



## **Cannabis Advisory Task Force (CATF)**

**Monday, July 14th | 3:00 – 4:30 PM**

**Department of Economic Development**

**4525 Main Street**

**Suite 700, Boardroom B**

**Members Present: Jason Blanchette, Michael Clark, Andrew Lock, Michael, Mauch, Tamara Netzel, Stacey Smith, Mark Stevens, LaTonya Warren**

**Members Absent: Brandon Hackney, Letitia Langaster, Jairo Padilla, Ryan Suit,**

**City Staff Present: Jessica Koepf, Brent McKenzie, Vicki Kelley**

**Guests: Mike Hashmi**

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### **Minutes/Notes**

#### **I. Welcome and Call to Order**

Chair Andrew Lock called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

#### **II. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The minutes for May 5, 2025, were unanimously approved.

#### **III. Regulatory Update**

- a) Jason Blanchette shared that whatever the December voting was would be where the referendum would come into play, because retail could not open until January.
- b) This would cut it very close for any municipality that wants to attempt to opt out, and it only takes a majority.
- c) Virginia Beach should prepare to have adult use policies just in case.
- d) The tax revenue and licensing should be discussed as well.



#### **IV. Legislative Agenda**

- a) Chair Lock stated we had reviewed this the last meeting and there were no comments or questions, so we need to vote today that this goes to the City Council.
- b) Brent McKenzie shared our Council Liaison could bring this before the City Council after sharing with partners
- c) Chair Lock also shared that he spoke with Council Member Berlucchi and he did ask for some clarifications.
  - a. He explained there wasn't a funding problem it was more of a lack of personnel that was an issue.
  - b. Members recommended leaving out the two statements concerning the Virginia Beach Police Department not having the resources, in the second paragraph under Summary, at the bottom of the first page and the last paragraph under Background.
  - c. Motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> were made to approve the Legislative Agenda item with the removal of the 2 paragraphs about the Police Department.
  - d. The document was unanimously approved with said changes.

#### **V. Annual Report**

- a) A motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> were made to approve the Annual Report.
- b) The Annual Report was approved unanimously.

#### **VI. City Council Recommendation**

- a) No Public Safety updates
- b) No Public Outreach updates
- c) Zoning should have recommendation additions at our next meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup>

The goal is to have a finished draft by the end of the year, and we have 2 more meetings to do so. September 8<sup>th</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Vicki asked when the new officers were elected in the past. Members replied that it was January.

City Attorney, Jessica Koepf recommended the Task force readopt the Remote Participation Policy for the new fiscal year. Motions were made and the policy was readopted unanimously.

#### **VII. Verano Tours Recap**

- a) The tours were great and appreciated the time given for the group.



**VIII. Committee Member Comments**

- b) No comments

**IX. Public Comment**

- c) Mike Hashmi shared comments on zoning, green line and licensing concerning City legislations.

**X. Next Meeting will be Monday, September 8, 2025, at 3pm.**

**XI. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.