

REPORT – ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
February 17, 2022

The Standing Committee on Ordinances and Rules to which was referred the following reports as follows:

#1 on agenda

having considered the same, report FAVORABLE by Motion of Councilor Farwell, 2nd by Councilor Mendes.

Next the Committee considered the following:

#2 on agenda

having considered the same, report FAVORABLE by Motion of Councilor Mendes, 2nd by Councilor Farwell.

Next the Committee considered the following:

#3 on agenda

having considered the same, report FAVORABLE by Motion of Councilor Mendes, 2nd by Councilor Farwell.

MINUTES – ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
February 17, 2022

The Standing Committee on Ordinances and Rules was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Councilor Asack with Councilors Asack, Farwell, Mendes, and Minichiello present.

Agenda read into the record.

The Committee first considered the following:

#1 on agenda

Public Hearing Open.

In Favor:

Comments by Councilor Asack
(Solicitor Bridges has no issue)

Comments by Victor Teixeira, business owner, Brockton, MA
(supports the change, owner, two other dispensaries are on the lower level)

Comments by Councilor Farwell
(extensive elevation, ground floor, no problem with this)

Comments by Councilor Mendes
(wishes the business the best)

Comments by Councilor Rodrigues
(supports this, level playing field, fair, thanks the Council)

No opposition present.

Motion to recommend FAVORABLE by Councilor Farwell, 2nd by Councilor Mendes .
Motion carried unanimously.

Next the Committee considered the following:

#2 on agenda

Public Hearing Open.

In Favor:

Comments by Councilor Asack

(Solicitor Bridges does not see any issues with proposal, email from Chirag Patel, unable to attend, supports proposal, extends hours of operation from 8pm to 10pm. Other cities and towns have adopted retail marijuana and operate until 10pm, matches other towns, high traffic between 7pm-8pm, lose business to neighboring cities that stay open later, helps with traffic and revenues, some businesses are open to 11pm, not aware of any concerns, strict compliance with security)

Comments by Dave Noble, In Good Health

(supports this change, looking to include medical patients for co-locations, 40% of clients are for medical use, about \$100 per hour of operation goes to the City, no issues with staying open until 10pm, does not foresee issues)

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(will submit a separate ordinance for increasing hours for medical licenses, heavily regulated industry in the state for security, testing, screening, business plans, sophisticated hurdles)

Comments by Councilor Mendes

(re original proposal for 8pm)

No Opposition present.

Motion to report FAVORABLE by Councilor Mendes, 2nd by Councilor Farwell. Motion carried unanimously. Councilor Minichiello not present for the vote.

Next the Committee considered the following:

#3 on agenda

Comments by Councilor Asack

(congratulates Mr. Hasouris as Brockton's first Poet Laureate)

Comments by Mr. Hasouris

(applications for Youth Poet Laureate, positive recognition to the City of Brockton, artistic community, looks forward to serving his term)

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(codifies having a Youth Poet Laureate in the City, enhances interest in poetry and literature, thinks this is a good step forward)

Comments by Mr. Hasouris

(voice to the youth)

Comments by Councilor Mendes
(excited to see this, long over-due)

Comments by Councilor Asack
(thanks Mr. Hasouris)

Motion to recommend FAVORABLE by Motion of Councilor Mendes, 2nd by Councilor Farwell. Motion carried unanimously. Councilor Minichiello not present for the vote.

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Farwell, 2nd by Councilor Mendes at 6:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.