

This Public Hearing was called to order on Monday, December 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. by John Ruediger, Council President. Mr. Ruediger asked for a moment of silence and asked everyone to remember those who lost their lives or were injured in the Amtrak train derailment early today in Washington. He also reminded everyone during this holiday season that it cost nothing to be a good person. Mayor Broska led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: John Ruediger, Jon Hannan, Chuck Kocisko, Jessica Timmons, Carmen Laudato, Julie Field

ABSENT: Bridget Pavlick

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Broska, Mayor  
Paul Janis, Law Director  
Kevin Grimm, Fire Captain  
Troy Beaver, Police Lieutenant  
Jenny Esarey, Finance Director  
Bill Miller, Service Director  
John Cieszkowski, Planning Director  
Rob Peters, Economic Development Director  
Greg Mytinger, Parks and Recreation Director  
Shawna Lockhart-Reese, HR Manager  
Caroline Kremer, Clerk of Council

**MOTION: TO EXCUSE MRS. PAVLICK.**

Moved by Mrs. Field, seconded by Ms. Timmons. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

T-6427 Zoning Text Amendments for Medical Marijuana Related Uses [amended]

Ms. Laudato reviewed the chart provided by Mr. Janis. Mr. Janis clarified for her that the recommendation from the Planning Commission came to Council as an ordinance, then City Council amended the ordinance in committee to this version that was before Council today. Because City Council departed from the recommendation of the Planning Commission this ordinance would require 2/3 majority of Council to pass. This was for amendments to the Zoning Code text, not the moratorium; this was for the final rules for medical marijuana.

Mr. Janis further clarified that there were four different types of medical marijuana businesses that were recognized by the State law as being permissible in Ohio. Of those four, cultivators, processors and dispensaries were completely prohibited by this ordinance and State law allowed the City to engage in that prohibition. The fourth type of medical marijuana business was testing laboratories, and the law was silent/vague on whether or not the City could prohibit testing laboratories simply based on the fact that they tested medical marijuana among other things that they might test. The Streetsboro Code already recognized testing laboratories as being permitted uses in certain districts and this proposal would simply carry that forward and wherever there was a testing laboratory permitted, if that laboratory would chose to engage in testing of medical marijuana, they would be permitted to do so because the Streetsboro Code didn't make that differentiation now.

Mrs. Laudato asked for clarification of the proposal that had come forward from Planning Commission since that had initially been presented to the previous Council. Mr. Janis explained that the proposal from Planning Commission had prohibited cultivators completely but had allowed up to two dispensaries in the entire City and did not limit the amount of processors.

Mrs. Field wanted to make some comments on this topic before there was a vote. Mr. Ruediger clarified that T-6427 had already had First Reading, this was the Public Hearing, it

could not have a vote or reading at tonight's Special Council Meeting because there needed to be ten days between each of the three readings, so there would need to be a Special Council Meeting for the Second Reading prior to the next meeting in January for the Third Reading.

Mrs. Field appreciated the previous discussions on this topic prior to the new Council Members joining City Council. She noted it had been previously mentioned that at the federal level these activities remained illegal although it had not been enforced federally. She also thought it was important to note what the surrounding communities and cities had chosen to do. Mr. Cieszkowski clarified that Hudson and Aurora had moved to prohibit. He didn't think it was the same in Twinsburg, but he didn't know what restrictions they had in place. Mrs. Field commented that of course Streetsboro was unique but other communities that were nice communities had done some good things in their communities. She appreciated what Streetsboro had and she thought it was the right thing for our community at this time.

Mr. Kocisko recused himself from the medical marijuana subject totally.

There being no further business to be addressed during this Public Hearing, and upon motion by Mrs. Field, seconded by Ms. Timmons, this meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

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John Ruediger, President of Council