



**PUBLIC HEALTH and SAFETY  
COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes**

June 15, 2019

6:00 PM 1 GOVERNMENT CTR. BALLWIN, MO 63011

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Alderman Finley – Chair  
Alderman Roach  
Alderman Fleming  
Alderman Kerlagon  
Mayor Pogue – Ex officio  
Andy Hixson  
Kevin Scott

Aldermen in Attendance  
Alderman Utt  
Alderman Ross  
Alderman Stallmann

3. New Business

a. Speaker

- i. Alderman Finley gave a brief overview of why the meeting was called; it was called over a growing concern about Kratom.
- ii. Chief Scott also gave a brief overview and introduced the speakers.
- iii. Jason Grellner, Director of Public Safety, Mercy Healthcare spoke opposing Kratom. He stated there have been multiple deaths related to it and the drug itself is highly unregulated. He recommended that we do not allow the sale of Kratom and that in the ordinance, the City ban it by the legal name (*Mitragyna speciosa*) of the plant.
- iv. Ken McManus, Director of Alliance for Healthy Communities, also spoke opposing Kratom. He stated that there is nothing regulating Kratom. Either with the manufacturing or the sale of it, including age restrictions.
- v. Jeffrey Altmann, Lobbyist for the American Kratom Association and CBD Kratom, spoke in favor of Kratom and stated he has been using it with positive effects for years.
- vi. Alderman Finley made a closing statement that he wanted to ban Kratom and any form of *Mitragyna speciosa*. Alderman Finley then called for another Public Health and Safety Committee before the August Board Meeting.

4. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.