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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

CM/DCM/ACM: Sara Hensley, City Manager

DATE: April 18, 2023

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding implementable components of Proposition B.

BACKGROUND

Proposition B, relating to marijuana enforcement, was approved by election on Nov. 8, 2022. The election was canvased on Nov. 22, and the provisions of Proposition B were codified as Chapter 21, Article V – "Marijuana Enforcement" within the Code of Ordinances.

Generally, the proposition imposed explicit prohibitions on the Denton Police Department's ability to enforce state laws relating to low-level marijuana possession. It also prohibits the City from using City funds or personnel to request, conduct, or obtain testing of any cannabis-related substance. In a memo to the City Council dated Nov. 9, 2022, staff outlined the enforcement challenges of provisions within the Proposition due to conflicts with state law, federal law, and/or the City of Denton Charter. On Feb. 21, 2023, staff provided an implementation update to the Council.

On March 7, 2023, Council Member Davis presented a 2-minute pitch and requested that the City schedule a work session discussion regarding "which aspects of Prop B the City Council CAN give effect to, and how we can go about it". The City Council gave direction to hold the work session discussion.

OPTIONS

n/a

RECOMMENDATION

n/a

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

March 7, 2023: 2-Minute Policy Pitch from Council Member Davis Feb. 21, 2023: City Manager Implementation Update to Council

EXHIBITS

- 1. Agenda Information Sheet
- 2. Presentation

Respectfully submitted: Sara Hensley

City Manager

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