

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huron, Ohio was called to order by Mayor Brad Hartung on Tuesday January 8, 2019 at 6:30p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall, 417 Main Street, Huron, Ohio.

The Mayor called for a moment of silence. After the moment of silence, the Mayor led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and then directed the Clerk to call the roll. The following members of Council answered present: **Rick Schaffter, Trey Hardy, Christine Crawford, Brad Hartung, Joe Dike, and Glen Ginesi. Members absent: Sam Artino.**

Also present: City Manager Andy White, City Engineer/Zoning Inspector Doug Green, Parks and Recreation Operations Manager Doug Steinwart, Sergeant Nate Orzech, HFD Captain Mike Hohler, and Management Services Coordinator-Clerk of Council Christine Gibboney.

Motion by Mr. Schaffter to excuse Mr. Artino from the meeting. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Schaffter, Hardy, Crawford, Hartung, Dike, Ginesi (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed and Mr. Artino excused.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Dike that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 27, 2018 be approved as printed and received. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being no discussion, he directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Dike, Ginesi, Schaffter, Hardy, Crawford, Hartung (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Audience Comments

- Mayor Hartung read a letter from Amy McKinley, 2014 Bogart Road (attached and made part of the minutes) relative to the lights at Mucci Farms and the effect the light pollution is having on the community, environment, her concern for the future with the addition of more greenhouses, and urging action by the city to rectify the issue.
- Lori Suter, 811 Bogart. Ms. Suter provided information on her family home and the impact that Mucci Farms light pollution is having on her family and the community, citing the lack of public input from the community in allowing the farm to come into the city as well as referencing the same with OPC. She also referenced the jobs promised by Mucci Farms which she stated have not materialized. Ms. Suter referenced light trespassing, environmental effects, effects to people, animals and property values, and referencing her belief that it is too late for Council to fix the problem at this point.

- Rick Scheel, 4520 Galloway Road. Mr. Scheel noted he lives 3.16 miles from Mucci Farms, reporting on the light pollution affecting him and noting Council must protect the citizens from this pollution. He reported being able to see the glow from Mucci Farms at 3pm in the afternoon on Rye Beach Road. He urged Council to protect the community.
- Shawn Bickley, 128 Richland Ave. Mr. Bickley referenced the animals reacting to the light pollution at 3am. He noted the numerous complaints that have been reported to the city and noting that people want something done now and referencing concern for the future phases. He spoke of devalued property around the facility.
- Pat Koch, Wexford Drive. Ms. Koch referenced the effect on the birds, noting the birds are no longer around and referenced the DarkSky.org to find information on the effects of light pollution to people, animals, and the environment. She asked Council to consider whether or not to let Mucci Farms expand, noting the lighting problem has to be solved.
- Rebekah Cupp, 2401 Bogart Road. Ms. Cupp inquired about an environmental impact report. The Mayor advised there was not a report. She reported that Mucci Farms has been contacting local area farms asking them not to use fertilizers or pesticides, which they need, as these may damage Mucci's crops. She asked about the impact to their property values and how will they be compensated. She inquired as to the lack of notice to surrounding property owners about Mucci Farms, citing other instances where notices must be provided. She referenced a Register article in 2016 that mentioned negotiations with Mucci Farms for at least a year and questioning why the community wasn't informed early. Mayor Hartung explained that notices are required to neighbors within 150', per the code, when a change to zoning is requested, noting in the case of Mucci Farms, the parcel was already agricultural, there was no change to zoning being requested. She did question why no environmental impact study was done and thought this was required. The Mayor noted there was not a study done, but commented that he has talked to an environmentalist since as well as many farmers and has had Mr. White research the ordinances to look into the creation of an ordinance to regulate lighting. He noted Mucci Farms had told the city that there would be no light visible and acknowledging that this has not been the case, adding that the city must do something to address the issue. He noted that he would like to propose to Council that the city hire outside legal counsel immediately to get started on drafting legislation as early as the next meeting and would also like to propose a moratorium on any more greenhouses going forward until the city can have an environmental impact study done which would be paid for by the city.
- Scott Schlessman, Rye Beach Road. Mr. Schlessman noted that as far as regulations, he believes light emission should be restricted beginning at sundown, not any later. He referenced that he would not have built his home in the location had he know this business was coming in, also expressing concern for the lack of public information early on. He referenced the affect the light is having on his family and his animals. He inquired about the origin of the funds for the substation and substation property purchase. The Mayor noted the city appropriated the money for substation and the property purchase through legislation. The Mayor referenced Huron Public Power (HPP) and explained the city currently receipts enough revenue through HPP to cover the note on the substation.
- Mary Kay Schlessman, 1212 Bogart Road. Ms. Schlessman, Chairman of the Huron Township Zoning Board, explained that she did not know anything about Mucci Farms until it was a done deal. She acknowledged what the Mayor stated was correct relative to zoning and agricultural use; but added that had it been done through the Township and under the Township regulations and oversight, there would not be the issues there are today. She stated that the city did not come to the Township to inform them, suggesting underhandedness in the way this was handled. She referenced the article in the newspaper about the jobs Mucci Farms would be bringing, stating that only 40 or so local people are working there. She noted the city has to make this right for the

residents of the community stating that many in the community are ready to take legal action against the city and Mucci Farms.

- Shaun Bickley, 128 Richland Ave. Mr. Bickley referenced the legislation on the agenda relative to the expansion of the bed tax to transient rentals. He referenced his previous comments on the matter and asked Council to reconsider adoption of this ordinance, noting it is an unfair tax to rental property owners and referenced he has spoken to many other rental property owners who are against this. He explained that the 7% is too large a tax to impose. He commented on the use of bed tax proceeds referencing several projects by Lake Erie Shores and Islands including the Water Tower and advertising islands in Sandusky.
- Monty Tapp, McKinley Street. Mr. Tapp inquired as to the status of the OPC lawsuit noting that there was supposed to be a phone conference per the court docket. Mr. White replied there was no phone conference, but there will be a conference call with the Court Magistrate, noting City Council has endorsed its position to refuse to allow the use of the Burger King facility, referencing the zoning in place and also referencing the business regulations requiring an application explaining that the city has not been provided this. Mr. White reported that as soon as the city receives information about proceedings through the court, he would let the public know through City Council and invited Mr. Tapp to contact him with any questions.
- Sandy Legando, Cleveland Road West. Ms. Legando referenced comments made by Councilman Hardy and later by Mr. White relative to discussions she has had with them regarding people who address Council under Audience Comments. She stated people who speak under audience comments in Council meetings are then talked about and mocked on Wednesday mornings by Administration and Council and questioned the leadership of those participating in these discussions referencing the public is making comments due to the lack of public information that had been provided by Administration and City Council.

Old Business

Ordinance 2018-32

Motion by Mr. Hardy that Ordinance 2018-32 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 189.02-DEFINITIONS, 189.03-IMPOSITION OF TAX, 189.07-STATEMENT AND CHARGE OF TAX, AND 189.08-REGISTRATION; ALL OF CHAPTER 189 LODGING TAX OF THE CITY OF HURON CODIFIED ORDINANCES) be placed upon its third and final reading. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hardy, Crawford, Hartung, Dike, Ginesi, Schaffter (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being four votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed and Ordinance 2018-32 placed upon its third reading. The Mayor directed the City Manager to read the Ordinance by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White explained this ordinance has been read at two previous meetings and came as a result of the expansion of bed tax from the County Auditor to incorporate transient rental property. Mr. White explained the city currently receipts approximately \$17,000 annually from bed tax collections from hotels, noting the money goes into the General Fund and then designated to the Parks & Recreation Fund. He referenced conversations with the Mayor regarding the fact that many VRBO's have already been rented for 2019 and due to this a waiver or moratorium for a year on the implementation has been discussed. He also referenced discussion of getting the perspective of a committee comprised of local property rental owners, or additional language to be added to the ordinance to allow administration a case by case approach for 2019. The Mayor discussed the issue that many of these types of rentals are already booked and that the ordinance could be tabled, amended, or a moratorium issued and suggested that he would like to have the

time to talk to owners and to establish and earmark the use of the revenue from the tax. The Mayor and Mr. White suggested that the next ordinance relating to the rental registration program would be recommended for adoption in order to provide the city information on the volume of rentals and to be able to then have a better estimate of revenue from such a tax if/when it passes. In response to member's questions, Mr. White explained the county will go forward with the 4% tax to these rentals, but believes until the city passes legislation the 3% for the city would not be collected. Mr. White explained the options that Council could consider including tabling and ordering in legislation to create a moratorium, allowing time to get the perspective from rental property owners. Mr. Schaffter supported tabling the legislation for discussion of a plan for the earmarking of the revenue. Mr. Ginesi noted this matter has been a topic of discussion for years, most recently for the last two years, has been discussed and vetted thoroughly, referencing taxes to transient rentals being standard around the country and stating it would serve no purpose to delay adoption. He explained members have discussed extensively the increase in population in the summer from the rentals and the impact and cost incurred by the city with regard to safety services and noted this anticipated income was earmarked and included in the adopted budget and he would not support delaying this legislation.

Motion by Mr. Dike to table Ordinance 2018-32 for further discussion. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Dike, Schaffter, Hartung (3)

NAYS: Ginesi, Hardy, Crawford (3)

There being a 3-3 vote, the motion failed. There being no further comments or discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Ordinance 2018-32. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hardy, Crawford, Ginesi (3)

NAYS: Hartung, Dike, Schaffter (3)

There being a 3-3 vote, Ordinance 2018-32 failed.

Ordinance 2018-33

Motion by Mr. Hardy that Ordinance 2018-33 (AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 1369-ROOMING HOUSES OF THE CITY OF HURON CODIFIED ORDINANCES; AND REPLACING IT WITH CHAPTER 1369-RENTAL REGISTRATION OF THE CITY OF HURON CODIFIED ORDINANCES) be placed upon its third and final reading. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hardy, Crawford, Hartung, Dike, Ginesi, Schaffter (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being four votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed and Ordinance 2018-33 placed upon its third reading. The Mayor directed the City Manager to read the Ordinance by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White explained this ordinance will establish a rental registration program and fee, requiring inspections, providing data information relative to rentals, and provide a 24 month rental license certification. He noted the program is supported by the Health Department, and endorsed by Administration. Ms. Crawford noted this was vetted through the Safety Committee as well. There being no further comments or discussion, the Mayor

directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Ordinance 2018-33. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hardy, Crawford, Hartung, Dike, Ginesi, Schaffter (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Ordinance 2018-33 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect thirty days from adoption.

Ordinance 2018-34

Motion by Mr. Dike that Ordinance 2018-34 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 905.1-INSPECTIONS FOR DEFECTIVE CONDITIONS, 905.2-NOTICE TO CORRECT DEFECTS, AND ADOPTING SECTIONS 905.7-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS BY COUNCIL, AND 905.8 ENFORCEMENT; ALL OF CHAPTER 905 CULVERTS, DRAINS AND DITCHES OF THE CITY OF HURON CODIFIED ORDINANCES.) be placed upon its third and final reading. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Dike, Ginesi, Schaffter, Hardy, Crawford, Hartung (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being four votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed and Ordinance 2018-33 placed upon its third reading. The Mayor directed the City Manager to read the Ordinance by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White explained this ordinance was established in response to the concerns of a citizen. He explained the ordinance will provide authorization for the city to enforce maintenance efforts of ditches, noting the ordinance will take effect in 30 days. The Mayor referenced that he and Mr. Ginesi met and walked the ditch line with Mr. Weyer to understand the issues he had raised. Mr. White noted the city had reached out to Erie County relative to maintenance of these areas, but the county ceases maintenance efforts at the city limits. There being no further comments or discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Ordinance 2018-34. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Dike, Ginesi, Schaffter, Hardy, Crawford, Hartung (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Ordinance 2018-34 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect thirty days from adoption.

New Business

Resolution 2019-1

Motion by Mr. Schaffter that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2019-1 (A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN ADVANCE PAYMENT OF THE CURRENT COLLECTION OF TAXES DUE THE CITY OF HURON) be placed upon its first reading. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Schaffter, Hardy, Crawford, Hartung, Dike, Ginesi (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed on suspension of the rules. The Mayor directed the City Manager to read the Resolution by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White explained this is an annual resolution requesting advanced payment of taxes due the city by the county. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2019-1. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Schaffter, Hardy, Crawford, Hartung, Dike, Ginesi (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 2019-1 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

City Manager's Discussion

- **Mucci Farms Light Pollution:** Mr. White referenced articles and information distributed to Council referencing lights. He referred to the article and response to the community from Mucci Farms regarding the instances of error and the issue of working out the kinks in the system, but confirming the screens themselves do eliminate light pollution. Mr. White referenced the unusually mild temperatures and the need for venting so as not to have damage to their product. Mr. White explained when the project initiated it was not in the city, and the city did not have enforcement oversight, noting that the city actually has more oversight today over Phase II and Phase III than what exists within the Township, noting that the project itself was agricultural and per the code, there were very limiting factors that the Township could have enforced relative to an agricultural parcel. He then recapped the process of annexation and noted the lengthy period of time it took to get through the process referencing the state involvement, public presentations at the city and Huron Township Trustee meetings. He reviewed the process for Phase II and III which will include through the Planning Commission and for the need for regulations. He referenced that since the last meeting and over the holidays, he has had several conversations with the owners of Mucci Farms and strongly expressed that a solution is needed and explaining they have stated they are testing an exhaust system in Leamington. He also noted that he is working on draft legislation for Section 509.10 of the city code to specify regulations for lighting emissions for Large Wholesale Greenhouse Growers. He referenced that Mucci Farms had told the city that all light pollution would be blocked with the shades, and explained that this is true when the shades are closed, but what needs to be addressed is the period when the shades are opened. He commented that Phase II & III will depend on results to this current issue and referenced he would be consulting legal counsel to get oversight on regulations. Mr. White explained that Mucci Farms came to the city because of the low cost of power and referenced the grid and usage, noting that they do use natural light, but if it is overcast then lights are used in the daytime, and reference the period of use being October through April. He explained that the city has to establish regulations, penalties, and fines to address the issue and acknowledging that the city hears the public with regard to the concerns and complaints.

Questions by Members:

Mr. Dike asked for details on the meeting with Mucci Farms, and suggested a summary of the audience comments be provided to Mucci Farms. Mr. White explained a meeting with Mucci officials would be held on January 15th. Mr. Dike asked for status of the OPC lawsuit and the mid-term pay issue. Mr. White noted one settlement conference has been held with regard to the OPC issue, but explained nothing definitive at this point. In regard to the mid-term Council pay raises, Mr. White noted the city is awaiting final word from Attorney Chris Jones as to the invoice of the exact amounts due and stated he understands all three parties are interested in taking care of their debts. Mr. Dike commented that he believes Human Resources services are needed for the city; Mr. White agreed, stating he is looking at contracted services

for this function. Mr. Dike asked if legislation could be on the next agenda for greenhouse lighting. The Mayor noted the city does not have legal oversight at this time and therefore believes the city needs to hire outside legal counsel immediately to assist with this issue and also advised it might not be possible to introduce this legislation as an emergency as it may need to go through the full three readings. Mr. White noted he could request outside legal services to assist with this matter.

Motion by Mr. Dike to order in legislation to address the light pollution and to direct the City Manager to retain a law firm for counsel in this matter. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Dike, Ginesi, Schaffter, Hardy, Crawford, Hartung (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed.

Mayor's Discussion

- **Transparency-Audio of meetings:** Following a meeting with a resident, the Mayor noted his support of the posting of audio of all meetings to the website for the benefit of the public. He stated he would like this available on the city website by the end of the first quarter. Mr. White noted staff had met with BIS, the company which provides the recording software system, and a proposal has been received and being reviewed. A report can be provided at the next meeting.
- **Work Session of Council:** Asked members for input on a joint work session with committees or if Council preferred to meet alone first and then have a joint meeting. Discussion ensued between members about the proper work flow of ideas through various work sessions and committees, and it was decided that a Group work session meeting with the Planning Commission, Finance Committee and Economic Development Committee will be scheduled first and Council can meet again following this meeting. Following a comment from Mr. Dike relative to lack of communication, the next regular council work session will be used to address communication between Administration and City Council.
- **Mucci Farms:** Recommended an Environmental Study be commissioned and paid for by the city before Phase II and III, and also suggested a moratorium on additional greenhouses. Members agreed the city needs to establish the policy and position and voiced their support of the fact that Mucci Farms will have to prove that they can control the light pollution before the city approves Phase II & III of development.

Motion by Mr. Schaffter to order in legislation to establish a moratorium. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Schaffter, Hardy, Crawford, Hartung, Dike, Ginesi (6)

NAYS: None (0)

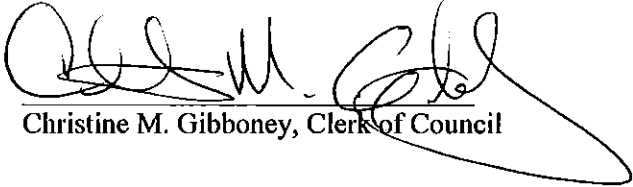
There being five votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed.

For the Good of the Order

- Mr. Ginesi addressed the audience relative to Mucci Farms, noting Council members are in agreement with the views and there is no need to make threats. He agreed that what is happening is not acceptable, noted that Council has been working on the issue, and explained it may take some time but he believes this will get resolved. He also referenced comments suggesting profiteering and accusations of stealing; noting these comments are not true.

- Mr. Dike thanked all in attendance.
- Ms. Crawford referenced the email from Mr. White relative to response time of the HFD relative to a house fire on Gumwood, shared details of the call and timeline, recognizing the efforts of the HFD and noted she was proud of city personnel.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the regular meeting of January 8, 2019 adjourned at 8:03p.m.



Christine M. Gibboney, Clerk of Council

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Cc: Scott.Schlessman
Subject: Mucci light situation
Date: Tuesday, January 08, 2019 1:12:29 PM

My name is Amy McKinley and I reside at 2014 Bogart Rd, directly across from the Mucci facility.

I will not be able to attend tonight's city council meeting so I am sending you the statement I intended to read, along with the photos I wanted to share.

If a picture is worth a thousand words, I have 25,000 for you. Fortunately, none of them are the expletives I've used when sharing these photos on Facebook. These photos were all taken from my bedroom window. They're just quick snapshots, taken with my cruddy phone, after being forced awake at a time I certainly didn't intend. There certainly could have been many more, but at some point I don't think I should feel compelled to take tens of photos each and every night. People have asked me why I kept posting the same photo and I cheerfully explain that it is not the same photo but a new photo, taken each time, of the same location. Yes, they all look pretty identical... but, I think that's kind of the point. It sucks. It is identically sucky. Every day. Every time. As you can see, the light problem is not "infrequently" or "just some light" or "of little consequence to the surroundings". This problem is repetitive, pervasive, and detrimental to all beings that are within its purview. We all know it has been going on for much longer than I've been documenting but at least this is some chronological record of how it is the same situation, different day, constantly. They are not opening the blocks "rarely" or "occasionally" or "infrequently" as they claim. If this amount of light pollution is the result of only one greenhouse functioning, how much more unbearable will it become with all three running at full capacity, along with the addition of their lit parking lot? If this represents, as they were happy to say, them blocking 98% of the interior light I cannot imagine what it will be like in the future with more of the facility actually up and running. Where is the environmental impact study that was done prior to allowing this monstrosity to be built? Did the city fully investigate and vett the complaints that exist from those who live near Mucci's other facilities? Where are the due diligence documents for this project? Did the city know about the issues that exist and put no stock in them? Or choose to ignore them? Or negligently not investigate at all? Or know the problems and choose to ignore them since the buildings wouldn't be in their neighborhood?

It is not those of us who unfortunately live near Mucci Farms who should be forced into bearing the brunt of changing our lives by having to block out all the windows in our homes, change our sleep patterns, address medical issues caused by stress and lack of sleep, deal with aging or ailing family members, children, and pets who are affected. Mucci must be charged with immediately solving their internal problems in a way that does not have an adverse effect on everyone surrounding them. I honestly do not think Mucci has ANY

intention of doing anything willingly to address the problem, I truly believe they do not care. They got what they wanted, now they will do whatever they damn well please. They are going to have to be forced to make changes. And that force will have to actually have some teeth to it and cost them money in fines; I don't believe anything else will matter to them. The fines must be high enough to hurt and not just be considered a "cost of doing business". They'll pay a pittance with no qualms and will make no changes. If I thought for one second that they actually cared about what anyone has to say, that they had any idea of how to effectively communicate before/during/or after doing any of the crap they've done, or if they had made even the very tiniest of gestures to express understanding, concern, or empathy I'd be happy to give them some time to figure their issues out. Since they have been nothing but atrocious about all of it, I will not give them one scintilla of neighborly understanding. The so called "meeting" held at their facility spoke volumes before Mucci ever uttered a word. Allowing people to attend who did not meet the stated criteria, being totally unorganized, dragging everyone in their winter coats out into a sweltering greenhouse (undoubtedly on purpose to cause discomfort), telling us to "go look at Oberlin or Wapakoneta" (seeing as how I don't live there, I don't see the relevance), basically calling the people trying to state their concerns liars, not paying attention to what was being said and plowing forward with their obviously pre-planned agenda that was completely off topic, those there as representatives being confrontational and turning it into something it wasn't in an effort to look like they weren't lying, it was an absolute farce.

I am so trying to place some trust in the city to take action and do right by its citizens, stop passing the buck, and hold Mucci accountable but it's hard to have that trust. This has been going on for months with zero tangible action. This isn't as simple to correct as some stupidly painted parking spaces. It's going to take the city admitting that they have allowed this to turn into an absolute mess, didn't do their due diligence in the planning stages, kept many of those who should have been a part of the process out of the loop (either intentionally or negligently) and have allowed someone to lead them down a path that now they have to figure out a way back from. I sincerely hope those charged with looking out for what is best and right for our community give me a reason to hope for the best.

Many of our families have lived in and farmed this township for over 100 years. We have lived here our entire lives. This is our home. It makes me incredibly sad to feel like that doesn't matter, that the city is willing to sell out those of us in the township, and that big business gets to do what they want with no repercussions. An attorney I spoke with did verify that light trespass is an absolutely legitimate complaint, that it needs to be actively abated by the city and if not resolved, can be fully litigated. Right now, I feel like the city has the chance to correct the wrongs that have been allowed to happen and join the plaintiff side of potential litigation or do nothing and by default join the defendants' table. Mucci must be forced to emit zero high intensity light from all of their properties between the hours of 11pm to 5am. Zero. That allows them the 18 hours they profess to need for their plants and provides those of us forced to deal with them with at least a few hours of

undisturbed rest. These changes must happen now, not in months. I believe we have all suffered enough already.