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      15 Minutes -- Presentation
      10 Minutes -- Questions

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      Documents:

      2-24-2020 HB-19-1230 PUBLIC CANNABIS SMOKING.PDF

   2. EXECUTIVE SESSION (5:55 P.M. - 6:55 P.M.)
      PURPOSE:
      For a conference with the City Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b); and
      For the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and /or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e); and the following additional details are provided for identification purposes: To instruct negotiators regarding economic development projects proposed by the Pueblo Economic Development Corporation; a zoning and land use agreement and to receive legal advice from the City Attorney regarding pending litigation.

      CALL TO PODIUM:
      Mr. Nicholas Gradisar, Mayor - City of Pueblo
      Mr. Dan Kogovsek, City Attorney - City of Pueblo
      Mr. Jeff Shaw, President and CEO - PEDCO

      TIME ALLOCATED:
      60 Minutes -- Discussion

      SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:
      Council will discuss matters of contract negotiations and pending litigations

   III. Adjournment
HB- 19-1230
Public Cannabis Smoking—Good for Pueblo County?

A presentation by
The Pueblo County Medical Society
Brad Roberts, MD FAAEM, FACEP
HB 19-1230

• “the act authorizes marijuana hospitality spaces in which medical and retail marijuana may be consumed on site and retail marijuana hospitality and sales establishments in which retail marijuana, retail marijuana concentrate, and retail marijuana products may be sold and consumed on site. Subject to local approval, the act authorizes a retail food establishment to apply for a marijuana hospitality establishment license for a specified portion of the retail food establishment”

• “The act makes smoking marijuana in the hospitality spaces an exception to the "Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act”
Pueblo County Medical Society Opposes HB 19-1230

• Pueblo County Medical Society Membership was surveyed regarding signing a collective letter to city council opposing HB 19-1230.
• 96.4% answered yes to signing the letter (only one physician answered no)
• From Parkview Medical Center: “Parkview Medical Center concurs with the Pueblo Department of Health & Environment in expressing our deep concern regarding the development of Cannabis Hospitality Lounges in Pueblo. While the decision for or against may be a political one, Parkview remains committed to a safer and healthier Pueblo.”
Outline of Concerns regarding HB 19-1230

1. Cannabis use is harmful and cannabis ‘hospitality’ establishments will increase normalization of drug use, leading to decreased perception of harm and increasing use

2. Non-users will be exposed to the effects of 2nd hand smoke, undoing progress made with the Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act. This act proudly originated in Pueblo and has been shown to have made significant improvements in the health of citizens

3. This will harm the perception of Pueblo as a less family friendly and more drug friendly destination, placing further strain on already strained resources. This will harm ability to recruit physicians and other professionals to live here
Cannabis use is harmful

Large Peer reviewed studies consistently demonstrate that cannabis users, particularly regular users of high THC cannabis, suffer from:

• Increased risk of mental health disorders including psychosis, schizophrenia, increased risk of suicide, and poor decision making ability
• Increased risk of cannabinoid hyperemesis syndrome (severe recurrent vomiting from cannabis use)
• Increased risk of cannabis dependence including withdrawal symptoms with discontinuation of use
• Increased abuse of other substances
• Increased risk of motor vehicle collisions
• Adverse cardiovascular and pulmonary effects
• Defects to the fetus if used during pregnancy
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There are 37 dispensaries in Pueblo County
21.16 dispensaries per 100,000
Increasing drug culture increases drug use in Pueblo

Emergency Department Drug Screens By Year, Parkview Medical Center

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Cannabinoid Hyperemesis Syndrome Patients by Year
These will not help the already significant problems we are dealing with
Adverse effects of secondhand marijuana smoke

• There’s no safe exposure to secondhand smoke of any kind
• Secondhand marijuana smoke contains three times the amount of ammonia as tobacco smoke, as well as mercury, cadmium, nickel, lead, chromium, hydrogen cyanide, benzene, isoprene and toluene. At least 33 chemicals known to cause cancer are present in both marijuana smoke and tobacco smoke
• Peer reviewed studies increasingly demonstrate adverse effects of secondhand marijuana smoke to the cardiovascular system
• Ventilation does not solve the problem and cannot remove many toxic or cancer-causing chemicals emitted by secondhand smoke
• Nobody should have to breathe secondhand marijuana smoke
We are losing professionals to drug normalization

• Professionals increasingly are looking for safe places to raise families where they see the best chances of their children growing up with a drug free childhood. Cannabis lounges would not promote that.

• Increasingly physicians and other professionals live in southern Colorado Springs and commute down. Several physicians, who have recently moved, cite drug normalization as a reason to leave.

• Its estimated Pueblo loses $25 million dollars/year from physicians not living in Pueblo- not to mention those people and families to build our schools and our community.

• We are trading $12-15/hour cannabis jobs for significantly higher earning professional and tech jobs. It’s a poor trade.
We need more parks and recreation and less drugs- the true ‘all natural’ medical therapy
Tourists to Pueblo Don’t Need a ‘Safe’ Place to Use

• They need to be educated enough so that they won’t use
• They should come to Pueblo for the great things Pueblo has to offer— not to use drugs— of any kind
Pueblo has a lot to offer—let's sell that.