



MINUTES
Special Meeting of the Committee on Public Safety
Tuesday, August 27, 2019 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room, 10th Floor

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Carol Wood, Chair
Council Member Patricia Spitzley, Vice Chair
Council Member Adam Hussain, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney
Amanda O'Boyle, Assistant City Attorney
Heather Sumner, Deputy Chief City Attorney
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney
Lisa Hagen, Council Legal Analyst
Jennifer Smith – Zande, Clerks Office
Mary Reynolds
Mary Ellen Purificato

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 20, 2019 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time

DISCUSSION/ACTION

DISCUSSION: Ordinance Amendments to Chapter 1300 Marihuana Establishments/Operations

Ms. Boak went through the following items in the document noted to be corrected:

Page 5 Line 106 – should be 1300.07

Page 47 Line 1160 – should be Chapter 622 not 662

Page 47 Line 1167 – should be Section 1300.04 not 1300.14 (a)

Page 49 Lines 1215-1217 was corrected in and earlier email from OCA to remove “unless given immediate effect”

Page 46-47 Lines 1143-1146 and 1163-1168; The OCA clarified that even though “caps” represents new language and since it was determined not to include it, the OCA did a “strike-thru” instead of deleting completely so the Committee could see it did come out.

Ms. O'Boyle corrected page 43, Lines 1067-1068 which should have been formatted to "caps" on "including but not limited to any".

The Committee briefly discussed the buffering changes in 1300.10 page 41 lines 1006-1018 and the OCA presented a map depicting those buffered areas. ~~The OCA~~ Ms. O'Boyle stated the OCA did not advise the Committee to go with the 1000' based on the zoning; and the current zoning proposal eliminates all options., as the Committee earlier wanted. Council Member Spitzley stated her support of the 1,000 ft. buffer. Mr. Smiertka stated there is a concept in the law, and that is what the OCA is working under, but it makes it difficult and presents a risk. Council Member Spitzley confirmed a micro business can be in zoned Heavy and Light Industrial, and recommended the question the Committee should look at on the maps would be if the zoning is there, and the goal is not to find empty locations, but is there zoning appropriate to allow for that business to happen. Council Member Hussain stated he had no issues with the proposed 1,000 ft. buffering.

Council Member Wood asked the OCA to confirm that everything the Committee asked for was in the Ordinance and who would be presenting to the Planning Board to make sure they are aware they are only to review and make recommendations on the zoning portion. Mr. Smiertka confirmed and stated they will be advised that they are restricted to reviewing only the zoning and restrict to that recommendation.

Council Member Wood then outlined the next steps, first stating that they will take the recommendation from the Planning Board at the September 5th Committee meeting and can choose to incorporate it or not, and then set the public hearing for 9/30/2019. Council will then set the hearing on 9/9/2019 for 9/30/2019. The Committee of the Whole will review the Ordinance at their 9/23/2019 meeting. The Ordinance will have to hold its hearing and be adopted on 9/30/2019 so there is 30 days before adoption. This would make the November 1, 2019 deadline by the State.

Council Member Wood then asked the OCA to provide a clean copy of the ordinance to Susan Stachowiak to provide to the Planning Board and to include the Committee in that email. Mr. Smiertka advised his staff to change the header on the latest version from Committee to "Public Safety Committee Draft #".

Other

Council Member Wood briefly opened a discussion on issues with social clubs, and if there was the ability to license a social club. Mr. Smiertka confirmed he is meeting with Chief Green on that subject. The Committee provided locations of concern including MLK/REO, 48808 S Waverly, Pierson/MLK and Pleasant Grove

Ms. Reynolds asked the Committee to consider billing any labor charges from the LPD to the owner of a property when they are enforcing a violation on that property.

Council Member Spitzley stated she would not be at the September 5, 2019 Committee meeting, but concurs with the Ordinance language as written as of this meeting.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak,

Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved as amended per a request from Assistant City Attorney Amanda O'Boyle: 9/19/2019