

COMMUNITY PROTECTION & SERVICES COMMITTEE
December 5, 2019

A meeting of the Community Protection & Services Committee was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chairperson Williams in the Council Chambers, City Hall. **Roll Call:** Members Mr. Williams, Ms. Reeths and Mr. Wiederanders were present. Also present from City Departments were Mr. VanLieshout, Mr. Barker, Mr. Olejniczak, Mr. Sullivan-Robinson and Mr. Stawicki.

Moved by Ms. Reeths, seconded by Mr. Wiederanders to adopt the following agenda:

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items
4. Consideration of: Proposed Changes to the City's Compost Site
5. Consideration of: Sign Ordinance
6. Discussion of: Green Tier Community
7. Discussion of: CBD Oil Licensing and Regulations
8. Adjourn

Public Comment

None

Compost Site Changes

Municipal Services Director, Mike Barker, explained the City's compost site situation could potentially close if changes are not made. It costs residents roughly \$35,000 to maintain the site annually which is covered by tax dollars. The site is currently open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. While convenient to residents, it also leads to unauthorized dumping at the site which can be costly to remove.

To alleviate dumping, ideas such as fencing in, closing the gate when no staff is available and adding security/surveillance cameras in the area. Staggering hours was also discussed; have later hours once or twice a week to better accommodate those who work typical 8am-4:30pm hours.

Proposed changes were discussed at Finance Committee where it was then forwarded onto this Committee. Changing the hours of operation for the site and locking the gate when it is closed/not staffed and implementing a \$2.00 monthly user fee were discussed. This will allow for better monitoring of items being disposed of, and will fund an additional part-time employee.

Moved by Mr. Wiederanders, seconded by Ms. Reeths, to approve changing the hours of operation for the Compost Site, and adding a \$2.00 solid waste user fee starting January 1, 2020. All ayes. Carried.

Sign Ordinance

Review and discussion regarding the sign ordinance ensued. There are two City sites for banner placement; westside by the Skatepark and eastside top of Jefferson Street hill. Staff recommends: City sponsored events get first placement, anything left goes to events held only within the City; banners should be no larger than 3' x 8' in size; permits would be issued by the week for a fee of \$30, multiple permits would be allowed by the week; banner placement would be consistent and start/end on the same day of the week; permanent placement of poles to hang signs on would be put into the ground; lastly, banner owners are responsible for hanging their own signs and taking them down when permit expires.

Staff will continue to work on the ordinance and bring back to the January meeting for discussion.

Green Tier Community

Discussion regarding the direction the Committee would like to go; whether becoming a green tier community is beneficial or not. There is a time commitment of staff that would need to be considered. Having a green tier classification of sustainability may enhance various grant opportunities, but is that enough to go through the work.

It was suggested that either an ad-hoc committee or advisory group be created to gather more information to bring to the Committee. Set parameters and guidelines for this group will be discussed at future meetings; and whether the work will be worth the reward. *This item will be brought back for discussion in January.*

CBD Oil Licensing and Regulations

This item will be tabled for future meetings.

Moved by Mr. Wiederanders, seconded by Ms. Reeths, to adjourn the meeting of the Community Protection Services Committee. All ayes. Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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