



**CITY OF BOULDER
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

MEETING DATE: January 5, 2016

AGENDA TITLE: Consideration of a motion adopting a charter for and the city manager's appointments to a Marijuana Advisory Panel.

PRESENTERS

Jane Brautigam, City Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On December 8, 2015, council conducted a study session on proposed changes to the city's marijuana code provisions. Council provided feedback on a draft charter and provided guidance for the composition of a marijuana advisory panel. The purpose of this agenda item is for council to adopt the proposed charter and approve the city manager's proposed appointments.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Suggested Motion Language:

Staff requests council consideration of this matter and action in the form of the following motion:

Motion to adopt a charter creating and approving appointments to a marijuana advisory panel.

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS

The City of Boulder has regulated the legal cultivation and sale of marijuana and production of marijuana products for over five years. The city has a long history of taking advantage of community expertise to enhance city processes. The city intends to create a panel of experts to review the city's marijuana regulatory scheme and advise the

city council regarding potential changes. The deadline for submissions was December 31, 2015. The city manager will announce her proposed appointments on January 5, 2016. Attachment A is a draft charter.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Charter

**CREATION OF A CHARTER FOR A MARIJUANA ADVISORY PANEL FOR
ANALYSIS OF, SOLICITATION OF PUBLIC INPUT ON
AND DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE CHANGES TO CITY OF BOULDER
MARIJUANA CODE PROVISIONS**

This is a Charter for a committee for analysis of, solicitation of public input on and discussion of possible changes to the City of Boulder code provisions.

1. The committee shall be appointed by the City manager with the advice and consent of the city council to provide a balanced representation of the variety of interests related to medical and recreational marijuana.

2. The committee shall include, but not be limited to, the following members:

a. Representatives of marijuana consumers, including both recreational and medical users.

b. A representative of the Boulder Valley School District.

c. A representative of the University of Colorado.

d. Representatives to provide physical and mental health perspectives, including youth development theory and best practices in harm reduction/health promotion.

e. A representative of the Chamber of Commerce.

f. Representatives of marijuana businesses, sufficient to represent the interests of businesses engaged in businesses associated with medical marijuana, recreational marijuana, cultivation, retail sales and infused products manufacturing.

g. An attorney experienced in representing marijuana businesses.

h. A person familiar with state regulations, preferably a person from the state marijuana enforcement division, who, if unable to attend all meetings, may be an ex-officio member and not counted toward the limit on the number of members.

3. One person may represent multiple interests described above. The committee shall have no more than 10 members.

4. All meetings of the committee shall be held only after public notice of the date, time and place.

5. All meetings shall be open to the public. The committee shall allow time for public comment at each meeting.

6. The city manager and the city attorney are directed to provide staff support to facilitate the committee's work.

7. The city shall provide a professional facilitator to assist with the committee's work at the outset. The committee shall decide whether a facilitator is necessary at future meetings.

8. The committee shall provide regular updates to the city council about the committee's work. The committee is encouraged to prioritize time-sensitive issues and provide council with any appropriate recommendations on such matters during the first quarter of 2016.

9. The committee shall review both state regulations and city code to determine what specific city code provisions would be appropriate.

10. Council intends that the committee will complete its work by the end of June 2016.

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Suzanne Jones
Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk