



Local Cannabis Control Sub-committee Meeting, Wednesday, September 14, 2022, begins right after the City Council License Committee adjourns ****IN-PERSON ONLY**** Bushor Conference Room, 1st Floor, City Hall

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Local Cannabis Control Sub-committee Meeting, Wednesday, September 14, 2022.

Meeting Started at 5:00 pm

Present

Ben Traverss

Jon Shannon

Other Present

Lori Olberg - City Clerk

Hayley McClenahan City attorney's office

Mohamed Ibrahim – Assistant City Clerk

1. Agenda

Subject

1. Motion to amend/adopt the agenda

Adding to agenda item 3.03 Local Cannabis Control Applications: Ceres Collaborative, Green State Dispensary/Upstate Elevator Operations; Stash Farm LLC and Grass Queen, Inc. and adding item 3.001 Chair electing

Check with city clerk if the amendment covers everything and if there's any other additions?

City clerk confirms that no more additions.

BT: 1st

JS: 2nd

Action: Agenda approved as amended.

2. Public Comment (verbal)



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2.01 Verbal Comments

Jeffery Consellow attending as the founder and executive director of Vermont brewers association, delivers a verbal thanking note to the commission.

3. Deliberative Agenda

3.001 Electing chair

BT: Nominating John Shannon to be the chair

JS: Any other nominations?

No other nominations.

Voting: JS was elected as Chair

1st: BT

2nd: JS

3.01 Overview of Local Cannabis Control Sub-committee: Purpose And Authority

JS: The state is regulating the cannabis licensing and it's all new. I am not clear on what the commission's actual authority regarding to cannabis? Question to city attorney's office, what is the sub-committee's authority on that?

HM: Burlington municipality doesn't have to allow cannabis establishment at all. We had a vote and chosen to allow cannabis establishment. We can't regulate cannabis any more than we regulate any other business within the municipality.

As for as conditions that we can put on a local license, there's a big 3 conditions under the statue.

1. Complying with all the city's zoning requirements
2. Complying with signage
3. Regulate public nuisances

HM: Invites Cara Alansari director of business and work force development and Meagan Tuttle Planning director to give more information on the discussed matter.



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Cara: The local control commission may deny, suspend or revoke a local control license if it's violating the conditions placed on the on the license.

JS: What conditions the committee is allowed to add on a license?

Cara: Permitting, Zoning, nosiness ordinance and waste water conditions.

Meagan: Comply with local zoning, local permits, fire marshal and some lands require a review by water and waste water.

JS: What if the business is selling to under age people?

Cara: this lies with law enforcement umbrella, as well as the municipality should lodge with the state cannabis control board.

BT: What is our authority when it comes to hours of operations?

HM: Zoning permitting and approval process we can only regulate HOO to the extent that they fall into one of the big 3s.

BT: What about our authority over store occupancy limits?

HM: They have to meet the requirements like any other businesses to meet certain occupancy requirements from the fire marshal office and if hours of operation creates a public nuisance.

JS: On site and public consumption commission authority?

HM: Not allowed. And public consumption lies with the state and law enforcements umbrella.

JS: Is public consumption a nuisance?

HM: It's the full commissions matter to consider.

JS: We have four applications to review tonight, we expect more applications that may be ready by our meeting before



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September 19th. I don't have any objection to allowing these to go directly to the full council. Do we need a motion to do that?

HM: Based on the open meeting law procedure council meeting, it needs to be warned 48 hours before the meeting.

As far as the question about do we need a special approval from the sub-committee for the applications to go through?

JS: Full council no need to take any action after tonight's applications. Can be added to the full commission next meeting.

3.02 Communication: Concerned Residents of Convent Square, re: 276 North Avenue

A Resident deliver a complaint and commission ensures that businesses need to get along with neighborhoods. And will look to further actions regarding this business.

3.03 Local Cannabis Control Applications: Ceres Collaborative, Green State Dispensary/Upstate Elevator Operations, Stash Farm LLC and Grass Queen, Inc.

JS: What is the recommended action we're taking?

HM: To recommend to the city council the approval of local cannabis control license board, subjected to whatever condition the sub-committee...

JS: Do we have licensing authority?

HM: yes

JS: But we have the authority to deny a license if they meet all criteria?

HM: We have authority to deny a license based on the big 3s.

BT: Commission would like to hear from each applicant.

JS: Invited all applicants to come before the committee to deliver an introduction about their business and their plans.

1st applicant: Shehalla Dugly owner of Grass Queen Inc. business hours will be correspond with follino's pizza business. The business all women owned and majority queer owns. Will carry products from all cross the state from our little grow in Plainfield Vermont.



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BT: Do you have a business plan?

Applicants: Yes, as soon as getting all the needed approvals.

2nd Applicant: Stash Farm, Tear one indoor cultivation license, received approval from state.

3rd Applicant: Green State, Tear one cultivation license

4th Applicant: Ceres Collaborative, received approval from the state.

Motion was made and withdrawn.

BT: Ceres Collaborative, Green State Dispensary/Upstate Elevator Operations, Stash Farm LLC and Grass Queen, Inc. recommended to the local cannabis control board that the city transmit local approval of these applicants upon their satisfying local zoning permits and signage requirements.

Motion: To approve and recommend to the Local Cannabis Control Commission that it authorize transmission of local approval of the following local cannabis control license applications to the Cannabis Control Board, upon satisfaction of all municipal operation requirements, including zoning approval and permitting; compliance with signage requirements; and, passage of all health, safety, building, fire, and water inspections and/or signoffs:

Ceres Collaborative

Green State Dispensary

Stash Farm, LLC

Grass Queen, Inc."

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1st: BT

2nd: JS

Move to amend the previous motion to add (As verified by city clerk's office)

BT: 1st

JS: 2nd

Motion adopted as amended.

4. Other Business

Subject

4.01 Verbal Comments

No verbal comments.

5. Adjournment

Subject

5.01 Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:15