7:00 PM Tess Poe opened public comment. There was none.

7:00 PM Tess Poe opened the joint public hearing with City Council Legislative Matters Committee. Alisa Klein, Maureen Carney, David Murphy sitting for Committee.

Staff presented the package of marijuana ordinances.

George Kohout asked for examples of uses that are required to be in back of other uses as testing facilities are being proposed.

Alisa Klein relayed the discussion held at Council Committee on Community Resources earlier in the week.

Staff described all ordinance.

Marc Warner, Bay State, spoke in favor of the ordinances except the outdoor growing provisions. He voiced his concern about wanting to curtail outdoor growing and suggested the city should prohibit outdoor growing.
Megan Dobro, Leverett and partner in a testing lab seeking Cannabis Control Commission permitting clarified the testing quantities and process. She specified that they would be testing one gram at a time.

Dobro also stated they need to follow OSHA, DEP, DPH and EPA standards for waste management.

Alisa Klein asked if more than a gram is tested, could that create an issue? Dobro noted that they have been working with much larger testing site.

Sam Taylor how many positions would a testing facility maintain?

Dobro indicated there would be three chemist, plus receptionist per shift.

Upon motion by George Kohout and second by Euripedes DeOliveira, the Board voted unanimously to close the hearing. The Legislative Matters Committee voted unanimously to close its hearing.

Upon motion by Terry Culhane and second by Euripedes DeOliveira, the Board voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the ordinances with amendments as discussed.

The Legislative Matters Committee also voted unanimously to recommend adoption with modifications.

Tess Poe opened the joint public hearings on amendments to the zoning ordinance to define and allow short-term rentals.

Staff described the proposed amendments.

Maureen Scanlon, Nonotuck Street, Florence noted her interest in the subject given that she uses AirBnB to rent space in her home.

The Committee discussed the administrative process.

Upon motion by Sam Taylor and second by Euripedes DeOliveira, the Board voted unanimously to close the hearing.

The Legislative Matters Committee also voted to close its hearing.

Upon motion by Sam Taylor and second by Euripedes DeOliveira, the Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of the package for short term rentals.

The Legislative Matters Committee also voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the package of zoning changes.

Staff presented the request for reduction in performance guarantee by Pecoy Developers for the Northview Subdivision.
Upon motion by George Kohout and second by Euripedes DeOliveira, the Board voted unanimously to reduce the tri-party agreement from $308,728.67 to $253,022.74.

Staff presented the request by American Dream Realty to make a minor amendment to the site plan to convert a planned tree island to a striped island to facilitate vehicle maneuverability.

Euripedes DeOliveira noted he would support it if the tree was relocated elsewhere onsite. Sam Taylor seconded the proposal.

Staff presented the ANR for Crosby Street. Upon motion by Euripedes DeOliveira and second by Sam Taylor, the Board voted unanimously to endorse the ANR.

9 PM adjourn