

**CITY OF LEXINGTON
WORKSHOP SYNOPSIS
Thursday, August 17, 2023
Immediately following Council meeting
City Hall**

- 1. Call to Order:** Mayor Grote
- 2. Roll Call:** DeVries – Harris – Winge – Benson

Mayor Grote called to order the workshop for August 17, 2023 at 7:14 p.m. Councilmembers present: Benson, Devries, Harris and Winge. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director.

3. Discussion Items:

- A. Discuss regulation on smoking cannabinoid products in public - Councilmember Harris

Attorney Glaser handed out a proposed ordinance for cannabinoid smoking on public property. Discussion ensued.

Attorney Glaser also provided an update on marijuana licensing for dispensing. Councilmember Devries stated that if the City prohibits marijuana use in our parks we need to prohibit smoking cigarettes as well. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Grote stated he doesn't want more police calls to be generated by the police department as a result of adopting these restrictions into ordinance.

Councilmember Harris stated she placed this item on the agenda and feels that marijuana should be considered like alcohol and that pot leads to harder drug usage. She doesn't want to see people walking around Lexington smoking pot. If they do it in privacy on their own property that is fine, but not in public. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Devries feels that it shouldn't be allowed in Parks, city hall, fire station, public works. Councilmember Benson stated that tobacco usage needs to be a part of the rules. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Grote asked that following this discussion; let's have the city attorney provide a revised draft of the ordinance at the September workshop for further discussion. Petracek asked Glaser if he has all of information from the City Council to redraft the ordinance. Glaser stated he would have a redraft available for the next workshop.

B. Discuss preliminary proposed 2024 budget and general levy

Petracek provided a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed 2024 budget. He explained that we are recommending a 10% increase to the General Levy to cover the increased costs of the police department budget and staff; we will be bringing the Resolution to set the preliminary levy for 2024 budget in September. Discussion ensued.

Further discussion about the August 14 Police Governing Board meeting and the approved 2024 CLPD budget was discussed.

Petracek stated based on the discussion at that meeting he feels that Centerville is not going to be approving the recommended changes to the CLPD budget appropriation formula. He further stated that he would be recommending for the City Council to not approve the 2024 CLPD Budget at their September 7 meeting to start the dispute resolution process. Discussion ensued.

4. Staff Input

No staff input

5. Council Input

No Council input

6. Adjourn

Councilmember Benson made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.