

**MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 29, 2018**

An Administration and Finance Committee Meeting was held on Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Theodore Pelosi Jr .City Council Chambers, room 202.

Committee Members: Committee Chairperson Colin LePage, Councillor William Macek and Councillor Mary Ellen Daly O'Brien. Council President Michitson also attended.

Department Heads: Mayor's Communication Director Shawn Regan, City Solicitor William Cox, Director of Inspectional Services Richard MacDonald, Assistant City Engineer Charlie Ethier

Attendees: Caroline Pineau, Kevin Dorr, Paul Magliocchetti, Ken Quimby, Stavros Dimakis, Alfred DiSalvo, Lloyd Jennings, Julie Dimakis, Tara Balukos, Jacob Rushing, Megan Fields, Gerald Comeau, Ronald LaPlume, Todd Tedeschi, Pamela Frotten, Mary Carrington, Michael Migliori, Steve Eick, Debbie Allen, Jan Allen, Dougan Sherwood, Graciella Trilla, Mary Krikorian, Tegan McCarthy, Jessica McCarthy, Charles Teixeira, Jaxon Kutschke, Melanie Kutschke, Joseph Ambrousiere, Chris Zielinski, Tatum Ryan Toohey, Debbie Fountain, James Flaherty, Scott MacLeod, Elaine Barker, Salvator DeFranco, Dana DeFranco, Brad Brooks, Phil Rice, Sarah Blessing, Shaun Toohey, Alex Guittarr – WHAV, Paul Tennant – Eagle Tribune

The meeting began at 7:08 P.M. and the following item was discussed:

1.) Doc. 103-B – Ordinance Relating to Adult Use of Marijuana and Marijuana Establishments;

The Committee reviewed the proposed ordinance previously submitted (at the 8/14/18 meeting) and offered the following amendments: (1) in Section D. Designated Locations of Marijuana Establishments, under 1. Eligible Zones: add "No Exclusions" to the Medical Marijuana Overlay District (2) under 3. Notification: strike "250 feet" and replace with "300 feet" (3) in Section E. Designated Number of Marijuana Establishments, under 1. and 2. strike "LME's" and replace with "Marijuana Retailer." The Committee also reviewed the current 3 designations listed for "No Exclusions", "No Retail Sales" and "Retail Sales Only" for different zoning areas and whether they should be amended to be only listed as "No Exclusions." After further discussion, a motion was made to have the City Solicitor add language to this section allowing for requests of a "waiver for change of use" by a petitioner in different zoning areas as currently designated. Additionally, a motion was made to have the City Solicitor include the Committee's prior recommendation (listed in Notes from Site Review Discussion of August 4, 2018) that "no Marijuana Establishment shall be located within ½ mile (2,640 ft) of another Marijuana Establishment". All amendments and motions passed unanimously for recommendation for full Council review.

The Committee briefly reviewed the 9 individual zoning areas (date produced 11/28/18) and was advised to remove the "Waterfront District Area-WDB+WDC – ME-RO Zone" area (Merrimack St) from consideration by City Solicitor Cox due to the ordinance and zoning areas requiring "the full participation of the council." The Committee also received a request for consideration from Attorney Migliori to revise the "Amesbury Road West Area – ME-NE Zone" to include an abutting parcel to the southern boundary currently not designated. Both recommendations passed unanimously and for recommendation for full Council review.

The Committee then conducted a "listening session of those in attendance" and received the following comments, but no actions were taken other than recording those comments in these minutes below.

The Committee received comment from the Mayor's Communication Director Regan that the Mayor requests that there be consideration in the ordinance language to "delay implementation of a recreational marijuana retail store in the downtown area until 6 months after the first retail store opens elsewhere in the City."

The Committee also received comments from those in opposition as well as those in favor of downtown (Washington St.) recreational marijuana zoning. Speaking in opposition were Lloyd Jennings, Brad

Brooks, Stavros Dimakis and Alfred DiSalvo. They expressed their opinions and concerns regarding potential increased traffic volume, lack of parking, as well as not having a plan for downtown businesses and their financial investments in downtown businesses. Speaking in favor were Phil Rice, Caroline Pineau and Sarah Blessing. They expressed their opinions and support regarding potential increased overall business downtown, mitigation methods for potential traffic and parking issues, and their financial investments in downtown businesses

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Colin LePage, Chairperson
Administration and Finance Committee
Haverhill City Council

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c: Mayor James J. Fiorentini
City Council