



MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Monday, October 10, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney
Melea Bullock, Eaton RESA
Maureen Smith, Prevention Network
Elaine Womboldt, RSL
Kathy Miles, RSL
Jason Durham, NORMAL

Councilmember Wood called the meeting to order. There were no minutes for approval. Councilmember Wood explained the request to set a Public Hearing was for the purpose of repealing the ordinance adopted in 2011. Currently the City is not issuing any licenses under this ordinance. This has been confusing for public who are the assumption that there is ordinance in place because this is on the books. Due to bills recently signed by the Governor we are also getting injuries about applying for licenses because we have an ordinance that is part of the codified ordinance. This has nothing to do with the draft #6a ordinance that is under consideration currently.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Durham, National Organization for Reforming Medical Marihuana Law, introduced himself and stated he is pursuing a Chapter in Lansing, and currently has one in Ann Arbor. Spoke in support of an ordinance.

Ms. Miles spoke in support of the repealing the 2011 Ordinance on Medical Marihuana because it has never been and appears it cannot be enforced. Ms. Miles also stated that when Mr. Abood was Interim City Attorney he informed Council it was illegal could not be enforced.

Ms. Womboldt spoke in support of the repeal of the 2011 Ordinance on Medical Marihuana. This is confusing to the public when they are aware there is an ordinance on the books and we appear to be ignoring it.

Ms. Smith, representing the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition was present to observe.

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Councilmember Hussain acknowledged there was confusion in the public that there was an ordinance that was on the books that could not be enforced.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 1300, MEDICAL MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS.

Councilmember Wood asked if the ordinance will only require 5 day notice. Mr. Smiertka confirmed the Charter states no sooner than 5 days. Councilmember Wood then acknowledged the hearing date will be October 24, 2016.

MOTION CARRIE 3-0.

Councilmember Wood informed the Committee that at the Council meeting tonight she will be canceling the public hearing on the Medical Marihuana Ordinance Draft #6a that was scheduled for October 24, 2016. Council cannot act on this ordinance without a recommendation from the Planning Board and at this time the Planning Board has tabled this item. Members of the Board spoke about waiting the 60-days requested by the City Attorney and others talked about waiting until we had rules in place by the State. That could be up to 15 months.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned 6:40 p.m.

Submitted by, Sherrie Boak,

Recording Secretary Lansing City Council

Approved: October 21, 2016