

Regular Agenda

Item 7.1

Presentation by Citizen

Subject to be presented: The Ban of K2/Cannabinoids

K2, Spice, or Dream are just a few of the names of herbal incense treated with synthetic marijuana (cannabinoids). Some of the more common cannabinoids are JWH-018, JWH-073, HU-210, HU-211 and CP 47,497. Currently this product can be purchased by anyone at convenience stores, novelty stores, and smoke shops. These products have sent 100s of people to the emergency rooms across Texas and the United States and may have been the cause of death for a Dallas teen August 10th of this year. I respectfully request the Abilene City Council consider the ban of selling K2/Cannabinoids.

Approximate time: presentation should take no more than 5 to 10 minutes followed by a question and answer period. It is difficult for me to determine the length of the question and answer period; I can provide several brief articles with a bullet point summary for each of the council people.

Date of City Council meeting: 1st available.

REASONS TO BAN K2/ SPICE

- **Doctors say it's 30 percent more potent than real weed.**
- **K2 Dangers include irregular heartbeat, seizures, increased blood pressure, and loss of consciousness.**
- **Vomiting, hallucinations, agitation, and dangerous behavior have been noted in conjunction to K2 use.**
- **K2 is popular among teenagers because it can be purchased in smoke shops with no age restrictions.**
- **Popular among prisoners on parole because it cannot be found in current drug tests.**
- **Because it hasn't been around long, doctors don't know the long-term side effects. So far, it's been linked to one death. Dr. Gaylor Lopez says, "This is incredibly dangerous. We've seen people with tremor's and even seizure activity."**
- **Neighboring states, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas have outlawed the drug.**
- **A May report in USA Today said there have been 352 K2 related cases in 35 states this year, based on reports from poison centers across the country. Alabama, Kansas and Kentucky have banned the substance.**
- **K 2 is infused with one or more synthetic cannabinoids — molecules that mirror the psychoactive properties in marijuana**
- **These synthetic cannabinoids stimulate the same receptors in the brain as tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the main ingredient in natural marijuana**
- **The cannabinoids' potency range from three times to hundreds of times the potency of THC.**
- **http://www.iowapoison.com/iapoison/pdfs/Ia_Hotline%20K2.pdf**
- **<http://www.k2dangers.com/>**
- **<http://www.kbtx.com/home/headlines/99602854.html>**



City Council
Agenda Memo

TO: Larry D. Gilley, City Manager
FROM: Mindy Patterson, Director of Finance *Mindy*
SUBJECT: Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing Preparation for Potential Issuance of Refunding Bonds
City Council
Meeting Date: 10/26/10

GENERAL INFORMATION

The City has the potential opportunity to realize debt service savings from refunding (refinancing) callable maturities at a lower interest rate. These maturities include certificates of obligation Series 2001A and 2002 and general obligation bonds Series 2001 and 2002.

George Williford with First Southwest Company will present refunding options for outstanding issues in the amount of \$21,295,000.

Prepared By: Name <u>Mindy Patterson</u> Title <u>Director of Finance</u>	Item No. <u>7.2</u>	Disposition by City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Other Ord/Res # _____ _____ City Secretary
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