

## **Minutes**

# **Special Issues Marijuana**

Committee Members: Black, Chair; Kashmann, Vice-Chair; Brooks; Clark: Espinoza; Flynn; Gilmore; Herndon; Kniech; Lopez; New; Ortega; Susman

Committee Staff: Shelley Smith

Monday, May 1, 2017, 3:00 PM City & County Building, Room 391

Rollcall

Present: 10 - Black, Kashmann, Brooks, Clark, Espinoza, Flynn, Gilmore, López, New, Ortega

Absent: 3 - Herndon, Kniech, Susman

#### **Presentations**

17-0524 Briefing: Initiative 300 Update

Ashley Kilroy, Executive Director, Excise & License, distributed some documents outlining the decisions of the Advisory Committee. She also discussed the main provisions of the ordinance and the proposed timeline for implementation. She reviewed the makeup of the Committee, including lead proponents and opponents of Initiative 300. She noted that the actual rules will be published May 8 and be adopted in June with applications projected to begin being accepted beginning in July. She discussed the initiative and how it relates to other requirements at the state and federal level. She also presented some of the ideas that came out of the Committee work, including different permits for different types of uses including yoga studios, event centers, churches, and restaurants and bars. All rules were decided based on majority or complete consensus.

She discussed broad policy areas that were regulated, rather than the details regarding state prohibitions on open and public and dual consumption. Other policy areas that Ms. Kilroy reported on regarding the proposed regulation

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included neighborhood approval, special events, and location.

Councilman Flynn questioned the proposal to allow Citywide groups to comment on proposed consumption areas for neighborhoods without a registered neighborhood organization. Councilwoman Gilmore questioned safety concerns for small businesses having smoking events in warehouses without 3 or fewer employees. Ms. Kilroy thought that the safety and operations plan would cover some of these concerns.

### **Action Items**

17-0523

A BILL for an ordinance amending the Denver Retail Marijuana Code and the Denver Medical Marijuana Code to provide for a waiting period before new applications can be received or acted upon within a 1,000-foot radius of a location where a license has been denied or an application has been withdrawn following scheduling of a hearing.

Establishes a waiting period for re-application for a license for certain marijuana businesses that are denied an application or which withdraw them following a hearing.

Councilman Flynn described his proposed 17-0523 to impose a two-year waiting period before an applicant who has been denied a license can reapply within a 1,000-foot radius of the location where the denial occurred. It also imposes a one-year waiting period if an applicant withdraws an application for a specific location. He noted that INC supported the proposal and that it was designed to protect neighborhoods from constantly having to respond to reapplications.

This Resolution 17-0523 was approved for filing.

Aye: 10 - Black, Kashmann, Brooks, Clark, Espinoza, Flynn, Gilmore, López, New, Ortega

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Herndon, Kniech, Susman