

WORK SESSION AGENDA

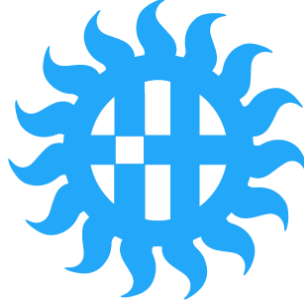
Monday, September 11, 2023 at 1:00 PM

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1. **PETS OF THE WEEK**

2. **JOBS OF THE WEEK**

3. **AGENDA ITEM**

3.1. OPIOID SETTLEMENT & CANNABIS REVENUE.

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Council Work Session Summary

Meeting: Work Session - Sep 11 2023

TITLE: OPIOID SETTLEMENT & CANNABIS REVENUE.

PURPOSE(S) OF DISCUSSION: ☒ Inform/Update ☐ Direction/Guidance ☐ Legislative Development/Policy

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The City of Las Cruces is a participant in the national opioid litigation and has started receiving funds from various settlements. The State is receiving 45% of the settlement funds coming to New Mexico while the local entities, cities and counties, will receive 55%. The City receives funds based on agreed-upon formulas in each of the settlements. During this work session the topics covered will include an overview of the litigation and settlements; an estimate of the funds to be received by the City; public safety impacts in our community; principles for the use of funds; an implementation approach and a timeline; introduction to the Opioid Settlement Advisory Council; and planned reporting for settlement funds received as well as expenditures.

The City of Las Cruces is receiving an excise tax on the sale of cannabis as a result of the legalization of recreational sales in 2021. Licensed sales began in April 2022. This presentation will cover an overview of the cannabis business environment, excise distributions received by the City, research on uses of cannabis funds by other public entities, and a proposal for use of the City's cannabis excise tax proceeds.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REVIEW:

Finance Select Committee