

SPECIAL P.M. CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WAS HELD OCTOBER 7, 2014, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Tory Allman – Joe Centanni – George Endicott – Camden King – Ginny McPherson – Ed Onimus – Jay Patrick

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Keith Witcosky – City Attorney Steve Bryant – Police Captain Brian McNaughton – Public Works Director Bill Duerden – City Engineer Mike Caccavano – City Recorder Kelly Morse – Community Development Director Heather Richards – CIS Network Technician Matt Hayes – Deputy Director of Central Services Jason Neff – Deputy Director of Central Services Jodi Burch – Economic Development Program Manager Gabriel Martin

MEDIA PRESENT: Leslie Pugmire-Hole, Redmond Spokesman

Mayor Endicott called the workshop to order at 6:30 p.m.

DISCUSSIONS

A. Marijuana Taxation (Exhibit 1)

Mayor Endicott provided background information regarding the purpose for tonight's discussion. He noted that the Council is not discussing whether to legalize marijuana in Redmond, but rather whether to bring an ordinance before the Council on the taxation of marijuana. The ordinance would levy a tax on the sale of marijuana in the event Ballot Measure 91 is approved by voters at the November 4, 2014, General Election.

City Attorney Steve Bryant explained the issues surrounding the City of Cave Junction lawsuit adding that the City is asking for a declaratory judgment. Mr. Bryant also discussed how the Oregon Liquor Control Commission might regulate the sale of recreational marijuana.

The Council and Mr. Bryant continued discussing when an ordinance must pass versus its effective date, levels of taxation, internal administration of the tax, city code, implications on the tax on medical marijuana, etc.

Redmond resident Anne Graham encouraged the Council to consider a tax as it will raise much needed funds for Police departments.

After much discussion on taxation amounts, Council's direction to staff was to bring forward an ordinance levying a 5 percent tax on medical marijuana and a 15 percent on recreational marijuana. Staff will prepare an ordinance for the October 14, 2014, Council meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Prepared by Kelly Morse, City Recorder

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this 14th day of October, 2014.

/s/ George Endicott
George Endicott, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelly Morse
Kelly Morse, City Recorder