

Thursday, January 7, 2021, 6:30 pm
Teleconference Meeting

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Members:

Lanese Martin	District 1	Frank Tucker	District 7
Tracey Corder	District 2	Chaney Turner	At Large
Austin Stevenson	District 3	Stephanie Floyd-Johnson	Mayor
Debby Goldsberry	District 4	TiYanna Long	City Auditor
Claudia Mercado	District 5	Greg Minor	City Administrator
Vacant	District 6		

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MEETING AGENDA

A. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Present: Martin, Stevenson, Goldsberry, Tucker, Turner, Floyd-Johnson, Long, and Minor
Absent: Mercado, Corder

B. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the CRC Meeting on November 5, 2020 and December 3, 2020.

Chair Martin moved to approve the minutes from the CRC November and December 2020 meetings as drafted. Vice-Chair Long seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

C. Reports for Discussion and Possible Action

1. Public Ethics Training

Jelani Killings with the Public Ethics Commission and Deputy City Attorney Tricia Shafie provided a training on public ethics via a powerpoint presentation. Member Goldsberry asked how a member can recuse themselves over a zoom meeting. Mr. Killings and Ms. Shafie explained that members should make clear to the public that you are not participating in the item and to ensure that you are muted with no video. Mr. Killings emphasized that the law is the floor and encouraged members to error on the side of public trust.

2. Draft CRC Annual Reports for 2019 and 2020

Member Minor provided background on the draft annual reports. Member Floyd-Johnson recommended including the permitting graphs as part of the annual reports to provide a snapshot of the industry. Chair Martin suggested adding to the COVID-19 section of the report. Chair Martin then made a motion to accept the draft reports with the addition of including permitting trend charts and edits to the COVID section recognizing the financial impacts of complying with COVID-19 requirements.

3. Potential Amendments to Authorize Equity Businesses to Transfer Permits After Three Years to Non-Equity Businesses

Member Goldsberry recused herself from this item.

Member Minor provided background on the item. Member Tucker stated that it would be unfair if equity businesses had to repay any subsidies they received because the subsidies are what equity businesses needed in order to be competitive. Chair Martin countered that there needs to be ongoing funding for the Equity Program and repayment of subsidies received by equity applicants as part of a transfer approval process could provide ongoing funding.

Chair Martin then moved to continue this item to the pending list. Member Turner seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

4. BSCC Public Health and Safety Grant Program

Member Minor provided background on the item. Public speakers and members encouraged supporting local organizations to work with youth as opposed to the Oakland Police Department.

5. New Go-Biz Cannabis Equity Grant Solicitation

Member Goldsberry recused herself from this item.

Member Minor provided background on the item. Public speakers emphasized the importance of getting funds to operators and the benefit of grants vs. loans.

6. Role of CRC City Administrator Representative

Member Minor provided background on the item and the history of City Administrator CRC representatives. Chair Martin stated that currently there is confusion regarding what actions are on behalf of the CRC and what action are on behalf of City staff. Chair Martin then moved to recommend that the City Administrator's Office appoint a CRC representative that is not a staff member in the City Administrator's Office. Member Turner seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

7. Implementation Update on Current BCC and Go-Biz Grants

Member Minor provided an overview of the various state grant funded programs. Public speakers raised concerns regarding not receiving a response from loan and grant program consultants.

D. Review of the Pending List and Additions to Next Month's Agenda

- *Updated Parliamentary Procedures (since July 2020)*
- *CRC Retreat/Planning Session (since September 2020)*
- *Additional Data from Revenue Management Bureau (since November 2020)*
- *Use of Police Resources Related to Cannabis (since December 2020)*
- *Creation of Additional Cannabis Consumption Lounge License (since December 2020)*
- *Reconsider Recommendation of Prohibiting Delivery-Only Dispensaries on First Floor of New Proposed Zones (since December 2020)*

Member Minor provided an update on the various pending list items.

Chair Martin moved to request that the Revenue Management Bureau return to the CRC with 2021 cannabis tax revenue data as soon as possible after the 2021 tax deadline. Member Turner seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

E. Open Forum / Public Comment

Public speaker spoke in support of grants over loans for equity applicants.

F. Announcements

1. Update on Cannabis Permitting Process

Member Minor announced the vacancy for the District 6 representative on the CRC.

G. Adjournment