

**ACTIONS TAKEN
WORK SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2011
6:30 P.M.**

4. **Public hearing, review, and discussion of the rewrite of the Planning & Zoning Ordinance.** Staff Resource: Mike Jenkins
There was no action taken.

PUBLIC HEARING OPEN

(Note: There was no public input following the Council's initial review of their previous comments regarding Parts One through Six.)

Public Hearing Closed.

Following some discussion on the Medical Marijuana issue, a second public hearing was opened in order to get public input on questions the Council members had expressed.

PUBLIC HEARING OPEN

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

Bruce George, Councilor-elect, wondered about including cookies and brownies; he thought the issue was Medical Marijuana, and did not understand the comments about cookies and brownies.

LORI HICKS, representing a medical center, said that she her partner are looking to locate a potential dispensary site in the area of Camp Verde. She explained that the State has been divided into the CHAA zones (Community Health Analysis Areas); only one dispensary will be allowed in the zone that the State is allowing and that will cover Jerome, Cottonwood, Clarkdale and Camp Verde, or any of the communities comprising what is referred to as the Yavapai East CHAA. Ms. Hicks said that it is her understanding from discussions that all of the towns or cities want to limit the growing facilities. To get any medical marijuana whatsoever an individual must be a qualified patient through the State of Arizona; that requires certification through a doctor as well. There will be hurdles, but for the first 12 months, because of the way the State has set the system up, there will be people growing the product in this community since there is no dispensary in place, and the cards are being handed out so people can be growing. There is scientific evidence that medical cannabis can help deal with different ailments, especially in cancer, HIV, and chronic pain; there is a high demand for medical marijuana.

Howard Hintz, a consultant in the marijuana industry, pointed out one correction; under the State law it will be possible in three years for anybody to move a CHAA to another CHAA. There is no restriction, so in theory, in three years it would be possible to have anywhere from two to ten dispensaries. That should be anticipated at this time. Putting a reasonable distance restriction between dispensaries could probably result in a limit of one location. Mr. Hintz outlined how other cities such as Yuma and Phoenix have approached the issue of limiting dispensaries; for example, allowing one dispensary based on a specific population number. According to State law, Mr. Hintz believes that the Town is mandated to make an area available for a dispensary and growing. From June 1 to June 30 people can start applying for a dispensary license; the State will analyze the level of competition for an area; a lottery will then be held to select someone for a particular area. However, there is no way to know where the individual will locate the dispensary, which is another reason to decide on some restrictions now. Mr. Hintz noted that in order to open a dispensary, the applicant must get the property owner's authorization and a zoning clearance from the municipality, so it is necessary to know what the zoning will be. Referring to the letter from the U.S. Attorney for Arizona, Mr. Hintz said that he is not aware of one person who has been indicted or even harassed, as a public servant.

In his opinion, Arizona has the toughest marijuana laws in the country. Mr. Hintz concluded his remarks with the recommendation to have the operation located where it would produce the most sales tax revenue.

R. L. Miller, realtor, said that the possibility of allowing medical marijuana dispensaries is somewhat of a windfall. It is a lottery, and there is no question that the Town will be doing all this in a few weeks from now. He said that he recognizes that the Camp Verde CHAA has some very specific things, and one of them is the Hwy 260 and the other the I-17. That intersection in this CHAA will generate the highest dollars of any other dispensary. It amounts to the distribution of a legal product that has been approved by the State and by the people. Mr. Miller wanted to encourage the Council to make sure that the issue is not looked at as no opportunity. If it happens for this Town, put it in the right location; it will be the Willy Wonka Golden Ticket, and somebody will make a lot of cash out of it. Put it where it will make some money.

There was no further public input.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

A recess was called at 8:30 p.m.; the meeting was called back to order at 8:43.

5. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Resolution 2011-838 a resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, declaring the Planning & Zoning Ordinance of Camp Verde, dated May 11, 2011, to be a public record and establishing Planning & Zoning Ordinance of Camp Verde.** Staff Resource: Mike Jenkins
(Continued to May 25, 2001.)
6. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Ordinance 2011-A374, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, adopting by reference the establishment of the Planning & Zoning Ordinance of Camp Verde, repealing Ordinance 87-A23 and all amendments thereto, excepting Ordinances 91-A161 and 2001-A193 (Street Naming and Addressing), and Ordinance 2001-A187 (Wireless Communication Facility Regulations) in their entirety and proscribing penalties for violations thereof.** Staff Resource: Mike Jenkins
(Continued to May 25, 2001.)
7. **Adjournment**
On a motion by German, seconded by Kovacovich, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.