee look at this as well. Councilman Ruffin asked how common it is for someone under 18 to be prescribed marijuana. Mr. Trapp stated when he worked in this field, they rarely saw minors being prescribed. It was mostly prescribed to adults already using marijuana from the black market. The group briefly discussed this and agreed to have a draft ordinance come back after the Board of Health reviews it.

This item is open to the public: Motion for the City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri, to meet on Monday, February 3, 2020, in Conference Room 1A and 1B of City Hall, 701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri, for a Closed Meeting to discuss the leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor, as authorized by Section 610.021(2) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

At approximately 6:40 p.m., Mayor Treece made a motion for the City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri, to immediately go into a closed meeting in Conference Room 1A/1B of City Hall, 701 E. Broadway, Columbia, Missouri, to discuss the leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor as authorized by Section 610.021(2) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala.

Yes: 5 - Ruffin, Trapp, Treece, Skala, and Pitzer

Absent: 2 - Thomas, and Peters

This item is closed to the public: See notice of closed meeting.

Attachments: [Notice of Closed Meeting](#)

At approximately 6:41 p.m., the City Council went into closed session pursuant to RSMo Sections 610.021(2).

II. ALL OTHER ITEMS THE COUNCIL MAY WISH TO DISCUSS

No other items were discussed.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:57 p.m.