

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013

Mayor Pro Tem Boyle Barrett called the Workshop to order at 7:05 PM.

Attendees were: Council members Irons, Montgomery, Leggett, Rose, Boyle Barrett and Tremblay; City Administrator Schmidt, Mayor Johnson and Police Chief Arsanto.

AGENDA

1) Medical Marijuana Moratorium

Three documents were provided: a copy of the City of Bellevue's ordinance adopting interim official zoning controls regarding medical marijuana collective gardens, a February, 2013 memorandum from Scott Snyder of Ogden Murphy Wallace regarding medical cannabis and marijuana, and a recent memo from City Attorney, Phil Olbrechts regarding the City's options for zoning regulation of marijuana growth and sales. City Administrator Schmidt explained that there are three marijuana categories to be aware of. These are (1) medical marijuana dispensaries; (2) medical marijuana collective gardens; and (3) recreational marijuana dispensaries. Currently, the State Legislature is working on marijuana licensing issues; however, State license facilities will not be active until after December of this year. Buckley's moratorium runs out next month, so the Council must decide what action to take now. A very lengthy discussion ensued regarding zoning regulations, placement of dispensaries, third party legal actions, the pros and cons for Buckley. The Council feels that the best solution is to extend our moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries and collective gardens, but to hold off on taking any action regarding recreational marijuana dispensaries until the State has their regulations in place. Also, the Council will form an ad hoc committee to study this issue further and have recommendations for Council when the new moratorium expires in six months. Council members Tremblay, Howard and Leggett will make up the ad hoc committee, with Council member Tremblay as Chair. The ad hoc committee will research where dispensaries and collective gardens can be located, zoning issues, what our restrictions will be, impacts of various locations and cost/benefit analysis. City Administrator Schmidt said there is good information available on the AWC website. An ordinance extending the moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries and collective gardens will come before the Council at the April 9, 2013 meeting.

2) Retreat Discussion Topics

Mayor Pro Tem Boyle Barrett asked Council members what topics they would like to discuss at an upcoming Council Retreat. Council members submitted the following topics:

- ❖ What are the services that we as a city provide to our community and what is the priority of those services.
- ❖ What are we about – what does it mean to live in Buckley.
- ❖ What do we want to be when we grow up – what is our vision for the City of Buckley.
- ❖ How to attract and support new businesses – how to become more business friendly.
- ❖ Economic development in Buckley.
- ❖ The Buckley brand.
- ❖ Council Rules & Procedures.
- ❖ Wildlife corridors – we must develop a plan for managing the elk herds in the City.

Discussion followed regarding selecting a date or dates for Council Retreats. Fridays, April 26 and May 31 were selected, with the Retreat running from 4 PM to 8 PM. Mayor Pro Tem Boyle Barrett will send out a memo regarding this, and asked that everyone check their calendars and report back to her on whether or not those dates will work. It was agreed that Council Retreats are open public meetings and will therefore be recorded. Council would like to hold one Retreat at the Police Department conference room, and one at the Fire Department conference room. The Council would like Department Heads to attend the second Retreat session.

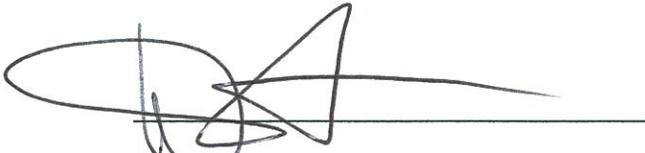
3) **Announcements**

Chief Arsanto said that anything we do regarding the elk herds must be done in conjunction with the State Game Department.

City Administrator Schmidt encouraged everyone to become familiar with the City's Comp Plan between now and the Retreat sessions; it contains a lot of valuable information and guidelines.

Mayor Johnson stated that she recently received a call from Dr. Chin at the Pierce County Health Department regarding the \$1.75M in budget cuts the Health Department is facing and how these cuts will affect programs in Buckley.

Workshop adjourned at 8:54 PM.



City Administrator, Dave Schmidt



Mayor, Pat Johnson