

West Orange Cannabis Task Force and Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 2, 2021

7 p.m. Via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 7:11pm

Roll Call – Chief James Abbott, Councilwoman Casalino, Abdur R. Yasin, Jonathan Redwine, John Wayman Henry (Vice-Chair), Abdul Moore, Councilwoman Matute-Brown (Chair), Mark Moon (counsel). All members present.

1 attendee was present.

Meeting opened with a discussion of bylaws. Redwine and Yasin wanted clarity on section #1. Chair Matute-Brown nominated Yasin for position of Secretary. Seconded by Yasin. No objections; passed. Casalino asked if the meeting was open to the public. Chair Matute-Brown explained the meeting was properly noticed. Motion to adopt bylaws by Abbott. Seconded by Casalino. Motion carried.

Scoring system/weighted scale for applications was discussed. Vice-Chair Henry suggested using the state scoring system. Moon discussed criminal history of applicants. Casalino discussed banking related to dispensaries. Moon brought up the point of community impact. Members discussed elements to be contained in an initial application for a non-binding resolution of support from the Township Council. Next, members discussed elements to be contained in an application for a final resolution for licensing.

Members discussed potential changes to the existing ordinance for cannabis businesses. All other agenda items were tabled until the next meeting date.

Motion to adjourn by Yasin, seconded by Casalino. Meeting concluded at 10:20pm.