

OPRARequest

From: castle apartments admin <opra+request-24162-b5b63af0@requests.opramachine.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 4:37 PM
To: OPRARequest
Subject: OPRA request - Members of the ad hoc committee discussing cannabis legalization in the city

RECEIVED
2021 JUN 23 A 8:52
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
CAMDEN, N.J.

Dear Camden City,

This is a request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. I am not required to fill out an official form. Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

Records requested:

I would like the list of members of the ad hoc committee discussing cannabis legalization in the city of Camden led by Nichelle Pace. This committee was mentioned several times by the Councilman Fuentes at the most recent city council meeting. I would also like to have any meeting minutes from this ad hoc committee's already held meetings, any published scheduled future meeting dates it has, and any information made available to the public on how they can attend these meetings in accordance with the NJ Open Public Meetings Act.

Please use deliver records electronically via email to the below UNIQUE address for all replies to this request:

opra+request-24162-b5b63af0@requests.opramachine.com

Is OPRArequest@ci.camden.nj.us the wrong address for OPRA requests to Camden City? If so, please contact us using this form:

https://opramachine.com/change_request/new?body=camden_city

Disclaimer: This message and any reply that you make will be published on the internet. Our privacy and copyright policies:

<https://opramachine.com/help/officers>

View this OPRA request & responses online:

https://opramachine.com/request/members_of_the_ad_hoc_committee

Please note that in some cases publication of requests and responses will be delayed.

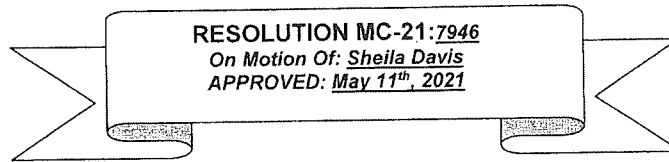
If you find this service useful as an OPRA custodian, please ask your web manager to link to us from your organisation's website.

CAMDEN AD HOC CANNABIS COMMITTEE – REVISED MEETING SCHEDULE 2021 6.21.21

Date	Time	Meeting Type	Attendees Required
Wed, June 23, 2021	6:00 pm – 7:15 pm	Open Public Community Meeting (Zoom)	<i>Ad Hoc Committee Open to Public</i>
Thursday, July 8, 2021	6:00 pm – 7:15 pm	Open Public Community Meeting (Zoom)	<i>Ad Hoc Committee Open to Public</i>
Tuesday, July 20, 2021	6:00 pm – 7:15 pm	Open Public Community Meeting (Zoom)	<i>Ad Hoc Committee Open to Public</i>
Thursday, August 5, 2021	6:00 pm – 7:15 pm	Open Public Community Meeting (Zoom)	<i>Ad Hoc Committee Open to Public</i>
Tuesday, August 17, 2021	6:00 pm – 7:15 pm	Open Public Community Meeting (Zoom)	<i>Ad Hoc Committee Open to Public</i>
Tuesday, August 31, 2021	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Open Public Community Meeting – DRAFT 1 Report Presentation Council Chambers	<i>Ad Hoc Committee Open to Public</i>

***Ad Hoc Committee Presentation & Report Due August 30, 2021.**

FUENTES
05/11/21



Revised
A-2

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE
TO EXAMINE AND OFFER RECOMMENDATIONS TO OFFICIALS OF
THE CITY OF CAMDEN AS TO WHETHER THE CITY OF CAMDEN
SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE NEW JERSEY CANNABIS REGULATORY,
ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE, AND MARKETPLACE MODERNIZATION ACT**

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2021, c. 16, known as the "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act" (the "Act"), which legalizes the recreational use of marijuana by adults 21 years of age or older, and establishes a comprehensive regulatory and licensing scheme for commercial recreational (adult use) cannabis operations, use and possession; and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes six marketplace classes of licensed businesses, including:

- Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator license, for facilities involved in growing and cultivating cannabis;
- Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer license, for facilities involved in the manufacturing, preparation, and packaging of cannabis items;
- Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler license, for facilities involved in obtaining and selling cannabis items for later resale by other licensees;
- Class 4 Cannabis Distributer license, for businesses involved in transporting cannabis plants in bulk from on licensed cultivator to another licensed cultivator, or cannabis items in bulk from any type of licensed cannabis business to another;
- Class 5 Cannabis Retailer license for locations at which cannabis items and related supplies are sold to consumers; and
- Class 6 Cannabis Delivery license, for businesses providing courier services for consumer purchases that are fulfilled by a licensed cannabis retailer in order to make deliveries of the purchases items to a consumer, and which service would include the ability of a consumer to make a purchase directly through the cannabis delivery service which would be presented by the delivery service for fulfillment by a retailer and then delivered to a consumer.

WHEREAS, section 31b of the Act authorizes municipalities by ordinance to prohibit the operation of any one or more classes of cannabis establishments, distributors, or delivery services anywhere in the municipality; and

WHEREAS, section 31b of the Act also stipulates, however, that any municipal regulation or prohibition must be adopted within 180 days of the effective date of the Act (August 22, 2021); and

WHEREAS, the Act allows, even upon adoption of an ordinance opting out of the Act, that the City Administration and the City Council of the City of Camden, after further consultation and deliberation, may exercise the City of Camden's right to opt-in to the Act at any time in the future; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that it is in the best interests of the City of Camden that valuable input be received from Officials of the City of Camden, the residents of the City of Camden as well as the local business, education and medical communities, in determining whether the City of Camden should exercise its right to allow such services to be conducted in the City of Camden and also to determine what the scope of those services should be as well as the types and number of licenses that should be allowed for license categories for Class 1 through class 5 in the City of Camden; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to appoint an ad hoc committee to examine and make recommendations to the Administration and Council of the City of Camden as to whether the City of Camden should permit one or more of the categories of Class 1 through Class 5 licenses in the City of Camden and the extent as to whether one or more licenses in each class should be permitted and also determining what the scope of those services should be as well as the types and number of licenses that should be allowed for license categories for Class 1 through Class 5, in the City of Camden; and

WHEREAS, this ad hoc committee, during its review, will examine such significant issues as to how best to educate the residents in the four (4) Wards as well as local businesses of the purpose and scope of the Act, including discussing such issues as: what the definitions are of each license in Classes 1 through 6 identified in the Act and their scope; discussing the requirements of those individuals who could eligible to apply for each such class of license; City locations that could be permitted for each class of license; the community impact of such licenses being issued, including those aspects involving, but not limited to, social responsibility, education, diversity, the impact on the medical and education communities and the impact on local businesses; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Camden that it hereby appoints the following individuals to the ad hoc committee to examine and make recommendations on the above issues: City Attorney Michelle Spearman; Director of Planning and Development Dr. Edward Williams; Director of Code Enforcement L. Frankie Ruiz; Municipal Clerk Luis Pastoriza, Acting Counsel to Council Howard McCoach; Tameeka Mason; Nichelle Pace; Leo Bridgewater; Christopher Collins; Camden County Police Department Lieutenant Vivian Coley; Sheila Green, Resident of Ward 2; Derrick Gallashaw, Resident of Ward 1; one (1) resident from Wards 3 and 4 to be appointed by the Councilperson for that Ward; three (3) additional City residents to be appointed by Council; two (2) representatives to be appointed by the Mayor; and two (2) individuals who are business and/or faith-based leaders to be appointed by Council.

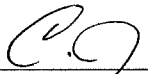
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ad hoc committee shall report to the Administration and to City Council of the City of Camden by no later than August 30, 2021, with its recommendations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27BBB-23, a true copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the State Commissioner of Community Affairs, who shall have ten (10) days from the receipt thereof to veto this Resolution. All notices of veto shall be filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

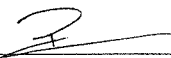
Date of Introduction: May 11, 2021

The above has been reviewed
and approved as to form


MICHELLE BANKS-SPEARMAN
City Attorney


CURTIS JENKINS
President, City Council

ATTEST:


LUIS PASTORIZA
Municipal Clerk