

City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 8, 2017

7:00 PM

Work Session

**Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second floor, City Council
Chambers**

City Council

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the Work Session of the Ann Arbor City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron Street.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Present: 10 - Councilmember Jane Lumm, Councilmember Sumi Kailasapathy, Councilmember Chuck Warpehoski, Councilmember Jack Eaton, Mayor Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Julie Grand, Councilmember Kirk Westphal, Councilmember Zachary Ackerman, Councilmember Chip Smith and Councilmember Jason Frenzel

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Graydon Krapohl

WS WORK SESSION**WS-1 [17-0660](#) Michigan Medical Marijuana Regulation: Legislative Update**

City Attorney Stephen K. Postema updated City Council regarding the changes to the Michigan Medical Marijuana legislation at the State, which will take effect in December 2017. He spoke about the current City ordinance and the changes that may be necessary if the City wants to issue licenses under the new State law. Mr. Postema noted that the City's current ordinance is obsolete due to the changes in the new law.

A copy of the City Attorney's presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Derek Delacourt, Community Services Area Administrator, updated Council on the work of the Medical Marijuana Ordinance Review Committee, noting that the Committee is on track to provide a revised ordinance recommendation to City Council by June 30.

Councilmember Ackerman requested information regarding the staff time to process permit applications and the breakdown of cost recovery. Mr. Postema noted that up to \$5000 per permit can be collected by the City under the new law.

Councilmembers discussed zoning issues regarding the location and

use of the permits.

Councilmembers discussed whether the ordinance should limit the number of permits or the number of dispensaries allowed in a certain area.

Councilmember Eaton asked how many current dispensaries are operating in the City. He also inquired if the current numbers, or if increased numbers, would create a burden on law enforcement. Mr. Postema noted that several dispensaries have gone out of business that were problematic in the past. Mr. Delacourt stated that the AAPD, AAFD and County Sheriff had all come to the Committee meetings to discuss potential future issues that may need to be considered with any ordinance changes.

Mayor Taylor asked about the revenue sharing and which types of facilities are included in the sales tax share.

Councilmember Lumm asked how many registered patients are in the City.

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PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL (3 MINUTES EACH)

Matthew Berkey addressed the question regarding growing and processing in the City. He stated that current dispensaries have relationships with growers to ensure quality. Under the new law, if growers are not allowed, a secure transporter will be needed to transport medical cannabis from outlying areas that allow growers. He noted that the restriction of grower licenses will raise prices for consumers.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Warpehoski, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the Work Session adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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