A special meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, December 18, 2017 at 6:15 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall. The purpose of this meeting was to consider the introduction of an ordinance to permit the continued temporary operation of certain medical marihuana facilities pursuant to State regulatory rule.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell
Vice Mayor Erin Knott
David Anderson
Don Cooney
Eric Cunningham
Shannon Sykes
Jack Urban

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Jim Ritsema, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Action Items

Discussion Topics/Action Items were considered next.

First Reading of an Ordinance re: the Temporary Operation of Medical Marihuana Facilities

City Attorney Robinson explained the background behind a proposed ordinance that would allow medical marihuana facilities to continue operating in the City of Kalamazoo until the City Commission adopted an ordinance to allow such facilities to be licensed under the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA).

In response to questions from Commissioner Anderson, City Attorney Robinson confirmed the proposed ordinance would not override any future City ordinances regarding medical marijuana facilities. City Attorney Robinson noted the entire ordinance would sunset in June, and a temporarily licensed facility would need to apply for a permanent state operating license by February 15, 2018, if the Commission had adopted an ordinance by that date allowing such facilities to operate in the City.

When an opportunity was given for citizen comments on this item, the following people addressed the City Commission:

> Jevin Weyenberg, non-resident, spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance and thanked City Attorney Robinson for all of his work on the group of medical marihuana ordinances that were being proposed. Mr. Weyenberg invited Commissioners to Lake Effect, his medical marihuana dispensary in Portage.
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> Linda Palmatier, non-resident and the owner of The Spott testing laboratory, expressed support for the proposed ordinance and thanked the City Commission for considering it on such short notice.

Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Sykes, moved to offer for first reading an ordinance to permit the temporary continued operation of certain medical marihuana facilities in the City.

First Reading of an Ordinance re: the Temporary Operation of Medical Marihuana Facilities (cont'd)

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cooney, Cunningham, Sykes, Urban, Vice Mayor Knott, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Citizen Comments

An opportunity was given for general citizen comments, but no comments were offered.

City Commissioner Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for miscellaneous comments and concerns of City Commissioners, but no comments were offered.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on January 16, 2018

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: January 16, 2018