



CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes July 25, 2022

Mayor Drotzmann called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Councilors Hardin, Spicerkuhn, Peterson, Davis, Myers, and Barron. Councilors Primmer and Duron were excused. Staff in attendance included: Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, City Attorney Richard Tovey, Chief Edmiston, Planning Director Clint Spencer, Finance Director Mark Krawczyk, HES General Manager Nate Rivera, EOTEC General Manager Al Davis, Court Administrator Jillian Viles, and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. Youth Advisory Member Julissa Gonzales Mendoza and Manuel Salazar were also in attendance. The pledge of allegiance was given.

Mayor Drotzmann asked that the Council consider moving item 10A- Decision related to EOTEC Field Development, after Item 7- Items Removed From Consent Agenda, as there is a large number of constituents present that may only be interested in this item. The Council agreed.

Proclamation- National Night Out 2022

Mayor Drotzmann read aloud the National Night Out (NNO) 2022 proclamation.

Chief Edmiston gave information regarding the NNO Medallion Hunt and Ice Cream Party sponsored by the Mayor and Council. Those interested in hosting a NNO Party are encouraged to contact Corporal Tim Miers at the Police Department.

Citizen Input on Non-Agenda Items

Rose Thomas, Tasha Workman, and Jackie Linton, Hermiston- stated they live in the neighborhood behind Pizza Hut and are very frustrated with the City's handling of what has become a drug house. Everyone in the neighborhood is experiencing theft, there is drug use happening in the park with drug paraphernalia left behind, there is trash all around the home and people are using the yard as a restroom in plain sight of the public, there is now homeless camping in the area, and lots of traffic in and out of the home. This problem is impacting the entire neighborhood and they need the City to help with this issue.

Consent Agenda Items

Councilor Peterson asked to removed Items F as she has a direct conflict of interest. Councilor Davis moved and Councilor Spicerkuhn seconded to approve Consent Agenda items A-E and G-H, to include:

- A. Replat- Campbell 1660 N First St 4N2802CB Tax Lot 5900
- B. Committee Vacancy Announcements
- C. Confirmation of appointment to the Planning Commission: Patrick Collins, Position 4, remaining 3-year term ending March 31, 2023
- D. Confirmation of appointment to the Parks and Recreation Committee: Angel Aguilar, Position 6, 3-year term ending October 31, 2025
- E. Confirmation of appointment to the Parks and Recreation Committee: Nicole Westing, Position 7, remaining 3-year term ending October 31, 2023
- F. Confirmation of appointment to the Library Board: Erick Peterson, Position 4, 4-year term ending June 30, 2026
- G. Recommendation of appointment to the EOTEC Advisory Committee: Patrick Collins, Position 5, 3-year term ending June 30, 2025.
- H. Minutes of the July 11, City Council Work Session and Regular Meetings

Motion carried unanimously.



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Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

- F. Confirmation of appointment to the Library Board: Erick Peterson, Position 4, 4-year term ending June 30, 2026

Councilor Peterson exited the dais and Mayor Drotzmann stated Councilor Peterson has a direct conflict of interest as Councilor Peterson is married to Erick Peterson. Councilor Barron moved and Councilor Myers seconded to approve Consent Agenda Item F. Motion carried unanimously.

Decision related to EOTEC Field Development

Luke Swanson and Josh Burns presented (PowerPoint Presentation attached) the HEROS at EOTEC, an 18-acre regional sports complex project proposed at Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center. The project has gained much support from the very generous community and have received commitments from various businesses and organizations that have the same mission and commitment to our youth and to help continue to grow Hermiston in a way that makes the community proud. Topics addressed included: the typical number of attendees at mid-sized tournaments which range from 6,000 to 8,000 people; the vendors, restaurants, hotels, and local businesses that would benefit from this facility; the local youth and adult sports clubs that would use the space when tournaments are not being held; the pledged water rights from Stanfield Irrigation District; Special Olympics and accessibility features; and more.

Mr. Swanson and Mr. Burns thanked all those who have worked hard to get to this point including City Manager Byron Smith and EOTEC General Manager Al Davis for providing so much valuable information, Bank of Eastern Oregon for allowing pledgers the opportunity to make payments, and Made to Thrive for their tremendous support.

Mayor Drotzmann asked EOTEC General Manager Al Davis if the presented plan lines up with the strategic plan that the EOTEC Committee and City have adopted.

EOTEC General Manager Al Davis stated yes, it addresses water, adding green space, and adding additional power and lights. Hermiston is in the middle of nowhere but in the middle of everything and people like to come to Hermiston for these types of sporting events. EOTEC could also schedule and provide indoor facility activities in conjunction with tournaments that are out of the elements, for families to enjoy while games are taking place on the fields, and/or allow other events to take place in the indoor event space that is separate from what is going on outside. There would be costs associated with the using the fields in an effort to recoup costs of staff time, lighting, etc. In speaking with SOZO Sports Complex, the presented budgeted numbers are accurate. Some expenses for the project are also already in EOTEC's budget, like mowing, etc. There would also be a partnership between HEROS, EOTEC, and the City's Parks and Recreation Department to keep the grounds up and address other items.

Mayor Drotzmann stated the City isn't trying to make this project into a moneymaker, but does need to recoup costs.

Mr. Swanson stated HEROS plans to charge a parking fee, which is typical in every tournament you attend, this will be a huge source of revenue.



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Councilor Barron thanked all those in the community who have helped grow this project and Hermiston in the right direction and making livability a priority.

Public Comment

Tasha Workman, Hermiston- stated she had previously seen lots of complains about the fairgrounds on Facebook and wanted to know if there are still issues.

EOTEC General Manager Al Davis stated things are improving with neighbors surrounding EOTEC.

After answering questions regarding handicap accessibility, shade, bathroom facilities, scheduling, finances, etc., and agreeing to present regular reports to the Council, Councilor Spicerkuhn moved and Councilor Barron seconded to move forward with field development as presented with an amendment to include accessibility features as addressed during the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing- Annexation- Pena 120 E Oregon Ave & 1650 NE North St 4N2802CB Tax Lots 5400 and 5500 (Ordinance No. 2339)

After hearing no declarations of conflict of interest from the Council, Planning Director Spencer read the hearing guidelines and Mayor Drotzmann opened the hearing at 8:17pm.

Planning Director Spencer gave information regarding the proposed annexation of 0.45 acres of land located at 120 E Oregon Ave and 1650 NE North St for an emergency connection to city sewer as outlined in the agenda packets staff report.

There were no proponents, opponents or neutral parties who wished to testify and the Hearing was closed at 8:20pm.

Planning Director Spencer presented the Findings of Fact as found in the agenda packet.

After some discussion, Councilor Davis moved and Councilor Hardin seconded to approve the Finding of Fact as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2339- Annexation of 120 E Oregon Ave & 1650 NE North St 4N2802CB Tax Lots 5400 and 5500

Assistant City Manager Morgan information regarding this Ordinance was presented during the Public Hearing.

Mayor Drotzmann requested that the first reading be by title only. Hearing no opposition, City Attorney Richard Tovey read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Drotzmann requested that the ordinance be put on for final adoption at this meeting and that the second reading be by title only. After City Attorney Richard Tovey read the ordinance by title only, Councilor Hardin moved and Councilor Davis seconded that Ordinance No. 2339 be adopted and become effective 30-days after adoption by the City Council. Motion carried unanimously.



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Ordinance No. 2340 - Declaring a Ban on Psilocybin Service Centers or Manufacture of Psilocybin in the City of Hermiston and Referral to Electors – City Attorney Tovey stated this information was supplied at the last City Council meeting. At that time, the Council directed staff to begin the process to refer this decision to the voters to opt-out. The Council has also received (attached) a corrected Ordinance, as well as the Notice of Ballot Title and Election.

Councilor Barron stated he may abstain from voting as he was not at the last meeting to hear the presentation.

Assistant City Manager Morgan stated information presented is always recorded and placed on the City's social media account and website for all to view at a later time if unable to view or participate live.

Mayor Drotzmann stated the Ordinance would allow the voters to decide whether or not to opt-out of the selling and administering of psilocybin. This is all something the entire Council felt very strongly about doing, allowing a vote of the people.

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Resolution 2235- NW 3rd Street Roadway Improvements Contract Award

Assistant City Manager Morgan gave information regarding awarding the NW 3rd Street Roadway Improvement Contract to Tapani, Inc. as the lowest bidder.

Councilor Barron moved and Councilor Davis seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2235 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

4th Quarter Investment Report FY2022

After some discussion, Councilor Davis moved and Councilor Hardin seconded to accept the 4th Quarter Investment Report as presented by Finance Director Mark Krawczyk. Motion carried unanimously.

June 2022 Financial Report

After some discussion, Councilor Peterson moved and Councilor Spicerkuhn seconded to accept the June 2022 Financial Report as presented by Finance Director Mark Krawczyk. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Public Safety Committee- Councilor Hardin stated the Committee met prior to the start of the City Council meeting and heard reports from the Police Department and Municipal Court. The Municipal Court presentation was a new addition to the Committee and gave very good insight on the happenings of that department. Councilor Hardin gave crime report information as presented during the Committee meeting and asked that Chief Edmiston present the transient report.



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Chief Edmiston stated there has been a significant increase of transient related activity, on day shift alone, 38% of all calls for service are transient related compared to 21% last year at this time. Regarding 125 W Cherry Ave as discussed during the Public Comment period, the Police Department is working with the Planning Department, Code Enforcement, and Parole and Probation regarding what can be done with the issues taking place in this area. Unfortunately, progressive decisions that continue to be made by our legislators tie our hands on what we are able to do and this directly impacts the livability of our community, which is very frustrating.

Mayor Drotzmann thanked Chief Edmiston for his efforts working on this issue and stated he hopes those who addressed these concerns were able to hear his response. Mayor Drotzmann asked if Chief Edmiston has ever spoken with legislators regarding these issues.

Chief Edmiston stated he has spoken with Representative Greg Smith.

Parks and Recreation Committee- Councilor Davis gave information regarding: Parks and Recreation Director Brandon Artz has secured fireworks to be displayed on the 4th of July next year, Developers renaming Hayfields to Prairie Meadows and the parks and recreation developments at this site, \$20,000 Splash Pad grant from the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Riverfront Park playground installation in August, picket fence installation completion at Funland Park, the Skate Adventure Park was not awarded the phase 2 grant, daily pool numbers show over 500 attend the Aquatic Center daily during the week and that number increases significantly during the weekend.

Recreation Project Fund Advisory Committee- Councilor Barron stated the Committee received a great application turnout with all requests being fulfilled. Parks and Recreation Director Brandon Artz will be looking into the awarded funding through COVID years.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Drotzmann spoke regarding:

- The extremely hot weather conditions and reminded the community of ways to be cool and keep people and pets safe
- Encouraged the public to attend the Fair and Rodeo August 10-13 and make sure to spruce up businesses and yards for all those traveling to Hermiston for this event
- Thanked the Chamber of Commerce for informing the Council of ribbon cuttings and grand opening events in the City
- Asked City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong to give information regarding the Umatilla County Fair Parade and the Councils participation
 - City Recorder Alarcon-Strong stated the Fair Parade is Saturday, August 6th at 6:30pm. The Library and Parks and Recreation mini train will be joining the Council this year.

Council Reports

None given.



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Youth Advisory Report

Advisor Gonzales Mendoza and Salazar reminded the community to keep hydrated and to especially care for animals during this weather and not leave them in cars or walk them on the hot pavement.

Assistant City Manager's Report

Assistant City Manager Morgan spoke regarding:

- Prairie Meadows Urban Renewal Agency Presentation at the next meeting
- Enterprise Zone abatement requests
- The City should take possession of the new City Hall by October 1st


Adjournment

Mayor Drotzmann adjourned the City Council meeting at 9:18pm as there was no other City business.



SIGNED: 

Dr. David Drotzmann, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Lilly Alarcon-Strong, CMC, City Recorder

HEROS at EOTEC



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✦ **HERMISTON OREGON SPORTSPLEX** ✦

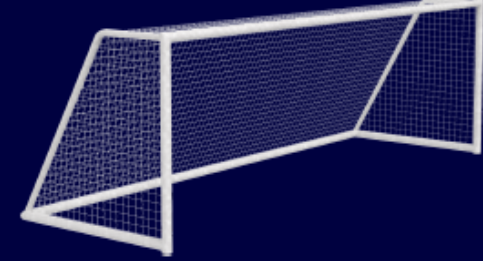


HEROS at EOTEC

Our Model



THE GOAL



WHAT?

- **HEROS at EOTEC** will be an 18-acre regional multi-sportsplex. Six full size lighted fields available for youth soccer, lacrosse, football and more in the Spring of 2023.



WHY?

- **HEROS at EOTEC** provides our youth a safe place to engage in healthy athletic activities. Currently, Hermiston does not have space to host tournaments, practices or events of this large scale.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT:



Regional location for Youth Activities and Tournaments



Community economic benefit can be **over \$1.2 million annually.**



On average, families travelling to sporting events **spend \$904 a weekend.**



83% of all tournament attendees spend money on dining, lodging and other local services.



OVER 100 TOURNAMENTS IN THE NORTHWEST A YEAR!



WHY NOT AT HEROS?



COST AND TIMELINE



Lighting - ***\$1.2 million***



Electrical - ***\$600,000***



Field Tools and Equipment - ***\$492,000***



Seed and Leveling - ***\$175,000***



Irrigation - ***\$150,000***



Total - ***\$2.6 million***



- July - **Funding and Secure Materials**
- August (Post Fair and Rodeo) - **Break Ground**
- September - **Leveling, Utilities**
- October - **Plant Grass**
- **Spring 2023 - GAME TIME!**

DONOR LEVELS



For \$15,000 pledges, will spread across 3 years
For \$25,000+ Pledges, will spread across 5 years



HALL OF FAME - \$100,000 and Above – Field Naming, Pennant Flag @ Donor Wall



ALL STAR - \$50,000 – 6”H x 18” Wide Customized Tile



ALL AMERICAN - \$25,000 – 6’H x 12”W Customized Tile



MVP - \$15,000 – 4”H x 8”W Tile



CAPTAIN - \$10,000 – 3”H x 6”W Tile

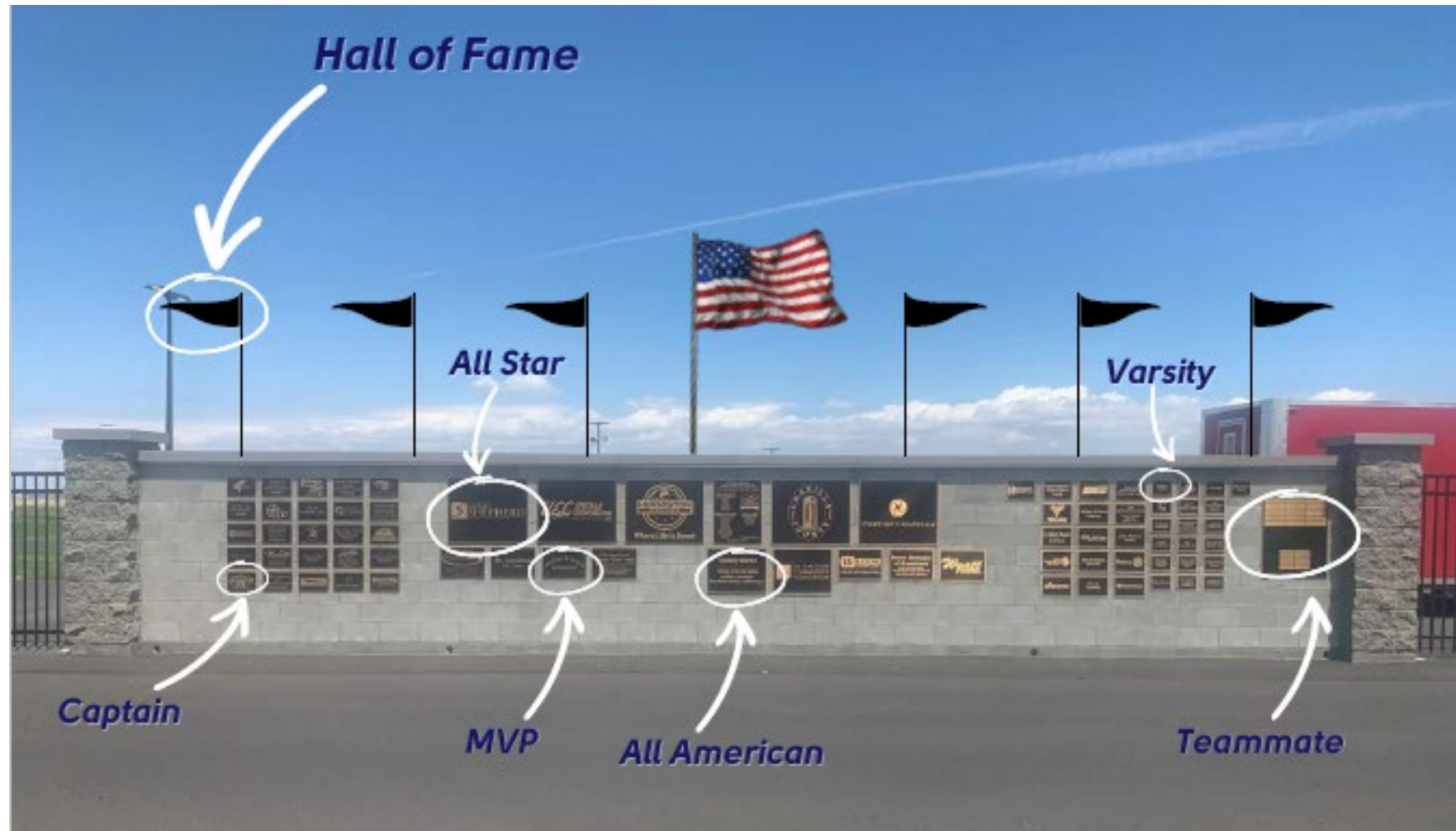


VARSITY - \$5,000 – 2”H x 4”W Tile



TEAMMATE - \$500 to \$4,999 – Name Featured on Plaque

DONOR WALL CONCEPT



QUESTIONS?

ORDINANCE NO. 2340

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A BAN ON PSILOCYBIN SERVICE CENTERS AND THE MANUFACTURE OF PSILOCYBIN PRODUCTS AND REFERRAL TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF HERMISTON FOR APPROVAL AT THE NEXT STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, in November 2020, Oregon voters approved Ballot Measure 109, known as the Oregon Psilocybin Service Act (codified at ORS 475A), which allows for the manufacture, delivery and administration of psilocybin at licensed facilities; and

WHEREAS, ORS 475A.235 provides that the Oregon Health Authority will regulate the manufacturing, transportation, delivery, sale and purchase of psilocybin products and the provision of psilocybin services in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Health Authority has initiated a rulemaking process to implement the state’s psilocybin regulatory program and intends to begin accepting applications for psilocybin-related licenses on January 2, 2023; and

WHEREAS, as of this date, the Oregon Health Authority has not completed the rulemaking process for implementing the state’s psilocybin regulatory program, and the City of Hermiston is uncertain how the manufacture, delivery and administration of psilocybin at licensed psilocybin facilities will operate within the city; and

WHEREAS, ORS 475A.718 provides that a city council may adopt an ordinance to be referred to the electors of the city prohibiting the establishment of state licensed psilocybin product manufacturers and/or psilocybin service centers in the area subject to the jurisdiction of the city; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to refer to the voters of the City of Hermiston the question of whether to establish a ban on state-licensed psilocybin product manufacturers and psilocybin service centers within the city’s jurisdictional boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HERMISTON ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Prohibition. The establishment of psilocybin product manufacturers licensed under ORS ~~275A.290~~ **475A-290** and psilocybin service centers licensed under ORS 475A.305 is prohibited in the City of Hermiston.
2. Referral. This ordinance is referred to the electors of the City of Hermiston for approval at the next statewide general election on November 8, 2022.

3. Effective Date. This ordinance takes effect and becomes operative 30 days after the day on which it is approved by a majority of voters.

PASSED by the Common Council this 25th day of July, 2022.

SIGNED by the Mayor this 25th day of July, 2022.

Dr. David Drotzmann, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Lilly Alarcon-Strong, CMC, CITY RECORDER

Notice of Receipt of Ballot Title and Election

Notice is hereby given that the City Elections Official, Lilly Alarcon-Strong, of the City of Hermiston has received a ballot title related to prohibiting psilocybin-related businesses on July 25, 2022 for the November 8, 2022 General Election. Any voter dissatisfied with the ballot title may file a petition for review in the Umatilla County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 12, 2022. Copies of the ballot title are available on the City of Hermiston's website, www.hermiston.or.us, or at Hermiston City Hall, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston, OR 97838.

The text of the ballot title is as follows:

CAPTION: Prohibits psilocybin-related businesses within the City of Hermiston.

QUESTION: Shall the City of Hermiston prohibit psilocybin-related businesses within the City?

SUMMARY: State law permits persons licensed, controlled and regulated by the State to legally manufacture psilocybin products and provide psilocybin services to persons 21 years of age and older. Psilocybin is a hallucinogenic chemical that is obtained from certain types of fresh and dried mushrooms. State law authorizes the governing bodies of cities and counties to adopt ordinances to be referred to the voters that prohibit the establishment of psilocybin product manufacturers and psilocybin service center operators within the area subject to the city or counties jurisdiction. The City of Hermiston is referring to the voters an ordinance prohibiting psilocybin product manufacturers and psilocybin service center operators within the City.

Approval of this measure would prohibit the establishment of psilocybin product manufacturers and psilocybin service center operators within the area subject to the jurisdiction of the City.