



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

City Council Special Workshop - 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Thompson called the Council Special Workshop (workshop) to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall

Attendance: Mayor Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem Christensen, Councilmembers Alvarez, Anderson, Kent, Lemley and Lukson were present.

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Administrative Services Director Koch, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Fire and Emergency Services Director Huntington, Community Development Director Jensen, Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Energy Services Director Whitney, Interim Police Services Director Taylor and Deputy City Clerk Barham.

Agenda Items

1. Discussion on Cannabis (2 hours)

Mayor Thompson opened the workshop by thanking those individuals who sent communications to Council regarding their stance on retail marijuana within Richland City limits. He explained the purpose of this workshop was to give Council the opportunity to discuss the topic of retail marijuana.

City Manager Reents reiterated that no action will be taken during the workshop discussion.

City Attorney Kintzley provided a brief overview on the topic and distributed copies of her PowerPoint presentation.

Community Development Director Jensen distributed copies of a document explaining the characteristics and uses of the General Business Use (C-3) and the Medium Industrial (I-M) Zoning Districts and a series of six (6) zoning maps. He then briefly discussed the maps individually, highlighting the C-3 and I-M zones within each map as it relates to possible retail marijuana sites.

Commander Caughey, from the Benton County Sheriff's Office, was also present at the workshop and was asked to briefly speak about any changes, such as crime or traffic, since the two retail stores were opened within Benton County.

Council discussion ensued and each Councilmember had an opportunity to provide their insights and thoughts about retail marijuana within Richland.

Council ended the workshop with no further directives regarding this topic.

Adjournment

Mayor Thompson adjourned the workshop at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Debra C. Barham, Deputy City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:



Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

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