



The General Government Committee met on Monday, June 20, 2016, at 9:09 a.m. with the following members present: Supervisors Brown and Gjerde; Committee Chair Brown presiding.

Staff present: Mr. Alan D. Flora, Assistant Chief Executive Officer; Mr. Christopher D. Shaver, Deputy Chief Executive Officer; Ms. Katharine L. Elliott, County Counsel; and Ms. Nicole French, Senior Deputy Clerk of the Board.

(1) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING A MEDICAL CANNABIS TAX MEASURE FOR THE NOVEMBER 2016 BALLOT IN MENDOCINO COUNTY
(Referred from the June 8, 2016, Board of Supervisors meeting)

Presenter/s: Mr. Alan D. Flora, Assistant Chief Executive Officer and Ms. Katharine L. Elliott, County Counsel.

Public Comment: Ms. Julia Carrera and Ms. Corrine Powell.

Points of Discussion:

- Timelines are narrow but could move forward if presented to the Board of Supervisors at their regular meeting on July 12, 2016;
- It would be ideal to move forward with the taxation at the same time as a revised cannabis cultivation ordinance;
- A simplified tax structure is preferred;
- Feasibility of tax rates to be established in phases.

Committee Directive: GENERAL CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE:

- To direct staff to present an item regarding cannabis taxation at the July 12, 2016 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, presenting at least two options for cannabis taxation.

(2) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE FOR JULY 8, 2016

Presenter/s: Supervisor Brown.

Public Comment: None.

Committee Directive: GENERAL CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE:

- To direct staff to schedule a special meeting of the General Government Committee on July 8, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

(3) PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING A DRAFT MEDICAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION ORDINANCE AND MEDICAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION SITE ZONING AMENDMENT AND PROPOSAL OF A SPECIAL STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING DATE
(Referred from the June 7, 2016, Board of Supervisors meeting)

Presenter/s: Ms. Sarah Dukett, Administrative Analyst, Executive Office; Mr. Chuck

Morse, Agricultural Inspector/Sealer of Weights and Measures, Agriculture; Mr. Andy Gustavson, Chief Planner, Planning and Building Services; Ms. Katharine L. Elliott, County Counsel; and Mr. Matthew Kiedrowski, Deputy County Counsel, County Counsel.

Public Comment: Mr. Micah Flause; Mr. Joshua Keats; Ms. Sarah Bodnar; Ms. Susan Schindler; Ms. Corrine Powell; Mr. Kris Harris; Mr. Alan Harris; Ms. Julia Carrera; Mr. David Leppert; Mr. Mark Shaffer; and Ms. Devon Jones.

Points of Discussion:

- Review of California laws related to cannabis use and cultivation;
- Review of Mendocino County ordinance history related to cannabis cultivation;
- An RFP has been issued regarding a track and trace program, staff anticipates having a program in place by the end of October 2016;
- Zoning considerations for smaller parcels;
- Zoning considerations for timber land parcels;
- Requirement of a dwelling unit for cottage permits;
- Inclusion of industrial zoning areas for cannabis cultivation;
- CalFire should be consulted with regarding cannabis cultivation on lands currently zoned for timber production;
- Parcel definition, legal parcel versus APN; legal parcel preferred;
- Number of permits allowed per legal parcel and per individual;
- Permits for entities previously cultivating on TPZ zoned parcels, preference to cultivation prior to January 1, 2016;
- Setback requirements, waivers, and difficulty with enforcement;
- Agreement with previous Board of Supervisors discussion stipulating only entities cultivating cannabis prior to January 1, 2016 will be able to receive permits until 2018;
- Allowing parcels zoned R2 to be eligible for permits;
- Addressing nursery start plants that have not reached maturity;
- Amount of wattage permitted for cultivation.

Committee Directive:

- None

Recess: 10:09 a.m. – 10:19 a.m.

Change in Chief Executive Officer: 12:10 p.m.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Public Expression

None presented.

b. Announcements/Other Business

Chair Brown reported that the next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for July 8, 2016.

c. Matters from Staff

None presented.

d. Adjournment

THERE BEING NOTHING FURTHER TO COME BEFORE THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole French,
Senior Deputy Clerk of the Board

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