

City of St. Anthony
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Minutes

June 13, 2023

Present:

Mayor & Council:

Randy Stille, Mayor, Bernard Walker, Wendy Webster, Councilmembers

Absent:

Thomas Randle, Jan Jenson

Staff:

Mike Larson, Liquor Operations Manager, Steve Grittman, City Planner

Call to Order:

Mayor Stille called the Work Session to order at 6:07 p.m.

THC Products at the Liquor Stores:

City Manager, Charlie Yunker reviewed the staff memo describing a summary of the legislation status and the preliminary guidance available for cities to consider in implementing ordinances and/or policies in response to the legislation.

Liquor Operations Manager, Mike Larson described the information received from the Minnesota Municipal Beverage Association and from peers in other cities in regards to how liquor operations are integrating THC products into their stores.

Given the ability for liquor stores to sell THC beverages immediately, staff sought guidance on the Council's position on doing so considering the mission of the stores to control the sale of alcohol, and that there is still a moratorium in place for selling THC products in the city. In addition, given the new legislation on Cannabis, what the Council's position is on regulating these products when sales begin in the state in 2024-2025.

Council discussed extensively and gave direction to staff to draft ordinance language to license THC products and put in place as soon as possible, in a similar fashion to current licensing of tobacco, and align that with offering THC beverages in the stores. In addition, Council directed staff to begin work on Cannabis regulation in consistent fashion based on guidance that will be received in the coming months.

Future Work Sessions:

Next Work Session will be held on June 27th, 2023, at 5:45pm in the Council Chambers.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Charlie Yunker, City Manager.

Approved