

SYNOPSIS
MEDICAL MARIHUANA FACILITIES LICENSING ACT WORKSHOP
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017 10:00 A.M. - NOON

WELCOME:

Assistant City Manager Susan Montenegro opened the workshop with an overview of today's workshop. A Sign in Sheet and Handouts were available.

The following City Council Members and Planning Commission Members were introduced:

City Council: Elaine Greenway, Daniel Law and Robert Teich
Planning Commission: Michelle Collison, Janae Fear, Daniel Law, Chairman William Wascher
City Staff: Scott Gould (Attorney with Bill Brown's office), Recording Secretary Tanya Buckelew

Ms. Montenegro went through the PowerPoint Presentation which included the new state law and the different medical marihuana facility licenses.

Citizen Comment Period:

- Joyce Enlow, Owosso Resident, is against the facilities in Owosso. She asked if the City could do a survey to all residents to get an overall poll.
- Denise Pollicella, Attorney from Pollicella & Associates in Howell, is an advocate of the law. This is part B of the 2008 law. It is meant to make medical marihuana safe.
- Michael Stine, Attorney and is involved with LARA on various boards. He explained the requirements of those wanting to be licensed. This includes criminal background checks, no bankruptcies, must have financial ability to operate one of these licenses with business experience and good moral character. He also explained how this will generate good economic activity. This is not recreational, must have card and must have card to enter locations, so kids just can't walk in.
- Allen Vandever, Caregiver/Grower wants the licensing here to grow. Stated there are locations available in the City. Teens are dying from opiates but have not died from marihuana.
- Mark Hanna, Attorney, is for this industry in the City. Growth, population and money spent here. Thinks the City should opt in. Real estate in the town is favorable for this type.
- Poll was taken of those present.
- 8 residents attended and all 8 are in favor of all 5 types of licenses.
- Discussion held on distance requirements. Currently on the books: no facility can be located within 1000 feet of another facility and cannot be located within 500 feet of churches, schools. As of 12/15/17 this is no longer effective. A determination will need to be made as to whether to keep current distance or lessen the restrictions.
- Poll taken: allow types 1 – 4 in business districts – 7 out of 8.
- Poll taken: allow all 5 types in industrial – 8 out of 8.
- The Planning Commission will review the information and possibly compile a couple of draft ordinances for the public to review.

Public Workshop ended at 11:00 a.m.

Recording Secretary,
Tanya S. Buckelew