



**MINUTES**  
**Committee on Public Safety**  
**Friday, October 7, 2016 @ 3:30 p.m.**  
**City Hall, Council Conference Room**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmember Carol Wood, Chair  
Councilmember Adam Hussain, Vice Chair-excused  
Councilmember Kathie Dunbar, Member

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff  
Elaine Womboldt, RSL  
Mary Ann Prince  
Council Member Washington  
Mark Dotson, Deputy City Attorney

Councilmember Wood informed the Committee that Ms. Vail with the Ingham County Health Department was invited to the meeting to update them on Lead Safe programs. Council Staff confirmed the appointment, but was then notified during the meeting that Ms. Vail was unable to attend and a new date of October 21, 2016 was proposed. Council Staff will update the Committee Chairperson once a confirmed has been received.

**MINUTES**

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DUNBAR TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Councilmember Wood informed the Committee that she is scheduling a meeting to consider an ordinance introduction and setting of a Public Hearing to repeal Chapter 1300. The Office of the City Attorney on October 4, 2016 notify the Planning Board he was asking Council to rely action for 60 days so they can review the State statue and look at requests from other outside groups and a Draft #7 presented to them from Dykema Law Firm.

There will be a Special Public Safety meeting at 6:30 p.m. on October 10, 2016 to set the public hearing to repeal the ordinance currently on the books that was passed in 2011. Councilmember Wood stated there are a number of concerns from the public because the City has an ordinance that they chose not enforce and now more so than ever with the State

passing their regulation we are receiving more calls from those wanting a license and the public stating we now need to begin to license.

Councilmember Dunbar asked Mr. Dotson about the "Draft #7" that the Planning Board had. Mr. Dotson stated he could not speak to that. Councilmember Wood clarified that "Draft #7" was not the version from this Committee, but from Dykema Law firm. Mr. Dotson acknowledged that he did not submit "Draft #7", and the City Attorney office did not draft it, so he could not confirm how the Planning Board got it. Councilmember Wood pointed out to Mr. Dotson that "Draft" #7 was edited in word format, which gave the permission it came from a word document from someone in the City.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Womboldt spoke about her concerns with the recent Planning Board Meeting, the process that occurred and lack of transparency in the City. Members of the community have sat for hours in hearing making suggestions and compromises in order to have an ordinance for the Planning Board to review and for their focus to be on a Draft that had never been vetted by the Public Safety Committee was unfair to the public and the Committee.

Councilmember Dunbar asked if the Planning Board saw the Committee's Draft #6A. Councilmember Wood confirmed that the Public Hearing the Planning Board was holding was on the ordinance Draft #6a that was referred to them; however they were presented with a "Draft 7" from an outside party which was in their packets giving the impression it was from Council. Council and the Committee had never seen Draft #7.

Ms. Prince asked for detail on the Planning Board meeting.

Councilmember Wood asked Mr. Dotson to be prepared at the next Committee meeting to have a list of all complaints made against the Medical Marihuana facilities that may have been opened after the moratorium, which should include their addresses; which ones what has been addressed with letters, meetings and if any determinations based on those meetings were made and if they were in violation or not in violation. Mr. Smiertka was also requested to be at that meeting.

Councilmember Dunbar asked if any outside agency, entity or representative can put something in front of the Planning Board. Councilmember Wood stated it is one thing to submit a document as part Public Hearing process, but another when the City Attorney references that document in his letter that is given to the Board before the meeting starts. She continued by noting that even if the Planning Board meets after the City Attorney requested 60 days, there is no time line to get ordinance passed in 2016. The City Attorney request for more time and questions from the Planning Board the vote was to table the matter. Council cannot take any action without a recommendation from the Planning Board. The Committee and Council has to receive their recommendation, but do not have to agree or disagree. They cannot move forward without that.

Council staff provided Councilmember Dunbar with a copy of the letter dated October 4, 2016 from the City Attorney and a copy of the outside agency "Draft #7".

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Lead Testing Updates

Later date.

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by, Sherrie Boak,  
Recording Secretary Lansing City Council  
Approved: October 21, 2016