

CITY OF BURTON
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 30, 2010, 5:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Chairwoman Paula Zelenko called the Legislative Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Zelenko, Wells and Haskins.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Atty. R. Austin, A. Frost DPW Representative, and J. Anderson
Clerk Typist.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Discussion and possible action regarding the proposed Ordinance 2010__157, concerning the Michigan Marijuana Act.

PRESENTATION:

Ms. Frost stated a few changes have been made to the proposed ordinance. They were based on what the audience asked for concerning unrelated caregivers, a maximum number of 1,300 sq. feet for each caregiver, zoning for special use in the C-2 and non-special use in the industrial.

Mr. Austin acknowledged the changes have been made and he has provided the proposed ordinance tonight.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Lori Miller, 1255 Brabbs St., questioned whether the zoning ordinance will affect those that use their homes for personal use or only those looking for commercial use.

Ms. Frost replied this ordinance will not restrict the residential caregivers, only commercial enterprises.

Jeremy Rupinski, 12164 Dodge Rd, stated he agrees with the changes that have been made. He believes that this will shake itself out as we proceed with the first couple of clubs and/or dispensaries. Mr. Rupinski asked if the city would try to regulate these businesses regarding inventory.

Mr. Austin responded that this type of inspection would never be done by the DPW. It would be more of a police matter.

Mr. Rupinski asked further if we have established fees for the zoning ordinance.

Ms. Frost replied the planning commission special use fee is \$600. An administrative site plan review for commercial is \$40 in a plaza and \$75 in a free-standing building. There is also a \$100 inspection fee for any new business.

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COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Mr. Wells stated he feels we have covered all the changes that were discussed at the last legislative meeting. Mr. Wells asked Mr. Rupinski if there is anything that he could enlighten the council on since he is the Genesee County chairman for medical marijuana clubs.

Mr. Rupinski responded that he thinks the City of Burton is on the right path with this ordinance and he agrees with the ordinance the City has provided.

Mr. Haskins asked why these clubs are necessary.

Mr. Rupinski replied that they a non-profit organization that provides patients with a safe place to get medical marijuana and/or products along with doctor recommendations and education to accommodate the patients needs; being that there are so many patients that do not know the ways to medicate or different alternatives to smoking.

Mr. Haskins inquired further as to why the clubs are necessary for patients to medicate.

Mr. Rupinski replied that a pharmacy gives exact instructions the patient is to use, but marijuana is a plant that could work differently on different people, where pills are taken and marijuana can be consumed in many ways and the clubs would give the ability for people to get a variety of products containing marijuana to fit their needs.

Mr. Haskins asked why doctors don't prescribe more specifically for patients.

Mr. Rupinski replied that marijuana can work differently depending on the person or the quality of the plant, that being said, doctors do not prescribe marijuana, they recommend the use.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Wells moved and Haskins seconded the following motion:

1. The Legislative Committee recommends sending this ordinance to the Planning Commission.
Motion carried, 3-0

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

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