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62 Friend Street
Amesbury, MA 01913

City Council Planning and Development Committee Minutes

Wednesday October 16, 2024 at 7:00 PM
City Hall Auditorium- 62 Friend St.

Councilor Mandeville called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM

Roll Call: All Present

Selection of Committee Chair:

- Councilor Hogg stated that his preference is to defer until the next City Council member chosen

Item tabled to a later date

Public Comment: None

2024-096 An Ordinance to amend the Amesbury Zoning Ordinance expanding the Renewable Energy Development Overlay District (REDD) – **Mayor Sponsor**

- Councilor Mandeville pointed out that the Planning Board has not made recommendation.

Councilor Hogg offered a motion to continue 2024-096 to the next regularly scheduled committee meeting on 11/20. The motion was seconded by Councilor Mandeville and passed unanimously (2-0)

2024-099 An Ordinance to amend the Cannabis Retail License Limits – **Councilors Stanganelli and Rinaldi Sponsors**

- Councilor Mandeville: more information provided by Councilor Stanganelli through the City Clerk's Office.
- Councilor Hogg: reading materials provided are extremely difficult to follow. Many references are to older items. Intent is to be helpful, but not helpful as presented. Believes that liquor licenses have a limit, therefore City Council should also make an upper limit for cannabis businesses. Since the Retail Marijuana Overlay District was recently extended, it makes sense to pass this bill as well. Otherwise, there was not a reason to establish the district.
- Councilor Mandeville: 2 is the minimum number of licenses required by state law. Some misinterpret it as a cap, but it is a minimum.
- Councilor Hogg: It is wise to establish limits, and the hope is not to abuse the number of cannabis businesses.

Councilor Hogg offered a motion to return 2024-099 to the full CC with positive rec The motion was seconded by Councilor Mandeville and passed unanimously (2-0).

Councilor Hogg offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilor Mandeville and passed unanimously (2-0).