



Cannabis Advisory Task Force (CATF)

November 10, 2025; 3:00 – 4:00 PM
Department of Economic Development
4525 Main Street, Suite 700
Boardroom B

Minutes

Attendance

Members Present

Michael Clark, Brandon Hackney, John Katsias, Letitia Tibbs, Andrew Lock, Michael Mauch, Cavelle Mollineaux, Tamara Netzel, Jairo Padilla, Stacey Smith, Mark Stevens, Ryan Suit, LaTonya Warren

Members Present Virtually

Adam Dobbins, virtual attendance from Tucson, AZ

Members Absent

Jason Blanchette, Travis Chick

City Staff Present

Kayla Dotson, Natacia James

City Staff Present Virtually

Jessica Koepf, Andrew Damon

Guests

Isabelle Drayer, Mike Hashemy, Alex Scoggins

I. Welcome and Call to Order

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

II. Introductions

Chair Lock invited new members Adam Dobbins and Cavelle Mollineaux to introduce themselves and welcomed them to the Task Force.

III. Approval of Minutes

The September 9, 2025, CATF meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. City Council Presentation

Chair Andrew Lock mentioned that there are currently no updates to the previous draft of this presentation and the zoning grid is continuing to be reviewed as well. Chair Lock has reached out to both Mayor Dyer and Councilmember Remick with the intent of presenting an informal brief of what has been produced by the committee so far. Given the results of the recent election, Chair Lock suggested that it may be a good idea for

various members to reach out to council members in their districts to meet one-on-one. The following members volunteered to reach out:

- o Tamara Netzel will reach out to Vice Mayor Wilson
- o LaTonya Warren and Mark Stevens will reach out to Councilmember Jackson- Green
- o Cavelle Mollineaux will reach out to Councilmember Rouse
- o Michael Mauch will reach out to Councilmember Henley

It was also suggested and determined that council members be invited to attend upcoming meetings; Councilmembers Remick and Henley will be invited to January's meeting and Vice Mayor Wilson and Councilmember Dr. Ross-Hammond will be invited to March's meeting.

Chair Lock made the observation that the recent election outcome is likely to create momentum, both statewide and nationally, on the pending legislation surrounding cannabis. Spanberger will be taking office and since she is taking a pro adult-use cannabis approach, the expectation is that once legislation is signed, things will pick up quickly and the committee should be ready to report on the various facets of what has been reviewed.

V. Public Survey Questions

Members discussed the sample questions that were provided by LaTonya Warren and Tamara Netzel. Most agreed that the number of questions should be brought down to a smaller number, roughly 5-7 questions in total. Chair Lock asked who the target audience would be for this survey, Mark Stevens responded that since City Council has historically released surveys to get feedback/input from the public, this group could attempt to be ahead of the curve by having a template ready or questions to submit as a starting point.

Members will review the questions again, make any notes or additional contributions, then by the next meeting the group will determine highest priority questions to fit within the 5-7 question limit. Michael Mauch suggested that we also invite Tiffany Russell, from the Communications Department, to attend our next meeting to offer guidance on how best to draft these questions so that they meet any requirements for distributing to the general public.

VI. 2026 Meeting Calendar

The 2026 CATF Meeting Calendar dates were unanimously approved.

VII. Committee Member Comments

Chair Lock reminded the committee that his term is ending and that if anyone is interested in the Chair/Vice Chair positions, to please send him an email and include Vice Chair Jason Blanchette.

Jason Katsias mentioned that it may be beneficial for City Council members, as well as committee members, to tour local facilities to get a more in-depth understanding of the process. Isabelle Drayer, Verano/Cannabist, clarified that they can offer tours of dispensaries but unfortunately do not offer tours of the cultivation facilities to members of the public but can open it up to elected officials.

A conversation was had around confiscated vapes within the school system and the shocking results of what is in some of these devices, not limited to cannabis and intoxicating hemp. There was a reference to a stream of a public meeting that was held recently, and specifically a talk that was given by Dr. Peace, who testified about the illicit synthetic cannabis products being sold in smoke shops, presented statistics on confiscated products within Virginia's public schools and offered recommendations to help understand and address this problem. Her recommendations were in alignment with those recently presented to the City Council in the CATF's legislative request.

VIII. Public Comment

Mike Hashemy, Citizen, provided comment regarding zoning. He suggested that a version of the map that the zoning subcommittee is working on includes cultivation in all forms including outdoor, greenhouse and indoor with the opportunity for processing in some, if not all of these zones as well. He also suggested including the map in future public surveys so that members of the public could provide feedback.

IX. Announcements – Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 12, 2026.

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:54 pm.