CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gámez called the Work Study to order at 6:04 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Gámez, Vice Mayor Farr, Council Members Erives, Laborin, Mendoza, and Rodriguez.

Absent: Council Member Espinoza.

Staff: City Manager Medrano, Jr., Assistant City Manager Lopez, Attorney Ruby, Steven Baumgardt Finance Director, City Engineer Gilmore, Fire Chief Good, IT Director Steve Holliday, Economic Development Director Magallanez, Community Services Director McClain, Chief Building Official Rochin, Police Chief Rodriguez, and City Clerk Hagen.

PRESENTATION – FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

1. Discussion, and if appropriate, direction regarding legalization of medical marijuana in the State of Arizona.

   Ordinance No. 503, N.S. will be prepared for presentation at the January 11, 2011 Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting at Mayor and Council’s direction.

   City Manager Medrano Jr. and City Attorney Ruby opened the Work Study addressing the parameters of the “discussion only” session on medical marijuana and the State requirements.

   City Attorney Ruby reviewed possible site locations: commercial, residential, and industrial as well as distances from churches, rehabilitation/probation facilities and schools.
The “methods” of operation were discussed: dispensary or cultivation facility and consideration for their handling of cash, foot traffic, vehicular traffic, crime. If a cultivation site how large will it be as this must be an indoor facility and what hours would they be operating

Scott Ruby and Police Chief Rodriguez continued to review information that was provided by other law enforcement agencies as to what has worked for them versus what challenges in “policing” these establishments and securing the safety of local residents.

Licensing is rigorous and expensive—many components need to be taken into consideration including: setbacks, separation of facilities, no pay phones, no loitering, alarm system, medical marijuana only, locked vault, bullet resistance customer windows, illumination, business licenses, background checks, bonded security, is the product being dispensed safe, child proof, transaction ledger, age restriction (18+), a contact person to the Police Department, and no smoking. It was referenced that the Los Angeles Police Department had 41 regulations.

Chief Rodriguez and Mayor and Council discussed the December 11, 2010 Arizona Republic newspaper article as to how the City of Scottsdale Planning Commission outlined their mode of operation in regards to limiting the number of medical marijuana facilities to their industrial zone with a conditional use permit as well as for hospitals and medical facilities also having to obtain a conditional use permit.

CM Rodriguez confirmed that there will be approximately 125-140 of these facilities allowed for the entire State of Arizona.

Discussion took place about the potential of facilities overlapping between Avondale/Tolleson and Phoenix/Tolleson.

Law enforcement potential challenges were reviewed by Chief Rodriguez including: potentially more smuggling of the drug, forgery of prescriptions, ensuring the transaction logs are correct.

It was confirmed that the maximum purchase is 2 ½ ounces and that 70% of the users are under 40. Discussion also took place in regards to the use and abuse of medical marijuana.

Legal counsel will take back Mayor and Council’s comments for revision of draft Ordinance No. 503, N.S. and revisit at the January 11, 2011 meeting for consideration.
ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn at 6:59 P.M. by CM Laborin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Mayor Farr. Motion carried 6-0.