

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING - WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023**

1. Call to Order –

Mayor Gerry called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call –

Present:

Mayor Brent Gerry
Councilmember Richard Bloom
Councilmember David Fetto
Councilmember Kate Moran
Councilmember John Smart
Councilmember Ken Stoker

Finance Director Erin Gwinn
Comm. Dev. Director Eric Mendenhall
Public Works Director Roscoe Slade
City Clerk Stephanie Haug
Police Commander Jared Kelly

Absent:

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Brink (*AWC Meeting*)
Councilmember May Hays

3. Text Amendment to allow Recreational Marijuana Retail Sales in the Light Industrial Zone

Community Development Director Eric Mendenhall presented information to Council regarding the pending Text Amendment Application relating to Recreational Marijuana Retail Sales in the Light Industrial Zone within the City of West Richland. He discussed the background of the text amendment, explained what is being proposed, provided police response data, and outlined the proposed process and timeline for the amendment.

Councilmember Stoker asked for more information regarding the potential revenues that allowing retail sales would bring to the city.

Councilmember Bloom asked if the Council is required to act on the request and expressed his desire for this topic to go to a vote of the people.

Councilmember Smart stated he thought it was odd this was coming up again, and that the survey is just that, a survey. He also wanted information regarding the impact on revenues.

Councilmember Moran asked if the Planning Commission meeting from July 13th was on YouTube. (Clerk Haug indicated that only Council meetings were posted on YouTube.)

Councilmember Bloom inquired if the definition of a childcare facility proposed in the text amendment was the same as the state definition and stated that the one on Kennedy near the Arena Road store didn't qualify under that definition.

4. Meeting Conclusion- The meeting concluded at 5:27 p.m.



Brent Gerry, Mayor



Stephanie Haug, MMC, City Clerk