

CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR WORK SESSION/SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025
6:45 p.m.

1. The Workshop was called to order at 6:45 p.m., in the City Council Chambers. Councilmembers present included: Mayor Rachel Medina, Robert Dobry, Bill Lewis, April Randle, Lydia DeHaven, and Mayor Pro-tem Dennis Spruell. Councilmember Matthew Keefauver was absent. Staff members present included: Deputy City Clerk Linda Smith, City Clerk Danielle Wells and City Manager Drew Sanders. Attorney Patrick Coleman was absent.
2. City Manager Drew Sanders presented information about Marijuana Regulations, specifically distance and signage. All marijuana establishments shall be at least one thousand five hundred feet from any school, child care facility or other marijuana establishment. Signage regulations include no exterior signage or window treatments over 8 1/2 x 11 inches that say “marijuana”, “cannabis”, or any other word, symbol, or phrase understood to refer to marijuana. Signs advertising marijuana establishments shall not be within five hundred feet of schools, places of worship, or public playgrounds. A GIS analysis has identified four locations as potential sites for establishing a new marijuana facility within city limits. Council discussed methods of measuring distance – by physically measuring or using GIS mapping tools. Picking one way to measure distance would help with consistency and clarity in the rules and requirements. The intent of any changes to marijuana distance and signage regulations would be for consistency, legal protections for the city, and to possibly limit the number of establishments allowed to operate. Council wanted any future changes to be easy to interpret, enforce and measure. Consumption lounges will be discussed at a future workshop, when Attorney Patrick Coleman is available.
3. During the general discussion, Council addressed the current process for reviewing and selecting companies that submit bids for city projects. Historically, cost has been the primary—and sometimes sole—factor in determining which contractor is awarded the work. Moving forward, Council expressed interest in receiving more comprehensive information as part of contract and bid proposals. This includes company background, prior work completed for the city, and additional references. To support this enhanced evaluation process, the city is exploring asset management systems that can track projects from inception to completion, providing Council with valuable data to inform future contracting decisions.

The workshop was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.