

**WAYZATA CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
July 18, 2023**

**5:15 p.m. Discussion of Legislation Pertaining to Adult-Use Cannabis and Hemp-Derived Consumables**

Mayor Mouton called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Council Members present in-person in the community room at City Hall offices: Iverson, MacDonald, and Parkhill. Also present: City Manager Jeffrey Dahl, Community Development Director Emily Goellner, and Police Chief Marc Schultz. Also present was City Attorney Schelzel.

Mr. Dahl provided background noting on August 3rd of last year, the City adopted a one-year emergency moratorium on hemp-derived consumables or edible cannabinoid products to allow staff time to study the surprise state legislation that legalized sale and use without almost any direction. Many cities have chosen not to regulate these products, and some have added ordinance restructures and licensing in order to provide more control. The City's approach was to not allow sale of products until it could study and update its ordinances at the same time cannabis was likely going to be legalized.

This year in May, legislation was passed that legalized use of cannabis starting August 1st. It also authorized the legalization of sale and manufacturing of cannabis but, for that part of it, it will need to set up a new state office and finalize a licensing process. It is expected that cannabis could be manufactured and sold in the state around the beginning of 2025.

Mr. Dahl went through a powerpoint presentation that included the highlights of the legislation as it relates to the City of Wayzata. Staff (Administration, Community Development, Licensing, Police, Legal) had met several times since the legislation passed to discuss the latest updates and potential ways to move forward in the areas of Zoning, Licensing, Public Safety, Human Resources, etc. He noted that staff has leaned on the League of Minnesota Cities to provide the City with the most updated information.

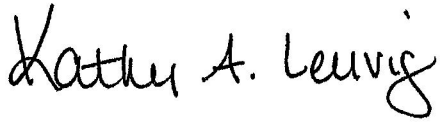
Mr. Dahl indicated that even with the legalization of manufacturing, sale, and usage of cannabis, hemp-derived low-potency consumables are still under separate parameters, providing for a lot of confusion. Because of the confusion and needing more time for state direction to play out, but also due to an expiring moratorium at the beginning of the next month, staff wish to discuss and receive feedback regarding the following next steps which are in order of urgency:

- 1) Update the City's Ordinance and Licensing to regulate the manufacturing and sale of hemp-derived low-potency consumables—Consider in August.
- 2) Update the City's Ordinance regarding the usage of alcohol, tobacco, hemp-derived consumable products, and cannabis products in City parks and owned public spaces. (Unlike most communities in Minnesota, City parks are not tobacco free although the Code does give the City Manager some discretion in this area)—Consider in August;
- 3) Consider a moratorium on the manufacturing and sale of cannabis in order to study the issue and provide additional time for the state to provide guidance and set up their Office of Cannabis Management—Consider in Late Summer/Early Fall.

Council discussed the topic at length, asked staff questions, and ultimately directed staff to prepare proposed language to license low-potency hemp-derived consumables in similar fashion as Long Lake, provide draft language that would limit public use of cannabis in both parks, City land, and public spaces, and a moratorium for the manufacturing and sale of cannabis in order to study the issue and provide additional time for the state to provide guidance and set up their Office of Cannabis Management.

The workshop meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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3 Kathy Leervig, City Clerk  
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