

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huron, Ohio was called to order by Mayor Hartung on Tuesday June 12, 2018 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, Christine Crawford, Brad Hartung, Joe Dike, Sam Artino and Glen Ginesi. Members absent: Trey Hardy.**

Also present: City Manager Andy White, Law Director Laura Alkire, Assistant to the City Manager Mike Spafford, Water Superintendent Jason Gibboney, City Engineer Doug Green, Police Chief Bob Lippert and Management Services Coordinator-Clerk of Council Christine Gibboney.

Motion to Excuse

Motion by Mr. Schaffter to excuse Mr. Hardy 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, Crawford, Hartung, Dike, Artino, Ginesi (6)

NAYS: None (0)

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Ginesi that the minutes of the work session and regular meeting of May 22, 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: Ginesi, Schaffter, Crawford, Hartung, Dike, Artino (6)

NAYS: None (0)

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

Audience Comments

- Steve Fisher, 214 Ohio Street- Mr. Fisher addressed the City Manager, Law Director, the Mayor, Councilmen Hardy, Ginesi, Schaffter and Councilwoman Crawford specifically, reiterating his opposition to the medical marijuana industry within the city, and expressing his concern for the negative affects he believes this will have on the community.

Old Business

Ordinance 2018-12 (second reading)

Motion by Mr. Dike that the three reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2018-12 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1121.04-DEFINITIONS, WITHIN CHAPTER 1121-

DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED; BOUNDARIES; GENERAL REGULATIONS, OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HURON.) be placed upon its second reading. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. Members discussed Mr. Dike's motion relative to suspending the three reading rule. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Dike, Artino, Ginesi (3)

NAYS: Schaffter, Crawford, Hartung (3)

There being a tie vote, the Law Director declared the motion had failed. **Motion by Mr. Ginesi that Ordinance 2018-12 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1121.04-DEFINITIONS, WITHIN CHAPTER 1121- DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED; BOUNDARIES; GENERAL REGULATIONS, OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HURON.) be placed upon its second 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: Ginesi, Schaffter, Crawford, Hartung (4)

NAYS: Dike, Artino (2)

There being four votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed and Ordinance 2018-12 placed upon its second reading. The Mayor directed the Law Director to read the Ordinance by its title only. Mr. White noted Ordinances 2018-12 through 2018-16 are all ordinances in response to various concerns that have been related to Council relative to medical marijuana dispensaries and are all on their second readings. He explained that Ordinance 2018-12 specifically relates to establishing definitions within the code related to the topics of medical and recreational marijuana. Mr. Dike inquired as to the reason of not taking the final vote; the Mayor referenced the discussion at the last work session meeting that these ordinances would be going through the normal procedure for zoning changes by placing them on the full three readings.

Ordinance 2018-13 (second reading)

Motion by Mr. Ginesi that Ordinance 2018-13 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1125.04- I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, WITHIN CHAPTER 1125 -NONRESIDENCE DISTRICTS, OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HURON) be placed upon its second 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: Ginesi, Schaffter, Crawford, Hartung (4)

NAYS: Dike, Artino (2)

There being four votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed and Ordinance 2018-13 placed upon its second reading. The Mayor directed the Law Director to read the Ordinance by its title only. Mr. White explained Ordinance 2018-13 reflects an amendment that would create a conditional use in an I-1 (Light Industrial) District.

Ordinance 2018-14 (second reading)

Motion by Mr. Ginesi that Ordinance 2018-14 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1125.05 -I-2 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, WITHIN CHAPTER 1125 -NONRESIDENCE DISTRICTS, OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HURON.) be placed upon its second 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: Ginesi, Schaffter, Crawford, Hartung (4)

NAYS: Dike, Artino (2)

There being four votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed and Ordinance 2018-14 placed upon its second reading. The Mayor directed the Law Director to read the Ordinance by its title only. Mr. White explained Ordinance 2018-14 reflects an amendment that would create a conditional use in an I-2 (General Industrial) District.

Ordinance 2018-15 (second reading)

Motion by Ms. Crawford that Ordinance 2018-15 (AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE CITY OF HURON CODIFIED ORDINANCES PART ELEVEN-PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, CHAPTER 1126- SPECIAL PROVISIONS, BY THE ADDITION OF SECTION 1126.16 ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS, AND LIMITATIONS AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO THE LOCATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA RETAIL DISPENSARIES WITH THE CITY OF HURON) be placed upon its second 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: Crawford, Hartung, Ginesi, Schaffter (4)

NAYS: Dike, Artino (2)

There being four votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed and Ordinance 2018-15 placed upon its second reading. The Mayor directed the Law Director to read the Ordinance by its title only. Mr. White explained Ordinance 2018-15 establishes a new section under Special Provisions that includes several variables for regulatory purposes relative to medical marijuana dispensary operations including a maximum allowance of one (1) dispensary within the city and a 1,000 foot distance barrier from schools as has been discussed.

Ordinance 2018-16 (second reading)

Motion by Ms. Crawford that Ordinance 2018-16 (AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE CITY OF HURON CODIFIED ORDINANCES PART SEVEN-BUSINESS REGULATION CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF CHAPTER 751-MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY, ESTABLISHING LIMITATIONS AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA RETAIL DISPENSARY OPERATIONS) be placed upon its second 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: Crawford, Hartung, Ginesi, Schaffter (4)

NAYS: Dike, Artino (2)

There being four votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed and Ordinance 2018-16 placed upon its second reading. The Mayor directed the Law Director to read the Ordinance by its title only. Mr. White explained Ordinance 2018-16 will provide for the medical marijuana dispensary regulations described in Ordinance 2018-15 to be included within the Business Regulation Code for purposes of the regulatory process.

New Business

Proclamation- Retirement of Rev. J. Roger Skelley-Watts of the Huron United Methodist Church.
The Mayor read a Proclamation recognizing the retirement of Rev. J. Roger Skelley-Watts of the Huron United Methodist Church.

Resolution 2018-47

Motion by Mr. Schaffter that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2018-47 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CERTAIN TRANSFERS AMONG THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY) 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, Crawford, Hartung, Dike, Artino, Ginesi (6)

NAYS: (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 Law Director to read the Resolution by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White referenced Exhibit "A" of the resolution, reviewed the transfers, and referenced entries reflect previously budgeted transfers being presented pursuant to the ORC. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2018-47. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

NAYS: (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 2018-47 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 2018-48

Motion by Mr. Dike that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2018-48 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF A PROJECT NOMINATION APPLICATION TO THE OHIO EPA- OHIO WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT BY THE WATER DEPARTMENT) 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: Dike, Artino, Ginesi, Schaffter, Crawford, Hartung (6)

NAYS: (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 Law Director to read the Resolution by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White recognized the Water Superintendent in attendance and referenced the EPA mandate for the creation of an Asset Management Plan. Mr. Gibboney explained this resolution will allow application to the EPA for a 0% loan with potential of 50% principal forgiveness up to \$10,000. He explained that an Asset Management Plan is mandated by Senate Bill 2 and required to be in place by October 1st 2018. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2018-48. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

NAYS: (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 2018-48 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 2018-49

Motion by Mr. Artino that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2018-49 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHM ADVISORS FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE CREATION OF AN ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$24,000.00)) 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: Artino, Ginesi, Schaffter, Crawford, Hartung, Dike (6)

NAYS: (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 Law Director to read the Resolution by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White referenced the previous resolution, noting if granted, the EPA loan would be used toward the expense associated with OHM preparing the required Asset Management Plan. Mr. White referenced the increase in water consumption from residential and commercial accounts and noted Erie County consumption is up as well explaining that usage through May is on pace with that of August of 2017. He reviewed the wholesale rate agreement with Erie County, and referenced the budgetary revenue impact of the increase in water sales. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2018-49. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

NAYS: (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 2018-49 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 2018-50

Motion by Mr. Schaffter that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2018-50 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH POGGEMEYER DESIGN GROUP FOR THE PROVISION OF ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES RELATIVE TO PHASE 1- MANDATED IMPROVEMENTS AT THE WATER FILTRATION FACILITY PURSUANT TO THE HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM GENERAL PLAN AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED FORTY NINE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$49,450.00)) 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, Crawford, Hartung, Dike, Artino, Ginesi (6)

NAYS: (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 Law Director to read the Resolution by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White noted this resolution is in direct response to an EPA

mandated action relative to the algal toxin issue in Lake Erie in general. He recapped the history of the sludge removal equipment and the mandate to make improvements to have this equipment operational. He referenced the expense for the engineering and capital improvement itself being accommodated from the water capital project fund. In response to a question by Mr. Ginesi, Mr. Gibboney noted the estimated construction cost for this improvement is \$900,000. In response to a question by the Mayor, Mr. Gibboney confirmed that new treatment facilities will be required to have automated sludge removal equipment, but noted some older plants that have never had the equipment are grandfathered and are not required to install the system. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2018-50. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Schaffter, Crawford, Hartung, Dike, Artino, Ginesi (6)
NAYS: (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 2018-50 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 2018-51

Motion by Mr. Artino that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2018-51 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH POGGEMEYER DESIGN GROUP FOR THE PROVISION OF ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO PHASE 2- INSTALLATION OF A TUBE SETTLER SYSTEM AT THE WATER FILTRATION FACILITY AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$36,435.00)) 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: Artino, Ginesi, Schaffter, Crawford, Hartung, Dike (6)
NAYS: (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 Law Director to read the Resolution by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White noted this resolution is similar to the previous and advisable to do at the same time as the sludge removal equipment. He noted the tube settler system will help expand capacity and reviewed the current maximum capacity. Mr. Gibboney noted the benefit of increased capacity with the tube settler system and explained this scope would be bid as an alternative to the base bid (sludge removal equipment). Discussion on water usage, demand, the need to look at increased hours and staffing in the Water Filtration Department, and discussion regarding the County wholesale contract with regard to the option of reducing quantity being sold to the county if needed ensued. Discussion of current water rates and water budget ensued. In response to a question by Mr. Ginesi, Mr. Gibboney noted the estimate for the tube settler system is \$740,000. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2018-51. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Artino, Ginesi, Schaffter, Crawford, Hartung, Dike (6)
NAYS: (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution No. 2018-51 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance 2018-17

Motion by Mr. Artino that the three reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2018-17 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-45, ADOPTED DECEMBER 27, 2017, RELATING TO EXHIBIT "A" APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018) 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: Artino, Ginesi, Schaffter, Crawford, Hartung, Dike (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 Law Director to read the Ordinance by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White reviewed the revenue and expense entries appearing on Exhibit "A" of the ordinance, noting the revenue increase of \$497,756.97 was comprised mainly of the Jobs Ohio Grant of \$200,000 for the electrical substation and the \$125,000 transfer from the General Fund to the Economic Development Fund pursuant to the Finance Committee policy relative to the general fund reserve. On the expense side, the \$1,296,429.44 was comprised of mainly the cost associated with the road paving project. In referenced to the road paving project, Mr. White reviewed the planned schedule and the additional work that has been added. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Ordinance 2018-17. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Ordinance 2018-17 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

City Manager's Discussion

- Road Paving Program to begin on Monday, June 18th.
- Recognized the staff of the Water Department for their work on capital planning.
- Parks and Recreation: Recognized the success of the Chamber Event - Lake Front Market, and the fundraising for pediatric cancer research event held at Fabens Park.
- Referenced correspondence from Jeff McCourt of Ohio Patients Choice (OPC) acknowledging the community conversation regarding concerns with the Burger King location and asking for Council support to relocate the dispensary from the Burger King location to the Corporate Park, noting that OPC is in contact with the State, and are looking for correspondence from the city supporting this relocation.

Questions from Council members:

- Mr. Dike commented on the Chamber event at Lake Front Park and referencing the success of the event, stating the city doesn't have to spend funds to do conceptual drawings like those that were considered in 2017 with Vocon for events proposed on the Showboat Property. Mr. Dike inquired about the procedure to get Jim Springer of the YMCA on the agenda. The Mayor noted he had already spoken to Mr. Springer and he will be provided time on the agenda on June 26th. The Mayor noted that Mr. Ellis of Integrated Wellness Partners (IWP) wants to finish discussion on the Wellness Center study on June 20 or June 21st, noting that Council will then have had the time to review the information prior to the June 26 meeting. Mr. Dike referenced the topic of

ditch maintenance mentioned in the Management Activity Report noting he received inquiries from Beachwood residents. Mr. White referenced the county definitions and noted he believed Beachwood was working with Erie County Soil and Water to try and look into an assessment project. Mr. White referenced ditch maintenance performed by Erie County Soil and Water in the township areas, but noted this does not extend within the city limits. He explained that there have been discussions with the county to try and partner up to address some areas within the city limits. Mr. Dike asked about Huron Fire Department personnel additions; Mr. White noted that the department has hired two new employees. Mr. Dike asked about the status of the buoys; Ms. Alkire noted the city received approval from ODNR and the Police Department was coordinating placement of all buoys. Mr. Dike asked about Hidden Valley Condo's request for a buoy- Ms. Alkire noted this would have to go through the same process with ODNR and therefore, a Safety Committee meeting is being recommended to discuss the matter.

- Mr. Artino commented on the poor condition of Bogart Road between Center and Main. Mr. Green noted this area is included in the additional paving and will be a change order addition.

Mayor's Discussion

- Referenced he and Councilman Ginesi walked the ditch area at Bogart Road with Mr. Weyer relative to his concerns with ditch maintenance and flood plain regulations. He noted Mr. Weyer has sent draft legislation that he would like Council to consider to revise the city ordinances regarding flood plain regulations. The Mayor and Mr. Ginesi discussed the complexities associated with the amendments with regard to flood plain regulations, floatable objects, and enforcement. The need and benefit of the proposed regulations, potential expense to establish a city-wide base flood elevation map, and other approaches to address regulations were discussed. The Mayor inquired about the status of inspections of the ditches; Mr. Green noted he has begun inspections and letters will be issued to property owners. Mr. Ginesi advised of city owned property that needs to be addressed as well.
- Recognized the success of the Chamber Event, noting the Chamber has more events planned.
- EDC Meeting – Attended last week's meeting and reported on the discussion relating to the role of Economic Development Committee members. He explained discussion on the topic of the recent county expansion of taxes on Airbnb and VRBO rentals prompted members to question whether a recommendation should come from the Committee to Council or vice versa. The Mayor has suggested a joint work session of City Council and EDC be scheduled to discuss the matter. No objections voiced, the Clerk was directed to organize a meeting.
- Referenced and read the letter from OPC (attached and made part of the minutes) asking for city support relative to the location change of their medical marijuana dispensary. In response to a question by the Mayor, Mr. White noted he did not believe a development agreement was needed, but correspondence endorsing the effort to locate in the Corporate Park would be sufficient and could be authorized by motion. Ms. Alkire referenced the legislation pending in front of Council, noting it is not necessarily premature to support the relocation by issuing the correspondence. **Motion by Mr. Ginesi authorizing the City Manager to compose a letter in support of relocating the OPC medical marijuana dispensary to an area that is predicated by Ordinances 2018-12,13,14,15, and 16.** Mr. Artino commented that OPC has received their state license and since it appears Council is supporting keeping a dispensary in town pursuant to designated areas defined in the ordinances; Council doesn't have a choice but to provide a letter to support the change in location. Ms. Crawford noted her support in administration preparing the letter for OPC. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2018-51. Members of Council voted as follows:
YEAS: Ginesi, Schaffter, Crawford, Hartung, Dike, Artino (6)
NAYS: (0)

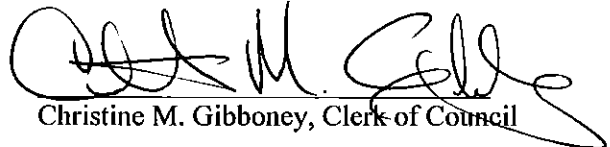
There being five votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed.

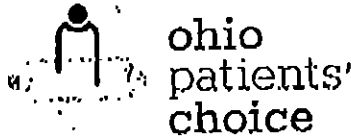
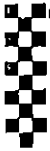
- Referenced correspondence: Erie County Tax Incentive Review Committee asking for confirmation of city members to the Tax Incentive Review Committee. Ohio Municipal League – National League of City Service Line Warranty Program information. Magazine from Firelands Association of Realtors.

For the Good of the Order

- Mr. Dike referenced the Management Report and the topic of the 2014-2015 audit, inquiring as to what administration anticipates from the upcoming meeting on June 15. Mr. White noted administration is looking for a resolution, most importantly for staff that have had punitive financial damage and garnishment as a result of what the State Auditor had reported to the Attorney General's office. He explained that two individuals are city officials that didn't get any benefit of the Council wage increase and the other issue to be addressed pertains to the fact that the State Auditor did not notice the city of a citation for 2015 until after the year was over, although the city had discussions with them about 2014, the city had no opportunity to resolve the issue in 2015 because the city was not noticed until 2016. He explained the city would like to have the penalties reduced for the three affected individuals and the elimination of the second year citation and explained that administration would then seek to bring some resolution before Council to finalize the matter.
- Mr. Artino complimented the Huron Chamber on the Lake Front Market event, stating it proves that if entities work together then the city doesn't have to spend a lot of money to have a successful event.
- Mr. Ginesi referenced Rev. Skelley-Watts, recognizing his contributions to the community over the years.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the regular meeting of June 12, 2018 adjourned at 7:32p.m.


Christine M. Gibboney, Clerk of Council



June 8, 2018

Huron City Council
Municipal Building
417 Main Street
Huron, OH 44839

RE: Ohio Patients' Choice Dispensary

Dear Huron City Council Members:

As you are aware, Ohio Patients' Choice ("OPC") was awarded one of the two provisional medical marijuana dispensary licenses allocated in Northwest District B, which encompasses Erie County and the City of Huron. In order to be responsive to a group of citizens, City Council has asked that OPC consider shifting our dispensary plans to another parcel within the same general location approved by the Board of Pharmacy within the City of Huron.

As we have made clear from our very first interactions with City leadership, OPC is committed to being a strong partner with the City and doing the right thing to ensure that we are engaging and supporting as many of our stakeholders as possible. As such, we are willing to explore the feasibility of this request, pending state approval and obtaining sufficient assurances from the City as to the process for implementing the request. The purpose of this letter, therefore, is to ask for Council support for OPC to work with City staff on a development agreement for the dispensary to be built within the location of the City of Huron at an acceptable site to both the City and the Ohio Board of Pharmacy.

OPC highly values its strong relationship with the City of Huron. We are approximately 85% complete with construction of our headquarters office and cultivation facility in the Corporate Park. As indicated in our projections to the city, we have already hired our initial core management team and we are in the process of hiring more than a dozen additional employees in the next month for facility startup, with several dozen more to come in the near future. We have begun forging partnerships with several local businesses and institutions that that could lead to long-term broad-based economic development and improved wellness for the community for generations to come. Our dispensary is a key piece to this vision - allowing us the ability to engage with patients to facilitate research and development of innovative products targeted to specific diseases and health conditions.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to growing together with the City of Huron.

Best regards,

Jeff McCourt

Chief Executive Officer
Ohio Patients' Choice