

WORK SESSION AGENDA

Monday, July 26, 2021

Immediately following the TIDD Board
Meeting

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Council Work Session Summary

Meeting: Work Session - Jul 26 2021

TITLE: LAS CRUCES PASSENGER AIR SERVICE

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

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The purpose of this work session is to provide an update on the progress of Phase 2 of the Passenger Air Service project for Las Cruces International Airport (LRU). Phase 1 concluded that passenger air service would be viable at LRU. This conclusion was based on data including the number of passengers travelling through El Paso and whose origin and/or destination was in the study travel shed, primarily Doña Ana County. The focus of Phase 2 is exploring options for airlines that may be interested in providing interstate and/or intrastate air service. Also, the goals of this phase include coordinating local, state, and federal support for the service, identifying resources to build sustainable service, and providing the data and support studies required by various agencies including the FAA.

Airport consultants from DuBois & King and Airplanners will present, answer questions, and provide guidance during the work session.

PLAN(S):

City Council Strategic Plan

COMMITTEE/BOARD REVIEW:

None



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TITLE: VISIT LAS CRUCES UPDATE

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

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The Visit Las Cruces Division will present a general tourism overview. This will include information on the impact of travel, key objectives and initiatives, current and future promotional and advertising campaigns, and other tourism-related updates.

PLAN(S):

None

COMMITTEE/BOARD REVIEW:

None



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TITLE: CANNABIS UPDATE.

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

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The purpose of this work session is to provide an update regarding the latest legislation in the Cannabis Regulation Act (CRA), share the extent of local cannabis control regarding time, place, and manner, and discuss preliminary staff recommendations for local cannabis zoning standards. In the CRA approved earlier this year, an aggressive timeline was expressed, which includes September 1, 2021 – when the Cannabis Division (Division) will start accepting and processing license for cannabis producers, January 1, 2022 – when the Division will begin processing license applications for all other cannabis business types, and no later than April 1, 2022 – is when cannabis retail begin sales.

The City of Las Cruces is working to ensure alignment with the state's bold timeline, hence the compressed cannabis discussions at two PRC's in July (Econ Dev 7/21 & QOL 7/22), two community town hall meetings (7/22, 8/12), work session (7/26), Planning & Zoning Commission meeting (7/27), online survey for 30-days (7/15 – 8/15), and full council meetings between now and the end of September 2021.

Since the passage of the Cannabis Regulation Act (House Bill 2) going into effect on June 29 of this year, New Mexico's cities, counties, and towns will play a key role implementing local zoning standards and reasonable regulations for the local cannabis industry.

There are various provisions to consider, including local municipalities being required to determine the minimum distance between cannabis establishments and schools or daycare centers in their community. The state provides that the minimum distance established by local jurisdictions cannot be more than three hundred (300) feet. An additional provision for discussion is that the Cannabis Regulation Act prohibits local jurisdictions from completely banning recreational cannabis businesses.

PLAN(S):

None

COMMITTEE/BOARD REVIEW:

None



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TITLE: NOISE ORDINANCE

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

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

A preliminary study into the nuisance of noise pollution within the City of Las Cruces was conducted and completed in February 2019 by Bohannon Huston. The purpose of the study conducted by Bohannon Huston was to determine the existing noise levels within the city to support a decision-making approach to correlate an acceptable level of noise within specific zoning designations. At the completion of their noise study, Bohannon Huston delivered a final report to the City of Las Cruces which detailed the results of their study findings. This will be to discuss the recommendations from Bohannon Huston and the direction on updating the existing Noise Ordinance.

PLAN(S):

None

COMMITTEE/BOARD REVIEW:

None