

Thursday, June 3, 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
Vacant	District 4	TiYanna Long	City Auditor
Vacant	District 5	Greg Minor	City Administrator
Vacant	District 6		

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MEETING AGENDA

A. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

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

B. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the CRC Meeting on May 6, 2021.

Member Floyd-Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as drafted. Member Turner seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

C. Reports for Discussion and Possible Action

1. CRC Process and Procedures and Agenda Management

Member Minor provided background then Member Turner made a motion to continue the item to the next CRC meeting. Member Corder seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

2. Creation of Additional Cannabis Consumption Lounge License

Member Minor provided background on the item. Member Stevenson encouraged support for a tiered license process and asked a question regarding zoning. Member Corder urged the City to ensure equity applicants receive these licenses. Member Stevenson made a motion to agendaize the formation of a subcommittee at the July CRC meeting to develop onsite consumption regulations. Member Turner seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

3. Amendments to Allow the Transfer of Permits from Equity Applicants to Non-Equity Applicants

Member Minor provided background on the item. Vice-Chair Long framed the discussion by asking how to allow for transfers while continuing the cycle of equity. Vice-Chair Long then shared the subcommittee recommendation to allow a transfer of permits from equity to general applicants if the City is reimbursed and there is a commitment to incubate another equity applicant.

Public speakers emphasized imposing the least amount of restrictions possible to avoid discouraging the purchase of equity businesses, particularly the requirement to incubate as a result of a sale. Public speakers suggested requiring a transfer fee of some sort.

Vice-Chair Long appreciated input from the public, noting the main point is to ensure the integrity of the equity program. Member Floyd-Johnson liked the idea of a transfer fee and ensuring repayment of grants and loans but concerned that all equity businesses will sell. Member Turner also appreciated the transfer fee concept and noted the importance of discussing this pre-federal legalization.

Vice-Chair made a motion to continue this item to the July CRC meeting and Member Turner seconded the motion and it passed with no objections.

4. Revenue Management Bureau Report on 2020 Cannabis Tax Revenues

Rogers Agaba with the Revenue Management Bureau summarized the report on 2020 cannabis tax revenues, highlighting the new tiered tax structure, the overall increased amount, and how the biggest businesses accounted for most of the tax revenue.

Member Corder made a motion to ask staff to report back on how the City can redirect cannabis tax revenue, including ensuring tax revenue does not go to OPD. Member Floyd-Johnson seconded the motion and it passed by consensus. Member Turner then made a motion for staff to clarify how sales tax rates can be lowered for cannabis in the City of Oakland. Vice-Chair Long seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

5. Governor's Revised Budget and Proposed State Cannabis Legislation

Member Minor shared an update regarding potential new state funds and legislation. Member Floyd-Johnson mentioned having a calendar to track grant projects in the future.

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

Member Minor provided an update on current state grants being implemented and answered questions from other members.

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

- *Costing of a Department of Cannabis (since January 2021)*

Member Minor provided background on the item.

Public speakers asked how equity applicants can get their products into dispensaries and ensuring general applicants are held accountable.

Member Turner made a motion to keep the Costing of a Department on the pending list. Member Vice-Chair Long seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

E. Open Forum / Public Comment

Members of the public emphasized the need to enforce requirements on general applicants.

F. Announcements

1. Update on Cannabis Permitting Process

Member Minor offered an update.

2. Update from Subcommittee on Updated Assessment of Equity Program

Member Floyd-Johnson provided a summary from the last subcommittee meeting. Member Turner made a motion to join the equity subcommittee. Member Vice-Chair seconded the motion and it passed by a consensus.

G. Adjournment