

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
McCormick Jr. High School Auditorium

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huron, Ohio was called to order by Mayor Hartung on Tuesday January 23, 2018 at 6:30p.m. in the Auditorium of McCormick Junior High School, 325 Ohio Street, Huron, Ohio. Note: Due to the location of this meeting, a transcriptionist was hired to provide a record of the meeting; due to the length of this document, the transcript has been attached to become part of the minutes. An outline of the meeting format follows with summaries of legislative action taken:

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, Sam Artino, and Glen Ginesi.** **Members absent: Joe Dike.** **Motion was made by Mr. Schaffter to excuse Mr. Dike from the meeting and passed by a vote of 6-0.** **Ms. Crawford read a letter from Mr. Dike.**

Also present: City Manager Andy White, Law Director Laura Alkire, Assistant to the City Manager Mike Spafford, City Engineer Doug Green, Police Chief Bob Lippert, Water Superintendent Jason Gibboney, HFD Captain Doug Nash, and Management Services Coordinator-Clerk of Council Christine Gibboney. Also in attendance: Officials from Ohio Patients Choice: Jeff McCourt, Mike Taylor, Tom Clancy, and Dr. Michael Wolfe.

There were no minutes available for approval; the next item on the agenda was Other Matters.

Other Matters

A summary of the presentation provided by Mr. Jeff McCourt of Ohio Patients Choice (OPC, LLC) follows:

Mr. McCourt of OPC, LLC provided a comprehensive presentation, including but not limited to, his biography, overall description with regard to medical marijuana cultivation and dispensary operations, licensing information, state regulations relative to the overall process and tracking system requirements, limited medical conditions identified by the state for medical marijuana recommendation, and physician certification. He referenced and provided information on the opioid crisis, and spoke to the benefits of the alternative of medical marijuana for the treatment of the specific illnesses. He provided information on the OPC business models and investment with regard to both the cultivation and dispensary facilities. Mr. McCourt presented the proposed design for the dispensary facility. A video conference call with Dr. Leslie Mendoza Temple of Northshore University Health Systems ensued with Dr. Temple providing an overview of implementation of the program with her patients. Dr. Michael Wolfe of MetroHealth Medical Center provided information relative to R & D studies as well as the effects of opioid versus medical marijuana. Mr. Mike Taylor and Mr. Tom Clancy then provided an overview of security measures to be used in the facilities, state requirements related to security, and the involvement of state and local law enforcement in the security efforts. Question & Answer Period followed the presentation (comments directed by the public to OPC, refer to transcript).

Audience Comments

(comments directed by the public to City Council, refer to transcript)

New Business (Summary of legislative action only)

Motion by Mr. Schaffter to authorize a 120 day extension to the contract with the Huron Township Trustees for the provision of fire protection and emergency squad services. Discussion on motion ensued. Vote taken, motion passed by a 6-0 vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Resolution 2018-3: A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2016-53 ADOPTED JULY 12, 2016 AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 7 FOR ROPPER CONSTRUCTION INCORPORATED FOR ADDITIONAL LABOR AND MATERIALS RELATED TO THE, MAIN STREET STREETScape PROJECT, ODOT ERI-PID 93574, IN THE DECREASED AMOUNT OF SEVENTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY ONE AND 87/100 DOLLARS

(\$17,241.87)) Motion by Mr. Hardy that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2018-3 placed upon its first reading. Vote taken, motion passed 6-0. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title, discussion of the resolution ensued. The final vote was taken and Resolution 2018-3 was adopted by a 6-0 vote.

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

NAYS: None (0)

Resolution 2018-4: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE A GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION BY THE HURON FIRE DEPARTMENT TO THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANT PROGRAM. Motion by Ms. Crawford that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2018-4 be placed upon its first reading. Vote taken, motion passed 6-0. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title, discussion of the resolution ensued. The final vote was taken and Resolution 2018-4 was adopted by a 6-0 vote.

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

NAYS: None (0)

Resolution 2018-5: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ENGINEERED PROCESS SYSTEMS, LTD FOR THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING DESIGN AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$116,600.00) Mr. Ginesi abstained from all voting due to conflict of interest. Motion by Mr. Artino that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2018-5 be placed upon its first reading. Vote taken, motion passed by 5-0 vote. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title, discussion of the resolution ensued. The final vote was taken and Resolution 2018-5 was adopted by a 4-0 vote.

YEAS: Artino, Hardy, Crawford, Hartung (4)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Ginesi, Schaffter (2)

Ordinance 2018-1: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY INTO THE CITY OF HURON AS REQUESTED BY MIMI LAND COMPANY (MUCCI FARMS), AND GRANTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ERIE COUNTY, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Motion by Mr. Schaffter that the three reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2018-1 placed upon its first reading. Vote taken, motion passed 6-0. The Law Director read the ordinance by its title. Motion by Mr. Schaffter that Ordinance 2018-1 be passed as an emergency measure. Vote taken, motion passed 6-0. Discussion of the ordinance ensued. The final vote was taken and Ordinance 2018-1 was adopted by a 6-0 vote.

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

NAYS: None (0)

City Manager Discussion (refer to transcript)

Mr. White responded to audience comments and provided information on state timeline and licensing information.

Mayor's Discussion (refer to transcript)

Mayor Hartung responded to audience comments and shared personal story supporting his opinion on medical marijuana.

For the Good of the Order (refer to transcript)

Roundtable comments by City Council members addressing the audience.

(Summary of legislative action)

Motion by Mr. Artino that City Council limit the sale and dispensing of medical marijuana to industrial zones only. Discussion ensued on the motion. Vote taken, motion failed by a 4-2 vote.

YEAS: Artino, Schaffter (2)

NAYS: Ginesi, Hardy, Crawford, Hartung (4)

Motion by Mr. Artino to order in legislation to ban the sale of recreational marijuana within the city. Discussion ensued on the motion. Vote taken, motion passed by 6-0 vote.

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

NAYS: None (0)

Motion by Mr. Ginesi instructing administration to research and order in legislation to restrict the advertisement of medical and recreational marijuana in the city. Discussion on motion ensued.

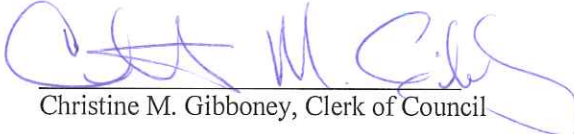
Vote taken, motion passed by 6-0 vote.

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

NAYS: None (0)

Adjournment

The regular meeting of January 23, 2018 adjourned at 10:10p.m.


Christine M. Gibboney, Clerk of Council

Transcript attached

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL

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Date and Time: Tuesday, January 23, 2018
6:30 p.m.

Place: McCormick Junior High School
325 Ohio Street
Huron, Ohio

Reporter: Marie B. Fresch RPR RMR CRC
Registered Merit Reporter
Notary Public, State of Ohio

COUNCIL PRESENT:

- Mr. Brad Hartung, Mayor
- Mr. Trey Hardy, Vice Mayor
- Ms. Christine Gibboney, Clerk
- Mr. Rick Schaffter, Council Member
- Ms. Christine Crawford, Council Member
- Mr. Sam Artino, Council Member
- Mr. Glen Ginesi, Council Member

ALSO PRESENT:

- Ms. Laura Alkire, Law Director
- Mr. Andrew White, City Manager

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1 (Gavel).

2 MAYOR HARTUNG: Call this
3 meeting to order, for the Huron City Council, for
4 January 23rd, 2018. Please stand for a moment of
5 silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

6 Would the Clerk please call the roll.

7 MS. GIBBONEY: Schaffter.

8 MR. SCHAFFTER: Here.

9 MS. GIBBONEY: Hardy.

10 MR. HARDY: Here.

11 MS. GIBBONEY: Crawford.

12 MS. CRAWFORD: Here.

13 MS. GIBBONEY: Hartung.

14 MAYOR HARTUNG: Here.

15 MS. GIBBONEY: Artino.

16 MR. ARTINO: Here.

17 MS. GIBBONEY: Ginesi.

18 MR. GINESI: Here.

19 MAYOR HARTUNG: Mr. Schaffter?

20 MR. SCHAFFTER: I move we

21 dismiss Mr. Dike from the meeting.

22 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes, I have a
23 letter from Mr. Dike to read.

24 MAYOR HARTUNG: Can everyone
25 hear us?

1 MS. CRAWFORD: I have a letter
2 from Mr. Dike. He would like to respond to all of you
3 for his reasons to not be in attendance this evening.

4 "Tonight, January 23rd, I am unable to attend the
5 Huron City Council meeting. I understand and realize
6 the importance -- excuse me. I understand and realize
7 the importance this evening has to many citizens of
8 Huron to express and voice their concerns regarding the
9 medical marijuana dispensary. I have known for several
10 weeks that I would not be able to attend this meeting.
11 I want the citizens to know that I truly apologize for
12 not being able to attend; however, I do have a work
13 commitment that I must attend to. Again, I apologize
14 for not being in attendance this evening and thank all
15 of you for attending. Joe Dike".

16 MAYOR HARTUNG: Would the Clerk
17 please call the roll.

18 MS. GIBBONEY: Schaffter.

19 MR. SCHAFFTER: Yes.

20 MS. GIBBONEY: Hardy.

21 MR. HARDY: Yes.

22 MS. GIBBONEY: Crawford.

23 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.

24 MS. GIBBONEY: Hartung.

25 MAYOR HARTUNG: Yes.

1 MS. GIBBONEY: Artino.

2 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

3 MS. GIBBONEY: Ginesi.

4 MR GINESI: Yes.

5 MAYOR HARTUNG: Very good.

6 Approval of minutes. We do not have any.

7 We will move on to other matters. We're going to
8 have a presentation from OPC. We're going to let them
9 give you the presentation they gave City Council back in
10 October.

11 When it's over, I'm going to open it up to a
12 question and answer session for everyone out here, any
13 questions you might have for them about what it is they
14 want to do. Step to the podium after, when I open it
15 up, and then you can ask them questions.

16 When that's done, we'll take five minute recess so
17 the recorder can come back up, get everything set up,
18 and then we will go into audience comments, so anyone
19 that wants to get on the record and talk to Council,
20 that's when we'll open it up.

21 I've raised the three-minute time limit to five
22 minutes this evening so people can get on the record and
23 talk to us. Thank you.

24 (Presentation given).

25 MAYOR HARTUNG: All right.

1 Thank you for putting that on. I'm going to open this
2 up to the public questions for you. I'll encourage you
3 to come down here and ask questions. We'll do it for
4 about ten, fifteen minutes. If we need to go longer,
5 we'll do that, let everyone get their questions
6 answered. We're here because of you and for you. It's
7 been that way since day one.

8 AUDIENCE PERSON: Sorry I wasn't
9 here to know that.

10 MAYOR HARTUNG: That's fine, but
11 I do have one question for you Mr. McCourt. When OPC
12 came in and talked about it, you guys talked about
13 opioid addiction and stuff like and how there is some
14 death of children. Erie County is bad. We've had
15 problems around here. We have a current member on
16 Council that works with this trying to get drugs out of
17 the area; one was questions we get trying to bring this
18 in.

19 My question to you is, with the circle of care that
20 Erie County is trying to perform and do, Mr. Schade is
21 going to get up and get on the record and do that; is
22 OPC willing to stand behind the citizens of Erie County,
23 not only with the time, but potentially their money if
24 we get this and make it a full circle care? That's my
25 question to you.

1 MR. McCOURT: Thank you, Mayor
2 Hartung. Short answer, yes. We are fully committed to
3 the same vision of circle of care getting treatment for
4 people who need it. As you mentioned, we do see and
5 Doctor Mendoza Temple talked at some length about
6 significant opioid reduction, opioid death reductions,
7 substitution effect for medical cannabis, for other more
8 harmful substances; and we see a very good need to be
9 integrated with the community, having that dialogue and
10 hope to set up that type of a relationship, you know,
11 whatever that maybe. So we're committed to having those
12 discussions and funding those missions as appropriate.
13 Thank you. We look forward.

14 MAYOR HARTUNG: I'll open it up
15 now. Please come down and ask your questions. Thank
16 you.

17 MR. SCHADE: My name is Peter
18 Schade. I live at 610 Heron Drive. I'm the Erie County
19 Board of Health Commissioner.

20 So, just a few concerns that I would like to
21 address based on the presentation and I'm not going to
22 stand here and expect an answer for all twelve or
23 fourteen of these, I just jotted them down as we talked,
24 but perhaps through the minutes you could maybe
25 calculate an answer and we could get on those, for the

1 good of the order.

2 So, first is patient cost. I would like to know
3 how folks on Medicaid or Medicare, could they get into
4 this circle for prescription cannabis, how they are
5 going to pay for that and what methods have been
6 approved by the insurance companies and the government?

7 I want to know what the out-of-pocket costs are for
8 people in our community who may be at their wit's end
9 looking for alternatives. We don't want to see them
10 sell everything they own just to try to get some relief.

11 I'm not sure if there is anything for the eyes. I
12 have to put my glasses on.

13 I have a concern for the agronomic disease
14 prevention in relation to the growing facility. Would
15 like to know what your plans are to prevent that.

16 What is the future expansion of the growth of the
17 grow facility that may be planned, if there is one?

18 I would like to know what you would do about any
19 drone intrusions into the grow area, if there is any
20 outside area that somebody with a drone could have some
21 fun with.

22 I would like to have some answers to the waste
23 product disposal. Answers to some air quality and water
24 quality release issues.

25 I would like to know what your plans are for

1 product disposition for poor harvest or for disease
2 riddled crop or portion of a crop.

3 How are you going to prevent cross pollination into
4 the rest of our community, or any criss-cross
5 pollination of our plants? I don't know if you can
6 answer that question, quite frankly.

7 You talk a lot about regulatory, and I'm stuck in
8 the middle of regulatory, but I'm an old farm boy, and
9 right now in Ohio, I think most people in this room
10 know, there are opioids in our marketplace that can't be
11 accounted for. No one knows where they came from.
12 Where are these millions and millions of pills coming
13 from? The pharmaceutical companies don't know, and
14 they're tightly regulated.

15 So just to the shadow of the bow, I'm really
16 concerned about living up to the regulatory end of what
17 you're trying to do in terms of having, you know,
18 account presence. We're going to have people pulling
19 off the highway to go to Cedar Point. We don't want
20 them to populate the dispensing or growing area with an
21 idea that they can buy this stuff. And I'm sure the
22 free market may have counterfeit product on the corner.
23 We want to prevent that.

24 Your emergency response plan, your ramification for
25 self-reporting discrepancies in your, in the dispensary.

1 What are your plans for employee whistle blower policy?

2 How are you going to handle that?

3 Your, what is your license renewal process? Who is
4 the regulatory agency over that?

5 And last, but not least, what is your drug recall
6 protocol for product that you may have to bring back and
7 destroy that's already on the market?

8 That's it. Simple.

9 MR. McCOURT: Wow, that was
10 phenomenal. Thank you for those detailed questions.

11 So, I do agree that a lot of that detail, we have
12 extensive plans that cover all of that and would like to
13 bring specifically on the ones that relate to
14 agricultural points and cross pollination. Some of our
15 horticultural experts, to have that discussion in
16 detail, I know at a higher level, but as a farm boy,
17 would be able to actually interact with you in detail on
18 that.

19 The cost point I think is interesting, because the
20 first item that you mentioned as to whether Medicare,
21 Medicaid or insurance covers medical cannabis. And the
22 short answer, it doesn't. There aren't any programs
23 that do cover cost of medication for patients, but as
24 part of our dispensary application we have submitted a
25 proposal for a program that would provide discounted

1 medication for indigent patients or veterans
2 specifically to allow better access to medication at a
3 discounted rate from the full retail price, to make that
4 information affordable.

5 So, I'm glad to have that dialogue generally on all
6 those questions, but we have thought through a lot of
7 that thoroughly and I'm really excited with that level
8 of detail in the questions. Thank you.

9 MS. CARTER: Katherine
10 Carter, 5309 Columbus Avenue, in Perkins Township.

11 Is your company in direct competition with the
12 company that wants to come in on the west side of
13 Sandusky out on Tiffin and Venice Road?

14 MR. McCOURT: I'm not sure
15 what that company is, but I mean generally there is 60
16 dispensaries that are permitted in the State of Ohio. A
17 number of folks have applied for those licenses,
18 including the facility that we presented today for OPC.

19 We view all of, whoever ends up being those
20 successfully licensed dispensaries as a peer group that
21 are all dedicated to a similar mission.

22 MS. CARTER: There will only
23 be one in this county, though, there is not going to be
24 two, one on each end of the county?

25 MR. McCOURT: So, Huron sits

1 in what they call, Board of Pharmacy calls for the west,
2 District 8 of the dispensary district, which includes
3 four county districts; Erie County down to Ashland and
4 Mansfield.

5 MS. CARTER: Where is your
6 home county based, because I've been hearing that most
7 of these companies that are coming in and putting in
8 these dispensaries and farms in the United States are
9 coming out of Canada.

10 MR. McCOURT: So, I live in
11 Ohio City, in Cleveland right now. Hopefully, I
12 probably shouldn't say this on record, but if I could
13 convince my wife, I would love to move out here and I
14 love this community and I'd love to be out here soon.
15 That's where we're based out of is Cleveland.

16 MS. CARTER: Our company is
17 or just you?

18 MR. McCOURT: The headquarters
19 for the facility we're building in the Corporate Park,
20 but right now I don't have an office space there yet.
21 So, that's where we're from. We have consultants and
22 advisors from the best of the horticulture industries,
23 security, medical, and a number of different verticals.

24 MS. CARTER: Okay. If you
25 don't get this and the company that's coming in the

1 other side of Sandusky comes in, will your greenhouse be
2 selling marijuana to them once it's been processed, or
3 are you just selling to a processor?

4 MR. McCOURT: It could be
5 both. There is a plant-only processor license. The
6 Department of Commerce has developed to be able to put
7 flour product on shelf directly through dispensaries as
8 sent through processing license. Whether that would be
9 co-located if we are awarded a processing license for
10 the Corporate Park business or through a third party
11 processor elsewhere.

12 Until we know where those licenses all land
13 geographically, it's not, our distribution plan and our
14 relationships with the dispensaries hasn't been
15 established until we know where those fall.

16 MS. CARTER: I understand
17 this building is just sitting there empty and no empty
18 building looks good, but why not build a building south
19 of your planned facility so your traffic that can be 300
20 to 350 patients a day, is not north of Route 2 all mixed
21 in with Cedar Point traffic, which is enough to deal
22 with in the summertime? Why not send them south of
23 here? You just have to be another half mile down the
24 road.

25 MR. McCOURT: Yeah, so I mean

1 we're really excited about the opportunity to be at the
2 Burger King site to renovate that building. I'm not
3 sure exactly what parcel you're referring to. We did a
4 comprehensive real estate search and market demographics
5 to kind of understand where patient count might be as to
6 the Board of Pharmacy in developing those dispensary
7 districts. I'm happy to get into more detail on that
8 offline, if there is specific things you're interested
9 in.

10 MS. CARTER: If this is the
11 wave of the future and we're all forward thinking, why
12 not build an addition to an existing hospital in the
13 county instead of having it remotely? Why not make it
14 part of the hospital where medicine is dispensed and
15 medical advisory is dispensed instead of somewhere
16 remote? Why not make it part of the medical system?

17 MR. McCOURT: If you know
18 folks at the hospital that are interested with that, we
19 would be happy to have that discussion. My assumption,
20 they haven't put in dispensary license applications so
21 there might be a limitation as to the availability of
22 that with the current program, and the way it's
23 structured for 60 licenses total.

24 MS. CARTER: So, you haven't
25 approached any, your company hasn't approached any

1 hospitals themselves?

2 MR. McCOURT: Well, I mean we
3 have doctors that are on our advisory board and that are
4 involved in the process, but we do not have a hospital
5 right now that is willing to attach a dispensary to the
6 hospital facility for a few different reasons.

7 MS. CARTER: So, what happens
8 when, my problem with medical marijuana, I don't have a
9 problem with medical marijuana. My problem is, it seems
10 that once it's in a state, recreational marijuana just
11 follows. So what happens when it becomes recreational
12 marijuana in Ohio? What happens to your facility then?
13 Do we lose a lot of customers because they can go
14 somewhere else and get it or do you just open your doors
15 to everyone who wants it?

16 MR. McCOURT: Right. So,
17 again recreational marijuana is not legal in Ohio. It's
18 not legal in Huron. I hope that it's become clear that
19 we put a substantial investment into the pharmaceutical
20 orientation of this business and medical orientation
21 into this business that that really is our business
22 plan, the patient interaction, patient care plans we
23 have.

24 We see substantial and addressable market in the
25 medical side of this business. I know there is a

1 natural tendency to make the assumption that none of
2 this is real and we're all just, it's a wink and nod for
3 recreational, but I can tell you that's not my
4 perspective. That's not why I became interested in this
5 industry and why I started working with business in this
6 area.

7 MS. CARTER: But what happens
8 if it happens? I mean, let's just say, oops, it's all
9 legal now, what happens to your facility?

10 MR. McCOURT: I appreciate the
11 question, I do, but I can't speculate as to what's going
12 to happen in the future with certain rules and
13 regulations.

14 MS. CARTER: All right. I
15 guess that's all I have to ask.

16 MR. McCOURT: Thank you.

17 MS. CARTER: That's a big
18 question.

19 MR. McCOURT: And by the way,
20 this goes for anybody that's asking questions, if there
21 is not enough time to talk, City leadership has my
22 contact information, I think it's probably at the end of
23 the slide deck; feel free to reach out and set up, I'm
24 happy to have coffee, phone calls, whatever is helpful
25 going forward.

1 MS. WOOD: Hi, my name is
2 Gina Wood and I live on Berliner Road in Huron.

3 I would like for you to clarify to the room the
4 ways in which people would utilize this medicine. I
5 think there is a big misconception within this room that
6 people are going to be coming to your medical dispensary
7 and buying an ounce of flour marijuana, be able to grind
8 it up and then walk out to the parking lot and roll
9 themselves up a joint. And the reality of the situation
10 is, Ohio only allows for edibles, oils and tinctures, so
11 the reality of the situation is people aren't going to
12 be able to go to your dispensary and get an ounce of
13 cannabis and roll a joint; correct?

14 MR. McCOURT: Thank you Gina.
15 So, overall, yes, the products that are regulated in
16 Ohio are medically oriented with the tincturing,
17 transdermal patches, things I discussed and you
18 mentioned.

19 There is an avenue as I mentioned with the planning
20 processes to put flour in on a shelf in dispensaries
21 that relates to herbal vaporizers. So there are
22 products that are available for patients if that's their
23 form and method of use.

24 That's part of the 40-page document that I
25 mentioned part of the Board of Pharmacy came up with in

1 terms of dosage, and the allowable amount of THC.

2 So, in a nutshell, yes, I agree with the import of
3 your question. I think where you were going with that,
4 the most important thing that I hope everybody got from
5 the presentation before is that smoking is not allowed
6 in Ohio. That is prohibited. So nobody is going to be
7 rolling or smoking a joint.

8 There is a very limited narrow application for
9 flour products, but beyond that we're expecting there to
10 be much more demand and patient need for the things that
11 I mentioned with oils and transdermal patches and
12 tinctures.

13 And for what it's worth, we don't, if we do have a
14 processing license at this point, we don't have any
15 desire to run edibles in the traditional sense of how
16 people mean that. We have capsules and pills that are
17 edible and orally ingested, but not edibles in the way
18 that people think that term typically is connotated.

19 MS. WOOD: Can you delve
20 into the types of edibles like that you're going to
21 offer, because I think some of the concerns within this
22 community is that when you think of edibles, you think
23 of gummy bears, you think of the cookies, you think of
24 the brownies. And so, I think some of the concerns from
25 the parents might have in this room and at least from

1 the last meeting we had, I gathered that their kids
2 could get their hands on a gummy bear that's got THC in
3 it, or kids could get their hands on a cookie that has
4 THC in it; and what kinds of edible products will you be
5 offering so the community knows what is going to be
6 available and what they don't have to fear their kids
7 getting their hands on.

8 MR. McCOURT: Yes. So,
9 simplest way to think about that is that Ohio has a
10 really robust individual regulation, page or two, that
11 goes into the details of what's determined is attractive
12 to children; any type of medication, whether it's edible
13 or other form that would be deemed attractive to
14 children. A lot of the things you mentioned on the
15 market in other states are not permitted in Ohio.

16 Clearly, it's not in our interest, being a medical
17 cannabis company and the orientation we have on true
18 efficacy and true medical products, but it's not allowed
19 in Ohio, in any sense anyway.

20 MS. POLAK: Hi, Shannon
21 Polak, 1715 Lands End Drive.

22 I'm really kind of disappointed there is no
23 psychiatrist up there, because it seems like that's
24 where the red flags is going off is schizophrenia and
25 marijuana. And I would like, if you guys are familiar

1 with several studies, most recent the Berlin Psychiatric
2 Study about schizophrenia and marijuana, the Tel Aviv
3 University Study that was out in April of '17 on
4 schizophrenia.

5 The incident, sometimes they're saying the incident
6 is 5.2 times as high in the young brains. Now, these
7 are kids that they're talking about, or teens like
8 Leslie had spoken today, the young brain. But it's, I
9 mean, there is just a disproportionate risk to a young
10 brain rather than somebody that's over 27.

11 And you know we're not, look around you, we're not
12 Denver, we're not Boston. We're more like Portsmouth.
13 Did you read the book Dreamland, Opioid Crisis. That
14 was based, that was about the opioid crisis and it was
15 all prescribed, all regulated, all secure; one community
16 like that.

17 And the investigation in that, I mean there was a
18 book written on it. It was based on a lot of
19 documentary investigation about that's the epicenter of
20 the opioid crisis. And those are my concerns.

21 MR. McCOURT: Thank you.

22 Thank you for sharing that.

23 MS. POLAK: Thanks.

24 MS. WOOD: All drugs aren't
25 the same. There is drugs like alcohol and opioids,

1 using physiological vision. When people start to take
2 them, after awhile they're not taking them for pleasure,
3 they're taking them to avoid the withdrawal. It's very
4 different. It has to do with how the drugs are used,
5 how they combine. Cannabis doesn't have that kind of
6 effect. There isn't a dependence. It's a very
7 different type of drug that can do that.

8 So again, the other things, this is not, again I
9 mentioned before, people turn to narcotics, they get
10 addicted, the total physiology. This is not happening
11 and it's not produced that way. That's respectfully
12 said.

13 MR. McCARTY: Okay. Wayne
14 McCarty. I'd get up but my hip was operated on and one
15 knee.

16 I have just weaned myself from too strong
17 opioids, one called Oxycodone and one called Fenoterol.
18 My question is this here, not to the regulatory or not
19 to the opioid, which are very different and from my
20 standpoint they are not -- if anyone is taking them, get
21 off, just get off them, they'll kill you. And I don't
22 care how disciplined you are. I thought I was the most
23 disciplined person in the world. You will become
24 addicted and abuse.

25 First question, a very dear friend and my mother

1 had and has ALS. I've been reading about some research.
2 Any comments on that real quick?

3 DR. WOLFE: ALS is
4 absolutely horrible, Lou Gehrig's Disease, it's
5 progressive, and there is pain. More than pain, it's
6 neurologic loss of neurologic function. So again I
7 don't have the information. Leslie might.

8 But again, you emphasize, there is a very big
9 difference. You don't have to wean off cannabis, you
10 just stop it. With narcotics, you can't just stop it.
11 It actually can kill you stopping it, just stopping it.
12 It's very real.

13 And as I mentioned earlier, there are good things
14 from a lot of places that cannabis use diminishes opioid
15 use.

16 MR. HANNY: Paul
17 Hanny, 607 Oneida, Huron Ohio.

18 This is a fantastic presentation. I was a sales
19 manager and I want to say I've heard spin before and
20 that was beautiful. You hit all the high points with
21 your presentation.

22 But I want to ask you a couple questions. Sir,
23 with all due respect, how many grow houses are now
24 licensed in the State of Ohio?

25 MR. McCOURT: You say how many

1 are licensed in the State of Ohio?

2 MR. HANNY: I've seen there
3 are eleven grow houses for medical marijuana, licensed
4 in the State of Ohio. If that is true, we have a very
5 sick state. Are these people preparing us for
6 commercial sales of marijuana?

7 Now, I have absolutely no problem with medical
8 marijuana. I have a problem with distribution of it. I
9 have to ask you one question. If this is so wonderful,
10 and I'm sure it is, why is it not being sold through the
11 regular pharmacies? What, Drug Mart is going out of
12 business? Wal-Mart or Rite-Aid is going out of
13 business? Why do we have to have a special, special
14 place here to do it?

15 Now, you said you can not guarantee the future. I
16 can understand that. Nobody expects you to do that;
17 however, if this does become commercial, we already have
18 eleven grow houses, apparently from what the papers say.
19 If this goes to commercial, you can't guarantee it.
20 We'll be a center for drug activity.

21 Gentlemen, security people up there, I am sure that
22 this grow house and I am sure that this medical
23 facility, that you want to put in will be well guarded.
24 Most drug houses, legal or illegal, are well guarded.
25 You said in a few places they'll go somewhere else, not

1 in that facility.

2 You said they're going to ride their bicycles.
3 Well, I don't think there is any bicycle paths up there.
4 I'm sorry, gentlemen, this thing is not going well.

5 AUDIENCE PERSON: There are bike
6 paths.

7 MR. HANNY: Is there some
8 out there? Okay, but how many people are going to ride
9 their bicycles to go to this place?

10 Gentlemen, I support medical marijuana. I just
11 don't think we need a facility like this without proper,
12 proper guardians for the future in my hometown.

13 I'm 75 years old. I'm not going to be here much
14 longer, but you people and your children are. And
15 marijuana, whether they say so or not, and this young
16 lady up here, marijuana, my son is a detective.
17 Marijuana is an access drug to hardened drugs.

18 AUDIENCE PERSON: So is alcohol.

19 AUDIENCE PERSON: Absolutely.

20 AUDIENCE PERSON: Did you have
21 alcohol first or did you smoke a joint first? If you
22 had alcohol beverages first, that's your gateway drug,
23 not your joint.

24 MR. HANNY: Ma'am, I'm
25 talking about children.

1 MAYOR HARTUNG: Talk to the
2 panel.

3 MR. HANNY: Gentlemen, are
4 there medical growers?

5 MR. McCOURT: There is twelve
6 level one grow facilities. There is twelve level two
7 cultivation that are in a similar state of construction
8 right now.

9 There is a lot in that question and I'm happy to
10 sit down and kind of unpack some of that, because I do
11 have a lot of thoughts on the points that you raised and
12 would love to discuss those in detail.

13 MR. HANNY: I will ask you,
14 how much, how much are you going to be growing in these
15 houses? What will the yield be?

16 MR. McCOURT: Some of that
17 detail is proprietary. What is publicly known is 25,000
18 square foot level one cultivation facility and that's
19 what we're authorized to do right now with our
20 professional license.

21 MR. HANNY: I want to thank
22 you gentlemen. I know you're well meaning. I know
23 you're doing your job. You did a great presentation by
24 the way, gentlemen. I want to thank the medical
25 director, wherever she went. Thank you for the

1 questions you asked. Thank you to everybody.

2 MR. McCOURT: Thank you.

3 MR. ORTEN: Kyle Orten, 920
4 Stowbridge Drive.

5 For starters I just want to clarify a couple
6 things. I'm hearing questions that made no sense to me.
7 I wanted to clarify. There are 29 states where medical
8 marijuana is legal, correct, or 27? More than half.
9 And I think there is only four where recreational is
10 legal if I'm not mistaken.

11 MR. McCOURT: 8.

12 MR. ORTEN: So for starters
13 the recreational following medical doesn't make sense,
14 because it's five times, six times as many people with
15 medical as recreational.

16 And for someone that works in a hospital, I can
17 just say that we have Drug Marts and Kroger pharmacies
18 and Wal-Mart pharmacies that are not going to the
19 hospitals where people can go get access to their drugs.

20 My question is we opened a wonderful detox center
21 in Sandusky, because you can all see the opioid epidemic
22 is the main talk of this room and in this entire area.
23 As Doctor Temple showed us, it's clear to see how much
24 things have come in 2001, 3 to 4 in six fold in terms of
25 heroin overdoses and narcotic pain overdoses. Because

1 of this, we just built this detox center in Sandusky.

2 I know you said, I know you guys are not partners
3 with them, but I know you said you had like 20 business
4 partners that you kind of ventured with or so in this
5 area. Do you think there will be any kind of future
6 possibility of maybe joining with like a detoxification
7 center as far as profits that go towards fighting this
8 war on drugs, as far as maybe even using it as adjunct
9 therapy for people that are coming addicted to narcotic
10 pain medicine and heroin?

11 I know if there is no physiological evidence that
12 you get addicted to cannabis, compared to Percocet,
13 Fentanyl, Dilaudid all that stuff. And I know a lot of
14 profits you make around this area are going to be
15 supporting Erie County, like they asked. On the war on
16 drugs we're having, we're losing apparently.

17 So I don't know if that would be a possibility
18 maybe getting together kind of helping in terms of
19 joining the detoxification center or other hospitals in
20 this area as far as you think as adjunct therapies.

21 MR. McCOURT: Thank you for
22 your question. I take that to be very similar to what
23 actually Mayor Hartung had already asked and I responded
24 to. The short answer, yes, we are more than happy and
25 welcoming of those conversations and those are going to

1 be happening soon with a few folks, and you as well. I
2 would like to get your name and follow up after this.

3 MR. ORTEN: Thank you.

4 MR. CAMP: Hi, good
5 evening. My name is Justin Camp. I am a novice at all
6 of this; however, I've done a couple tours overseas and
7 I've seen what actual hashish can actually do to a
8 combat person.

9 So, my question to you is how many of you on that
10 board have children? Okay. How many of those children
11 live within a one-mile to two-mile radius of your
12 dispensary? That's where I'm going with this.

13 So, apologize my naive situation where I read my
14 couple questions I jotted down.

15 This whole epidemic started approximately 2001 when
16 we all started throwing on opioids. Crime rate, okay,
17 so on and so forth. This all starts, like I said, with
18 the doctor level prescribing narcotics. Maybe because
19 of the fact that they are issuing these for pain,
20 correct?

21 Doctor?

22 DR. WOLFE: Could we hear
23 what the question is?

24 MR. CAMP: I'm working
25 towards that. My requisition, you said this won't come

1 and finally revenue.

2 How is this not going to be a problem with this
3 location? I understand marijuana may or may not be
4 referenced; however, we do have Cedar Point that does
5 produce anywhere between 100 to 150 thousand people a
6 day. How are we not going to then generate more than
7 300 to 350 people to this location?

8 Second of all, you're at a major highway.

9 Then I also question, and I'm starting to question
10 your intentions. Now is this money regulated or is this
11 money more along business avenues? Does that help our
12 community, our city, our county, or is this just for
13 money?

14 Are we looking for a medical aspect of this, this
15 outcome?

16 Are we looking to help the community, or is this a
17 business junction to get money?

18 Secondly, ORC, the Ohio Revised Code states you get
19 a 90-day supply, correct? You can just give me a nod.
20 I read up on it.

21 My next question to you is, if you can get a 90-day
22 supply at your dispensary, how do we guarantee us that
23 this is not going to get into the hands of our children?
24 I understand recreational drugs can end up in the hands
25 of our children; however, one of your also main avenues

1 to your building also leads up to Woodlands Elementary
2 School. So, who is going to be responsible for those
3 children if it lands in their hands?

4 (Several audience members shouted out comments.)

5 MR. CAMP: We're not going
6 to argue. It's for you. So, is that a business
7 junction? Are you here to help or is this a money
8 burning revenue? Because there is multiple highways
9 leading to the same area like ours, like Mansfield down
10 71, which is also in the same area that you talked
11 about.

12 I apologize, I didn't get your name.

13 MR. McCOURT: Jeff McCourt.

14 MR. CAMP: Okay, you said
15 you live in Ohio City, correct?

16 MR. McCOURT: Correct.

17 MR. CAMP: Okay. Thank
18 you. So my question is, is this a business juncture or
19 are you out actually helping people in this community?

20 MR. McCOURT: So, we are
21 committed to helping seriously ill patients in Ohio.
22 That's the whole mission of the business. I hope that
23 you heard the introductory materials and the
24 presentation that we gave.

25 The reason that I got involved in medical cannabis

1 to begin with had nothing to do with money. I actually
2 recently left a lucrative legal position and partner
3 track position at a law firm to become full time in this
4 venture.

5 I appreciate the concern that you voiced about the
6 proximity of school. I understand that. I have a one
7 and a half year old at home, my daughter -- one and a
8 half year old daughter at home. My wife is six months
9 pregnant with our second child. She is a public school
10 teacher. My mother was a public school teacher. I
11 understand the concern.

12 MR. CAMP: Don't get me
13 wrong, I'm not against what you're doing. Believe me,
14 I've seen multiple combat Vets that benefited from the
15 program that you're doing. I just have an issue with
16 the location.

17 MR. McCOURT: I appreciate
18 that. Thank you.

19 MR. GANLEY: Richard Ganley,
20 Superior Drive. I thought it was a great presentation.

21 I do have some personal experience with seeing
22 aspects of medical marijuana. My sister lived in
23 Colorado and died last year after 8 years of ovarian
24 cancer. She was fortunate enough to live in a state
25 that had medical marijuana. And I can tell you it

1 provided enormous relief from aspects of chemotherapy
2 and other problems with cancer.

3 I've also read quite a bit about medical marijuana
4 and I have a lot of family in Colorado and California.
5 I spent a lot of time there. I'm admitted to practice
6 law in California, along with Ohio, so I read quite a
7 bit about this.

8 As you point out, from what I have read, that in
9 states that have medical marijuana and recreational
10 marijuana, opioid use drops dramatically. So people are
11 concerned about the hard drugs. They should be
12 concerned about the hard drugs. This is, this, this
13 isn't a negative step. This is a positive step to
14 reduce the use of hard drugs.

15 Both, again, medical and even if it were to spread
16 into recreational use, those both have a negative impact
17 upon the use of hard drugs in the community. It doesn't
18 grow with hard drugs. It shrinks the hard drugs. So,
19 again I've seen that. I've read a lot about it. I
20 spent a lot of time in Colorado. I've spent a lot of
21 time in California. I've seen the impact with that.
22 I've read some of the studies.

23 One of my good friends in my law firm has Crohn's
24 Disease. She's been waiting for medical marijuana to be
25 legal so that it can reduce some of the problems that

1 she's had. So I think this is a very positive step.

2 Again, I'm impressed by the security that's
3 involved with that. Again, probably reduces crime in
4 the area, not increases crime in the area.

5 I don't think you're going to have, from what I
6 understand, not going to be junkies hanging around the
7 old Burger King. And in terms of public health issues,
8 I think Burger King was probably, did a lot more to
9 contribute to negative health impact than the medical
10 marijuana.

11 MAYOR HARTUNG: Thank you.

12 MR. MEEKER: My name is
13 Gerald Meeker. I live in Huron Ohio, 210 1/2 Miami
14 Place. I have a few questions to ask you.

15 Number one, how did you happen to pick Huron as
16 your place to grow medical marijuana? I don't mean
17 descriptive, I mean to even grow it. You must have been
18 invited by somebody.

19 MR. McCOURT: Yes. We did a
20 comprehensive search for the right location and there
21 were a number of factors that attracted us to Huron. A
22 big part of it is the community and the culture here
23 that we think is very much in step with the wellness
24 program that we are putting in place with the
25 cultivation facility, your historical lineage with

1 growers on the north coast. Those farms that are all
2 over the place and Mucci's is another example of a
3 high-tech indoor agriculture version of that. There is
4 an emerging agriculture tech zone happening in that Rye
5 Beach Road corridor.

6 MR. MEEKER: You're saying
7 that you picked this town because, you selected it, yes,
8 right?

9 MR. McCOURT: Yes.

10 MR. MEEKER: Nobody appointed
11 you, right? I don't know if the City Manager had
12 anything to do with this. We had a past City Manager
13 many years ago, the town used to have a Main Street that
14 ran from 6 all the way to the pier. Then somebody said,
15 the same with Sheldon, and Doctor Sheldon's son. And he
16 said, "Well, I think it would be a good idea to increase
17 the city limits a little bit to get more people to be
18 called a city, that way we can get grants".

19 Grants is a name I hate, because grants are money
20 that comes from us, not gifts, from the federal
21 government. That's why there is so many taxes that we
22 have to pay.

23 And I know I'm 85 and I shouldn't be speaking, but
24 I think that people should realize that your company is
25 growing marijuana; and when it becomes legal, which it

1 will in a few years, will you still supply those
2 companies that are currently legal with marijuana?

3 MR. McCOURT: Thank you for
4 that. I think I already addressed that question at
5 least once, but I appreciate the question.

6 MR. MEEKER: I don't think
7 you explained it well enough for everybody. I didn't
8 write it down, and I've been writing down some of the
9 things you said. And I just want to say that what
10 happens when the city grows bigger? Crime grows bigger?
11 Is that right? Take Columbus, Cleveland, Toledo, any
12 bigger city. The more city you get, the more crime you
13 have.

14 I'm not saying I think anyone used to move to Huron
15 because it was a nice, quiet town. Now it's gotten
16 bigger and it's going to get bigger. Next thing we'll
17 build a casino. Okay, so that's all I got to say. I
18 hope I have affected a few people. Thank you.

19 MR. McCOURT: Thank you very
20 much.

21 MAYOR HARTUNG: Next.

22 MR. FISHER: I want to
23 apologize for shooting my mouth off a little bit at the
24 beginning. I didn't think we were going to be able to
25 ask questions. I wasn't here in the beginning. I

1 apologize for that.

2 I also want to say God bless anyone who is in here
3 for health issues. I know that is a big concern, big
4 concern, and looking for answers and going through tough
5 times on that.

6 C. Fisher, Huron.

7 Arthritis, Jeff, I got arthritis in our family too.
8 Jeff, when we were at a meeting, my wife and I, you said
9 you were moving to Huron. Now I just heard you say
10 "Well, if I get my wife to say we're moving to Huron".
11 You're coming to Huron.

12 Sales, smooth. A lot, sounds like, man, when I was
13 listening at the beginning, they have every answer in
14 the book, it sounds like. You got hemorrhoids in there?
15 Hemorrhoids.

16 Sounds like an old medicine doctor that used to
17 come around on the horse and buggy different times, got
18 all kinds of answers. "I got a cure for this. I have a
19 cure for everything". Who wouldn't be looking here to
20 help, wanting help?

21 One thing you didn't mention. Did you notice when
22 he talked that whole process through, one thing he
23 didn't say at all, didn't mention one word about money.
24 Notice that? Never said one word about money. I'll
25 bring up to all of you health care. Look at all our

1 health care costs is going up and up and up. Never
2 mentioned any one word about money.

3 That PowerPoint was smooth too. You know, that
4 thing is sharp. I should have got a PowerPoint together
5 and put up there, Job and Family Services. You people
6 know what I'm talking about, a lot of you. Or just
7 bring in a bunch of people that I know, families that I
8 know, people I know that have gone through drug, drug,
9 horrible, horrible, drug situations, and put them up
10 there. I think you get the same kind of expression you
11 got from the public.

12 I got a couple questions. I didn't get up here
13 just to say that. I do have a couple questions.

14 You brought up, by the way, old wise -- sometimes
15 always the best way -- old wise man back there, old wise
16 man.

17 California, I heard, boy, everything is run slick,
18 sounds to you like everything is running great in
19 California. And Colorado is same way. I heard all that
20 research you guys got. You guys got a lot of research.
21 A lot of these people here. I got a degree, pretty good
22 degree, but I'll tell you, a lot of them got real life
23 experience. That's tough to follow, real life
24 experience.

25 Colorado, how come if everything is going so great

1 in Colorado, have you done research on 70, it was 66
2 percent, and that's legal out there; medical and
3 recreational marijuana is legal out there. How come 71
4 percent of the districts out there still have never
5 voted in medical or recreational marijuana in their
6 districts? Now what's that tell you after all these
7 years of it being legal out there in Colorado? What
8 that's tell you?

9 California. You ever heard of Green Doctors? You
10 ever heard of Green Doctors? Google Green Doctors. It
11 will frighten you about medical marijuana and medical
12 marijuana dispensaries and that kind of stuff. No
13 answer on that? What about all that research?

14 And as far as checking everything out with the, you
15 know, surveillance and that. You know, it's amazing,
16 it's amazing how many, all the jails and prisons around,
17 all over, got all that surveillance, and what do they
18 all have problems with? Drugs. Drugs inside. If you
19 aren't on it when go in, you'll be one when you come
20 out. They have all that surveillance, all the cops
21 around. Sounds smooth. How about real life?

22 Opioids. Remember, it wasn't that many years ago
23 when they were coming up saying opioids were the answer.
24 They were the answer. Remember that? Hey, opioids are
25 the thing. Now we got something that will take care of

1 everything sounds like.

2 How about hemorrhoids? Okay.

3 One more point, I'm done. What about those? What
4 about California? Have you ever heard of Green Doctors?
5 What about Colorado? Have you done your research why so
6 much of it still doesn't want any part of it? Any
7 comment on that? Thank you.

8 MAYOR HARTUNG: This will be the
9 last question. We're going on a break and finish our
10 Council meeting.

11 MS. HUMPHREYS: Hi. My name is
12 Kitty Humphreys. I live on Pittsburgh Avenue. I'm a
13 little confused about what the law in Ohio is right now.
14 Done a lot of reading about it and it seems like
15 medicinal marijuana is legal, but it didn't specify
16 exactly where you can get it. So, can you address that
17 and then how dispensaries will benefit that legal
18 situation?

19 MR. McCOURT: Sure. I guess
20 in a nutshell, right now the commercial distribution
21 system is being rolled out by the State Board of
22 Pharmacy for patient access that has to be opened by
23 September of this year. And 60 licensed dispensaries
24 would be places with medical marijuana for qualifying
25 patients and their receiving recommendations from

1 doctors that are certified to recommend, can obtain
2 medical cannabis. That will be the location. None of
3 those facilities are open and running yet.

4 MAYOR HARTUNG: Okay.

5 MR. McCOURT: Thank you.

6 THE COURT: Very good. That
7 will end the question portion for them. We'll take a
8 five minute recess and come back in and go into audience
9 comments. That's your chance to talk to Council, get
10 your comments on the records. Let us know.

11 We'll move into regular meeting on the agenda.

12 Thank you.

13 (Off the record).

14 (Gavel).

15 MAYOR HARTUNG: All right.

16 We're going to come back into session now.

17 We would like everyone to sit down. We'll move
18 into the audience comment portion of this.

19 We heard the presentation. That was what Council
20 saw back in October. You get to ask some questions now.
21 Now it's your turn to speak to us, let us know your
22 feeling.

23 I'll open it up. There is a five-minute time
24 period.

25 MR. ORTEN: Kyle Orten, 920

1 Stowbridge Drive. I want to thank you guys for having
2 this meeting. I know it's extremely important for
3 issues that are this controversial.

4 Yell at me. I know there is a lot of people that
5 want to speak.

6 I've been a nurse for three years. I know the
7 biggest issue surrounding this controversy in this area
8 right now is opioid epidemic. From Sandusky to Castalia
9 to Norwalk to Vermilion, everyone is going through it
10 right now. It's as bad as it's ever been. We're
11 clearly without a doubt losing the war on drugs. I hate
12 to say that, but from what Doctor Temple showed, that's
13 just the truth.

14 What people I think fail to realize as they start
15 associating these things like marijuana. They see it's
16 an illegal drug. They start associating it with heroin,
17 with opioid narcotics, and that's just not the case.

18 I think a lot of fear surrounds. I'm looking at
19 the crowd tonight. I've heard a lot of scoffs and I've
20 seen a lot of eyerolls. I see a lot of older
21 generation, older Huron residents, my father's age, my
22 grandparents age. It's always been taboo to them.

23 My dad and mom raised me on just, I mean "You hear
24 the word weed or pot, you stay away from it". And
25 that's why I like how Doctor Temple referred to it as

1 cannabis. That's what we're referring to. We don't
2 want this negative stigma of marijuana coming in and
3 scaring people off from giving this a chance to help
4 people.

5 I didn't get the speaker's name unfortunately, I
6 apologize for that. Loved his presentation. A
7 gentleman asked him what he was in this business for;
8 was he in this business to make a profit or was he in
9 here to help people's lives. I know he said he had a
10 personal experience with his mother, I believe he said.
11 To me the answer is both.

12 I mean, I can't count how many times in three years
13 I've seen somebody my age come in and pass away from
14 this epidemic, having to explain things to their
15 families about why it's happened.

16 I've seen firsthand however on the opposite flip
17 side of that coin how much medical marijuana has
18 benefited people in other cities.

19 I have seen people suffering from nausea, from
20 vomiting, from rapid weight loss due to effects of
21 chemotherapy and severe Crohn's Disease, who can be
22 treated by phenergans, opioids, they have no effect on
23 these people.

24 I've taken care of health people who had systemic
25 Crohn's Disease that just the look of food makes them

1 want to throw up. The only treatment they found
2 effective was this marijuana.

3 Some states, like this state, I have people that do
4 it recreationally because it's the only thing that works
5 and they don't have a means of getting that legally, but
6 they get the Zofran, get Vicodin for stomach pain; they
7 get Percocets and Dilaudids and Fentanyl.

8 And I know there is a gentleman in here, he just
9 had hip surgery, who complained he just had to wean
10 himself off because he was suffering from side effects
11 from addiction from these hard pain meds. And I think
12 what this gentleman right here in the red was describing
13 earlier, he's had relative or friends, somebody come
14 out. This isn't a means of coating or masking narcotic
15 pain medicine; this is an adjunct therapy that is meant
16 to help wean us off opioid epidemic.

17 A lot of people are scared. They think that you
18 put the words weed in legalization and now it's
19 distributed right here on our streets. People start
20 getting scared. All of a sudden drugs are more readily
21 available than they were before.

22 The truth is that's just not the case. This is an
23 issue of something that's going to help us. Adjunct
24 therapy shows that, scientific evidence shows there is
25 no physiological dependence to cannabis. It is

1 completely different from your Percocets, your
2 Fentanyls, your heroin.

3 So you take this as adjunct. It treats pain,
4 treats nausea, treats anxiety. There are 21, I believe
5 it's 21 different -- I have it written down. 21
6 approved use proved before you can get this license.
7 These aren't things you come in for a hang nail or
8 headache and suddenly you're getting a medical card to
9 go buy pot. That's not what this is.

10 If you are suffering from a debilitating rheumatoid
11 arthritis, from debilitating Crohn's Disease, from ALS
12 where your body is shutting down, MS where you can't get
13 out of bed, because your body won't let you control your
14 bowel functions. This all means to help people improve
15 the quality of life and that is what this group is here
16 to do.

17 We are a perfect location, Huron. We're between
18 Cleveland and Toledo. It's a perfect route to get to
19 where we're at to help a majority of people in a quick
20 amount of time.

21 And on top of improving people's quality of life,
22 because that's what my job is, that's why I'm here and
23 I've seen, and that's what I'm seeing these people
24 trying to do, is improve the quality of people's lives.
25 Thank you. Thank you very much. I appreciate it.

1 MAYOR HARTUNG: Thank you.

2 Anyone else, please?

3 MR. TRAPODI: My name is Liam
4 Trapodi. I live on 521 Washington Avenue.

5 I just had I guess a bit of a question regarding I
6 guess the economic benefits, if you can answer it, to
7 having this cultivation center, dispensary, because
8 clearly the Burger King, they're not generating any sort
9 of revenue, so they can't pay any taxes. There is
10 nothing really pouring into the local economy. So I
11 didn't know if you could give me any insight as to maybe
12 some benefits of having this company come into town
13 would have.

14 MAYOR HARTUNG: There are
15 economic benefits of coming into town. The numbers, we
16 haven't received yet. We're looking at and did not ask
17 for tax abatement.

18 But I would like to remind you, this is a comment
19 section only. Just get your comments on. The
20 questions, we'll get them, and if you want to meet after
21 to talk about it, we can do that.

22 MR. TRAPODI: Okay. Thank
23 you. That's all.

24 MAYOR HARTUNG: Thank you.

25 MR. HOWELL: Hi. Can you

1 hear me? My name is Bob Howell, 424 Kiwanis Avenue.

2 This is a comment for the Council, but also for the
3 community.

4 I am here to voice strong support for the proposed
5 medical marijuana pharmacy. I also want to vote to add
6 my strong support to the City Council and especially to
7 Andy and Laura and their staff, including Mike Stafford
8 and Doug Ream. We are lucky to have them running our
9 city. They are definitely tops in the state for
10 managing a small city. They're honest and work so hard
11 and achieve so much in their efforts to make Huron a
12 better place to live. They're efficient, transparent,
13 ethically run the city. We all should applaud them and
14 give them their due so we don't lose them to another
15 city.

16 It was their efforts that put ConAgra into motion,
17 got Mucci Farms, and Ohio Choice Medical Marijuana
18 facility and the new medical marijuana facility to
19 locate in Huron. That trifecta would total over a
20 hundred million dollars in new development and probably
21 more than 300 new jobs in the city. And would be more
22 jobs would follow that, more development will be created
23 by other manufacturing and businesses that follow suit.

24 And Andy and Laura on the staff and Council
25 anticipating that, thinking through a new Corporate Park

1 location, that, now that our current Corporate Park is
2 full.

3 Regarding the new pharmacy. I call it a pharmacy
4 because that's what it is. It will fill medical
5 prescriptions just like Drug Mart does. The only
6 difference between a medical marijuana pharmacy and Drug
7 Mart though, is that at the medical marijuana facility,
8 they would only dispense highly regulated and controlled
9 low grade medical marijuana versus Drug Mart where you
10 can get prescriptions filled for Fentanyl, Oxcontin,
11 Vicodin and other harsh opioid-type drugs. But we would
12 never advocate shutting down Drug Mart, would we? So I
13 don't understand the controversy under this new business
14 coming to Huron.

15 If it were a CVS or Rite-Aid or any other drug
16 store, drug store or pharmacy coming to down, everyone
17 would be thrilled. And even though they dispense drugs
18 that can have long-term effects and severely harmful
19 consequences if used improperly, that's why we should
20 all, including all of us, all of City Council should
21 fully support the new business.

22 One more comment about military. Our son Dillon is
23 in the Army. He's Special Forces Green Beret and he
24 just returned from deployment in North Africa. He began
25 his Special Forces combat duty as a combat medic. So he

1 knows full well the injuries that he and his team
2 members suffered during and from multiple, multiple
3 deployments that they make to protect each one of us.

4 He has to treat his team in the field and care for
5 their well-being back home and those are pain management
6 for his guys, and their efforts to keep fit enough for
7 deployments.

8 He sees on an ongoing basis the balance between
9 pain and addiction. As a minimum, almost all Special
10 Forces soldiers have back, neck, and shoulder injuries,
11 and pain caused from hauling hundred pound packs and
12 gear and jumping out of helicopters, et cetera.

13 Then there are the soldiers who receive combat
14 wounds which takes years of medical treatment and drugs.
15 For these reasons, Dillon supports medical marijuana and
16 the prospect of a pharmacy here, and throughout the
17 nation other cities.

18 90 percent of all soldiers support medical
19 marijuana. And that's reported in the recent survey by
20 the American Legion.

21 MAYOR HARTUNG: One minute.

22 MR. HOWELL: The Legion also
23 supports, they say they support troops, but most time
24 support is pretty slim. The least we can do is repay
25 them for their service with pain alternatives to I think

1 the opioids which can cripple them. Thank you.

2 MAYOR HARTUNG: Thank you.

3 MR. LEGANDO: Tony Legando, 28
4 years Huron, Memorial Street was my address.

5 Now, I'm the exception to the rule. I'm not here
6 to argue for or against medical marijuana. I don't know
7 much about it. I'm here to talk about what appears to
8 me to be a lack of transparency used in bringing it into
9 our community.

10 Mr. Hartung, as the leader of the community, if you
11 don't mind, I would like to address you with my
12 concerns.

13 About two years ago, as I understand it, when the
14 state legalized medical marijuana, you had to make a
15 decision; prohibit it, put a moratorium on it, or don't
16 do anything about it, leading to open growing processing
17 and selling legalized marijuana.

18 Under the direction of our City Manager and the
19 guidance of our Law Director, you made the decision to
20 do nothing. Once you made that decision, you had to
21 make another decision; open it up for public discussion
22 and listen to the concerns of our, of your constituents
23 or keep it quiet. Sadly you chose to keep it quiet.

24 Putting a moratorium on it and bringing taxpayers
25 into the discussion would have been a noble thing to do,

1 but you chose not to. Never gave the people of Huron a
2 voice until tonight, really, the opportunity to
3 research, ask questions, or be a part of the process,
4 until tonight, until it's really too late, until it's a
5 done deal. I'm wondering what were you doing here
6 tonight? It's already been decided.

7 The moment medical marijuana became legal, if you
8 weren't going to prohibit dispensing in our city, you
9 should have reevaluated the zoning of our business
10 districts ensuring a favorable location for everyone.
11 Other cities have done it. But you didn't. Makes one
12 wonder if you weren't blinded by the money. Couldn't
13 care where the dispensary went or what your constituents
14 think. I think it's a little bit politically arrogant,
15 just to be frank.

16 City Manager and Law Director were aware of
17 communications by the Burger King in September, but
18 didn't inform all Council until a work session late in
19 October. I don't know much about politics, Mr. Mayor,
20 but I think some of them got played. In fact, I think
21 maybe we all got a little bit played.

22 This is a controversial topic. Yet you never
23 mentioned growing, processing, or dispensing medical
24 marijuana in your meeting agendas. You never sent out
25 surveys or questionnaires. You never wrote about it in

1 the newsletter, sent a simple flyer or even included it
2 in any articles or discussions in the newspaper.

3 We have communications about leaf pickup, but
4 nothing about growing, processing, or selling within the
5 city limits. I can't help it, Mr. Mayor, that just
6 doesn't pass the smell test for me.

7 Here's the vision I get, and I could be wrong, but
8 it seems to me some of the Council have huddled
9 together, along with the Law Director, and went rogue
10 slow playing this thing hoping the message would be
11 delayed long enough to quietly seal this deal and move
12 on.

13 I don't know, I just saw some drawings of what it
14 was supposed to look like. I didn't know about this
15 until two weeks ago. Someone had to know a long time
16 ago for them to draw up those pictures and all that.

17 You didn't ask our Police Chief how it might affect
18 our city. Didn't ask our Judge how it might affect the
19 court system in our city. And you didn't ask someone
20 like John Zimmerman, former Fire Chief, Building
21 Official and lifelong resident of Huron about potential
22 zoning problems. They work in the building every week,
23 but you didn't take the time to ask them.

24 As I understand it, you didn't go to the firemen,
25 to the police force to ask their honest opinions. These

1 guys have families. They work hard in the City of
2 Huron. They have opinions. They care about their
3 community. They all work in the City Building, some,
4 four five days a week, but you didn't ask them what they
5 thought. That kinds of wild to me.

6 You didn't go to Pete Schade who was here tonight,
7 Director of Huron County Health Department, who lives in
8 our community, has children in our schools. He has
9 strong opinions on topics like this, but you didn't ask
10 him.

11 You didn't go to Doctor Williamson. His office is
12 in the heart of town about 50 feet away from yours,
13 Mr. Mayor. He's a lifetime resident. You could have
14 asked him what he thought of a medication not yet
15 approved by the American Medical Association or the Food
16 and Drug Administration, but you chose not to.

17 I could be wrong, but I believe you didn't go to
18 them because they might tell you something you didn't
19 want to hear. You didn't go to them because they might
20 expose the secret that's been working behind the scenes
21 in our community apparently for a long time.

22 I wonder are you representing City Manager, Law
23 Director, and a couple Council members, or are you
24 representing all of the Council and all of the residents
25 of Huron? Maybe before you start easing this apparent

1 Trojan horse into our community, and tripping over
2 yourselves with to grow, process, and distribute
3 marijuana in our city, you should have taken a more
4 transparent approach, one that included all of us before
5 it was too late, before it was a done deal, before you
6 started communicating with the buyers, before these
7 licenses were even applied for.

8 If I understand you correctly, this meeting tonight
9 has no bearing at all on whether we get a dispensary or
10 not, because according to the Law Director, if we stop
11 the process now, we might get sued.

12 How does that --

13 MAYOR HARTUNG: That's all the
14 time you have.

15 MR. LEGANDO: I have one more,
16 couple lines. You okay with that?

17 MAYOR HARTUNG: Yes.

18 MR. LEGANDO: I'm wondering
19 how a City Law Director gets us into a predicament like
20 this or is it just a ruse to divert attention to reflect
21 responsibility to a speedy process.

22 Here's my honest observation and again I could be
23 wrong. I think some competence in our city officials
24 has been lost and I think any hope for transparency is
25 long gone. I don't think it has a place in our

1 community. I'm not sure it has a place in our county.

2 So, here's my question, simple question; regardless
3 of what is said in this room tonight, if the State
4 offers a license to dispense medical marijuana tomorrow,
5 is it already a done deal? If it is, what's next?
6 What's going on behind closed doors now? What other
7 secret projects are in the works? And when will you let
8 us know? Thank you.

9 MAYOR HARTUNG: Thank you.

10 MR. SCHADE: Members of
11 Council and folks in the crowd, my name is Pete Schade.
12 I'm with the Erie County Health Department. I'm here
13 tonight representing the Board of Health and I just want
14 to share some thoughts from myself and our board as we
15 move down this road.

16 And wouldn't it be like me at this point to take a
17 tangent to remind everyone it's flu season? I'm not
18 kidding. Please wash your hands with soap. And, you
19 know, get on everybody you can because we have several
20 outbreaks in the community.

21 Now, monitoring disease is something we do at the
22 Health Department. Collecting data is another thing we
23 do. I think we do very well.

24 The actual Board of Health is made up of eleven
25 people from across our county. They are our friends and

1 neighbors and they serve with me in an advisory capacity
2 on issues germane to public health in our community.

3 So, in researching, what I wanted to say tonight, I
4 found a study by Dartmouth Medical School from just a
5 couple months ago, that has a definitive link of
6 adolescents living in medical marijuana states with
7 dispensaries and their likelihood and increases in those
8 kids who have tried new methods of cannabis use, such as
9 edibles and vaping at a younger age than those living in
10 a state with fewer dispensaries.

11 We know this data is accurate. We have the same
12 data from Erie County, and we compare that data with our
13 county and our state and our nation.

14 This data also suggests there is a degree between
15 regulatory oversight of the legal cannabis and kids
16 propensity for trying new ways to use it. We need to
17 start having a broader conversation about how best to
18 provide distribution for legal cannabis to mitigate
19 potential harms.

20 So, you know, to speak freely, we're looking at a
21 situation where we worked really hard as a community to
22 get our kids to understand "Just say no", and talk to
23 our kids and keep talking and have a conversation. And
24 we're showing a glimmer of hope in our youngsters. The
25 percentage of kids that are smoking pot for the first

1 time, ages 12 to 14, is down to 8 percent. In Erie
2 County, that's five hundred kids. Okay, that's down,
3 that's down from 11 percent a couple years ago.

4 So, bringing in a dispensary, bringing in a growth
5 facility, bringing in a conversation as we drive by on
6 the street is something that's awkward and
7 counter-productive to everything we've worked on so far
8 based on this addiction battle.

9 So, the one lady did say, and it's very true, that
10 young brains really affect, are affected much stronger
11 exponentially to the use of cannabis, and that's
12 something that I'm very worried about.

13 Due to the data that we have collected in '05, '08,
14 '11, 2013, 2015, and data we just collected in November
15 from all of our schools, we can trend the youth use of
16 alcohol and drugs. And the statistics are startling.
17 Even though I said we're getting a little better. We
18 use that data and we applied for and received a Drug
19 Free Community Grant.

20 I know the older gentleman in the back said he
21 hates grants, and I understand his opinion on that, but
22 we're getting 1.3 million dollars over ten years to work
23 with our kids in our community.

24 And we have a program called SPARK. And I think
25 there is about 40 kids in the Huron schools that are in

1 this SPARK program. And they're all great kids. And
2 they're the captains of tomorrow. So it's unfortunate
3 we're bringing in grant money to fight things like
4 marijuana use.

5 So, to finish up here, I have six main points I
6 want to share with the Council on behalf of the Board of
7 Health. These can change and these can morph into other
8 things as we go down this road.

9 Number one, the Board of Health is interested in
10 finding solutions to current issues facing us today and
11 in the future. We're willing to have this dialogue with
12 anybody interested in talking about this issue with us.
13 Any time of day, any day of the week, we'll set up a
14 meeting and sit down and try to dialogue together.

15 Number two, the Erie County Board of Health
16 recognizes medical marijuana --

17 MAYOR HARTUNG: 20 seconds.

18 MR. SCHADE: 20 seconds?

19 MAYOR HARTUNG: 20 seconds,

20 please.

21 MR. SCHADE: All right.

22 Medical marijuana has its use. We see the legitimacy
23 growing. It's still a C1 product, which means it's
24 highly addictive.

25 No matter what anybody says up here. Take a room

1 full of stoners and take their dope away from them and
2 watch their actions and their attitudes. I've been
3 there, I've seen it.

4 AUDIENCE PERSON: Take their beer
5 away from them.

6 MR. SCHADE: I agree with
7 you. Take my Ho-Ho's from me.

8 So, the Board of Health, we concur, we need more
9 research on the process. We're searching for support
10 for the opioid addiction battle. We don't want to
11 alienate the medical marijuana folks, but we're not
12 ready to agree that medical marijuana is a legitimate
13 alternative to opioids because it hasn't been ruled on
14 for the effects.

15 With that, I'll conclude. Thank you, Mayor,
16 Council.

17 MAYOR HARTUNG: Thank you,
18 Mr. Schade. Thank you.

19 MR. DRUM: Tim Drum, 377
20 Cincinnati.

21 Thank you, Mr. Schade. Just so I don't have to
22 follow Tony.

23 I have a loved one who suffers from one of the
24 qualifying conditions and therefore I applaud the state
25 legislature, the governor, for enacting this

1 legislation. It may potentially help alleviate her
2 symptoms. I applaud the City Council, the City of Huron
3 for allowing it to be in the city. And I hope it does
4 happen to make it convenient so that we won't have to go
5 very far to acquire something that can really help.

6 Thank you.

7 MS. THORNHILL: My name is Nancy
8 Thornhill. I live at 403 Seneca Street in Huron. I'm
9 Vice President of Erie County Board of Health.

10 And personally, I do not see a need for a separate
11 dispensary for marijuana. We don't have separate
12 dispensaries for Oxycodone, Percocets, any other opioid.
13 And here we're going to have in Huron that is going to
14 be highly secure and more regulated, it seems, than our
15 opioids.

16 So, just as a comment I have, the doctor said that
17 cannabis is a drug like any other drug on the market.
18 So, why do we need a separate method of dispensing it?

19 MAYOR HARTUNG: Thank you,
20 Nancy.

21 MS. ANDREW: Denise Andrew,
22 591 Brook Road in Huron.

23 And my comments don't go toward the benefits of
24 medical marijuana. We've heard a lot of research here
25 tonight. We've heard a lot about studies tonight. I've

1 done my own research. I've researched what effect does
2 a dispensary have on potential crime rate in the area.

3 We heard a lot about how the company is going to
4 have the best security possible to protect their
5 multi-million dollar investment, but the research has
6 shown and three years studies have shown that the
7 communities surrounding the dispensary are the ones that
8 get hit with the crime the most. It's not the
9 dispensary itself; it's the surrounding community.

10 So, who is going to protect my investment 24/7, my
11 home? Are we prepared with all the money that the city
12 is possibly going to be getting in revenue to increase
13 law enforcement in the area, to protect against the
14 potential of the increase of crime in our community?

15 I'm not saying that I am totally against medical
16 marijuana. That's not my issue. My issue is the safety
17 of our community, and do we really want this type of
18 facility in our community.

19 So, I think if others would research it a little
20 bit and look at what the potential of an increase in
21 crime can be created by this, then it might make us
22 think a little differently.

23 I'm sure there is many other areas out there where
24 a dispensary can be built. I'm concerned about our
25 community and our investments here, our homes and our

1 city.

2 MAYOR HARTUNG: Thank you.

3 MR. MAZEA: My name is Tim
4 Mazea. I live at 318 Gumwood Road. I have a Bachelor
5 of Science in Criminal Justice, as well as Psychology
6 from the University of Dayton. I worked in the prison
7 system in the State of Ohio. I also worked at Children
8 Services at Erie County back in the day with good old
9 Bob Lippert.

10 I've been a patient for 24 years. These last four
11 years, my back, neck pain and all the above have become
12 so far out of control that there isn't a medication made
13 approved by the FDA that will help me. I've tried them
14 all. Nothing seems to be working.

15 I hate when I hear people say that we have an
16 opioid addiction problem around here, because since I've
17 been in pain management all these years, I've made
18 relationships with all these pain management doctors
19 around here and I'll tell you what right now, there
20 isn't one of them from here to Toledo to Columbus to
21 Cleveland, that will dispense any narcotic pain
22 medication to people that have chronic pain.

23 I also have a neighbor that lives right here on
24 Buckeye and is dying of cancer, four to six months to
25 live; in his fourth month, who can't even get narcotic

1 pain medication. So, yeah, we had a narcotic opioid
2 pain medication problem in the 2000s. We don't have it
3 today. Today we have a heroin problem.

4 I am here today because my doctor, Doctor Bo Yoo,
5 number one spine surgeon in Ohio, who has worked on me,
6 told me that he wants me to try medical marijuana or
7 marijuana of any type, no matter what. Take his word
8 for it. He's seen amazing things happen with it. He's
9 also told me that patients that he has on that have
10 reduced their opioid use by 50 percent.

11 For me, that's a no-brainer. I have intractable
12 pain syndrome. I've fibromyalgia. I have it all. I
13 have damaged nerves up and down my body. I spasm at
14 night. I can't control neurological conditions. And
15 I've been told that this marijuana would help me.

16 I seen those in the crowd that say "Not here, not
17 Huron". If it was your family member, your mother, your
18 brother, somebody that you knew close to you, that had
19 the same situation and they were told that's the only
20 medication that might help them, would that change your
21 view?

22 I ask people in here to go to a pain management
23 clinic. Go over to Fisher-Titus in Norwalk to the Pain
24 Management Center. Walk in there and see what
25 excruciating pain that people are in, because of the

1 doctors not prescribing opioids. We have to have an
2 alternative. And I'm proud of our Council, Brad, and
3 all them for bringing this forward.

4 I understand there is some logistics to be made. I
5 appreciate everybody's opinion in here. And I agree, I
6 want to keep the crime down, keep the traffic down.
7 There is a lot of things that need discussed. I'm happy
8 to be having this thing and I thank you for your time.

9 MAYOR HARTUNG: Thank you.

10 MS. SILWACKI: My name is Julie
11 Silwacki. I live at 346 Ohio Street.

12 I am not here to discuss the pros and cons of
13 medical marijuana. I do approve of medical marijuana.
14 My main concern is transparency in our local government
15 and whether our City Council and Administration followed
16 the appropriate procedures in regard to the discussion
17 this evening; specifically the application that OPC had
18 to submit for this dispensary out of a page called
19 Notice of Proper Zoning Form.

20 On this form at the top it states, quote, "This
21 form must be signed by an individual with authority to
22 sign on behalf of the local government or zoning office
23 where the applicant proposes to locate its dispensary",
24 unquote.

25 One is not able to view this application;

1 therefore, I am not aware of who would have signed this
2 on behalf of Huron. I spoke with Brad Miller at the
3 Ohio State Board of Pharmacy and he stated in his
4 opinion that for a license to be approved for a
5 dispensary, the applicant had to essentially prove that
6 the area where the dispensary would be located would be
7 approved by the City and its people.

8 Again, this begs the question, who here provided
9 the initial approval that led OPC to believe the
10 currently proposed location would be appropriate for
11 their dispensary, and were those approvals done
12 properly?

13 After reviewing Huron City Council 2017 online
14 minutes, the only references to anything close to what
15 we are discussing tonight are on August the 8th, 2017,
16 when essentially an owner of Burger King provided the
17 City status of potential offers.

18 Council went into Executive Session to discuss the
19 purchase, sale of real estate. Then on 2017, Mr. White
20 noted he had spoken to the owner of the Burger King
21 building and they indicated they had an offer made on
22 their facility.

23 Having a Council work session on October 24th,
24 almost three months ago today, Mr. White recognized
25 officials and associates of who we met with tonight,

1 OPC, who are in attendance, to provide this work session
2 to City Council, information on the facility their
3 company is looking to construct within the city on
4 private property. That is a quote from the minutes.

5 Other than these mentions on the online minutes in
6 August and October, no information was ever conveyed to
7 the citizens of Huron regarding a medical marijuana
8 dispensary. There have been wonderful open forums on
9 the development of the Con Agra site, the changes to the
10 Route 6 order, the development of Main Street, Fabens
11 Park, et cetera.

12 Something this big as medical marijuana should have
13 been presented and debated publicly by all the citizens
14 of Huron. Why didn't Council and the City
15 Administration organize and promote an open forum
16 several months ago, as they did with these other city
17 changes? Why wasn't a moratorium enacted to give all of
18 us time to understand what was being proposed as other
19 communities have done throughout Ohio?

20 And instead of engaging in an open process that
21 would allow time for thought or constructive debate and
22 furthermore would have given OPC the opportunity to
23 address concerns and even relocate to another facility
24 if necessary. What should have been an orderly process,
25 open to all to participate, has caused, as we see,

1 bitter devices here in Huron.

2 No matter how we feel about medical marijuana, it
3 is important for all voices to be heard. Three months
4 ago, it would have been nice to have been included in
5 OPC's presentation in your work session.

6 In this day and age of social media, email,
7 Twitter, why isn't Council and the City Administration
8 including their citizens in such an important decision
9 as this?

10 Transparency, especially in local government, must
11 be present. Going forward, the citizens must be given
12 the opportunity to present their views and decisions and
13 votes would then be made hopefully in a large public
14 forum. Thank you.

15 MR. NAEGELE: Hi. Richard
16 Naegele on behalf of myself and my wife Jori Naegele.
17 We live on Superior Drive in Huron.

18 Just a few comments that, one, I really appreciate
19 what Council has done, not just with these facilities,
20 but with the other facilities, bringing good, clean
21 business, businesses into Huron, progressive-looking
22 businesses, clean businesses, providing jobs, providing
23 a good tax base. You're to be thanked and appreciated.

24 But a couple comments, particularly with respect to
25 the facility. And I have read about these things and

1 have reviewed these things. My wife and I are both
2 attorneys. We've reviewed this stuff in some detail.

3 When there are these medical marijuana facilities
4 in other states, crime does not go up. Crime goes down.
5 Property values go up, so it makes the town more
6 valuable. It makes the crime rate go down. Opioid use,
7 which is the real problem, goes down.

8 So, again, there is an in-first relationship
9 between medical marijuana and opioid use. As the
10 medical marijuana comes in, the opioid use goes down.

11 Also the complaints about medical marijuana, it's
12 the law in Ohio. It's been passed. It's a done deal.
13 It's here. I think it's positive. Again, I have
14 personal experience with my sister and others as
15 positive. And I think it will be a real plus for the
16 City of Huron.

17 Thank you.

18 MS. FISHER: Beth Fisher,
19 Ohio Street.

20 The presentation tonight sounded wonderful, but I
21 really don't think that's what we need in our community
22 of 7,000 people, and only eight square miles.

23 And we also need to consider the source. It was
24 Jeff McCourt's job to sell positives. And it's our job
25 to be diligent in researching the negatives. He is

1 trying to make money. We are trying to keep our
2 community family friendly.

3 In a meeting with my husband and I on Martin Luther
4 King Day, Jeff McCourt said he quit his law practice, he
5 said it again tonight, to work specifically for this
6 company. It must be a pretty lucrative offer for him to
7 quit the law practice.

8 Before his page became no longer found, Jeff's
9 personal page for the practice he worked for listed that
10 he specialized in cannabis startup businesses. This
11 isn't his first rodeo in convincing a city council how
12 wonderful this would be for their community. Jeff is
13 definitely a good salesman, but I believe that our
14 council members and our community realize it's his job
15 to sell this; not to tell the negatives.

16 Did he make us aware that grow facilities emit a
17 skunk like smell? No. I hope his company plans to put
18 in purifiers or whatever is needed to keep that stench
19 away from the other businesses, the college, and the
20 homes that are close by.

21 Andy and Laura at the last Council meeting, you
22 told everyone that you advised pulling out of this
23 because we might get sued, but you told my husband and
24 myself that we weren't going to get sued. Could you set
25 the record straight?

1 MAYOR HARTUNG: They will
2 respond to that during the City Manager's portion.

3 MS. FISHER: So he's going to
4 respond to that tonight? Okay.

5 I'm wondering, did you attempt to investigate how
6 Mansfield was able to ban marijuana businesses without
7 being sued? John Spon -- and they were at the same
8 point we were. Somebody already put money down on a
9 location, and they had already applied for license, and
10 they still were able to ban it without being sued.

11 John Spon, the City Law Director for Mansfield,
12 told us he is certain that our City Council still has
13 the legal authority to prohibit a dispensary without
14 being sued, because no license has been issued and they
15 are not operating yet. They offer copies of their
16 ordinances and said you could use emergency legislation.

17 One of the statistics my husband and I sent you two
18 weeks ago before the last Council meeting was about
19 Colorado where medical marijuana has been legal since
20 the early 2000s. Yet as my husband said earlier, 6
21 percent of their jurisdictions still do not allow
22 medical marijuana businesses in their communities. Why
23 is that after 15 years of medical marijuana? What do
24 they know that we don't know?

25 Now they have recreational marijuana and still bans

1 are not being lifted. I would beg our Council members
2 to at least put a moratorium on dispensaries until you
3 can further investigate these questions.

4 Vale, Colorado is one jurisdiction that has banned
5 all marijuana businesses, saying they want to keep their
6 brand of being known as a family friendly place to ski.

7 We have Cedar Point, beautiful beaches, bike paths
8 right out to the marijuana dispensary, and good schools.

9 My children and grandchildren love coming to Huron.
10 They can ride their bikes anywhere; to the beach to get
11 ice cream, to the library, et cetera. They think Huron
12 is a little like heaven to be able to have the freedom
13 they have here. Why do we want to chance changing that?
14 Why be Guinea pigs for what is going to happen in Ohio
15 with the marijuana industry? We really don't know yet.
16 We think we have all these stringent things in place,
17 but we don't know.

18 Rather than trying to be cutting edge, why not be
19 smart and see how this plays out in Ohio? Medical
20 marijuana hasn't played out very well in other states;
21 mainly due to unethical doctors willing to hand out
22 medical marijuana cards freely. Nor has our state
23 medical board done very well overseeing unethical
24 doctors prescribing opioids. Now we are going to trust
25 they will do well with medical marijuana?

1 You can get high on medical marijuana and I think
2 Jeff made that clear. You can convey patch oils which
3 our young people are very familiar with already.

4 Before you put a dispensary at the entrance and
5 access road where all families in Huron used to drop off
6 their 3rd to 6th graders, know that the legitimate users
7 of the drug will become abusers. We may not see the
8 ramifications for awhile, but they will come.

9 As people said earlier, mind-altering drugs
10 especially in young people does change brain chemistry
11 causing things like depression and paranoia. Again, I
12 would urge Council to consider these ramifications,
13 especially for young people, and put a ban on
14 dispensaries in our small community.

15 I guess it comes down to what we want our community
16 to look like. Do we want to stay family friendly? As a
17 school nurse for many years, my job to make sure
18 children as healthy as they can be to be able to learn
19 to the best of their ability and consequently succeed in
20 life. I ask myself, is this going to help families or
21 could it possibly hurt families? My experience says it
22 will hurt families and make it more difficult for young
23 people I serve to succeed.

24 I don't want that and I hope you won't chance that
25 either, and will vote to ban the dispensary at the

1 Burger King location or anywhere in our small community
2 of only eight square miles, three of which are in water
3 and only 7,000 people. It doesn't belong in Huron. It
4 belongs in the bigger cities.

5 MR. HENN: Good evening
6 Council. Paul Henn, 607 Oneida, Huron, Ohio.

7 Folks, it seems to me we're not talking about the
8 benefits of medical marijuana. I'm for it. I think it
9 should be dispensed through the normal pharmacies. What
10 we're talking about is not the grow house. That's a
11 gone horse. What we're talking about, do we want a
12 distribution point that may be in the future, they can't
13 guarantee not, a distribution for commercially sold
14 marijuana in the City of Huron?

15 We don't need this play. And I don't thank any of
16 you that brought this in. And I think you should be
17 held accountable if you proceed with this play. We
18 don't need this. So simple answer, do we want it? Do
19 the people want it or don't they? You're our
20 representatives. Maybe you ought to listen to them.

21 We thank you, thank you for your time.

22 MS. OBRESE: Hi, my name is
23 Katie Obrese. I live on Pittsburgh Avenue.

24 So, I think it's been made clear that this is an
25 issue of whether people are for or against medical

1 marijuana. It's been legalized already. A lot of
2 people against it say, "I am for it". It's more of a
3 community issue at this point.

4 So, I did some research about that. I found a
5 really small town in Oregon who has dispensary. One is
6 called Trinidad, Oregon, and it's smaller than Huron.
7 One resident said that it lifted them out of an abyss of
8 nothingness.

9 In Huntington, Oregon, it tracts so many customers
10 who are going to the dispensary, and that lifts up their
11 economic situation.

12 So, also a lady, she asked us to Google the crime
13 rates, how crime rates are affected by medical
14 marijuana; and I did. I actually Googled "medical
15 marijuana increases crime rates", because I didn't want
16 to have biased results. And the first few results were
17 actually articles that were debunking that very false
18 statement.

19 So, according to the Public Library of Science,
20 they analyzed states crime rates and their medical
21 marijuana status, and they found nothing. They found no
22 correlation between legalization and crime rates. If
23 anything, they found that crime rates had decreased in
24 states with their medical marijuana. But of course then
25 they can't say it's causation, because correlation

1 doesn't equal causation.

2 Okay. So, moving on to more community points. I
3 went to Woodlands from kindergarten to sixth grade. I
4 went to this school. And I just want to say that, if a
5 dispensary is located at the Burger King location, it's
6 really not going to have an affect on people driving by,
7 because we look to either side of those, you see a bar,
8 and you see a gas station that's advertising cigarettes,
9 advertising alcohol. Those don't have any kind of
10 benefit at all.

11 So, I think when we're looking at the children
12 situation, it's just a matter of teaching our kids that
13 everything is not black and white. You know, when I was
14 a kid, I hated people being very indirect with me,
15 saying drugs are bad. No, that's not going to work with
16 me, because I see Wal-Mart selling drugs. I can buy
17 Claritin for allergies. I can't buy too much because
18 maybe I'll make Meth. I can buy Nyquil, but I can't use
19 too much, because I'll get high.

20 You can use things in a good way. You can use
21 things in a bad way. And it's exactly the same with
22 medical marijuana. Medical marijuana can be used in a
23 good way. They have clearly outlined that in their
24 presentation. And honestly, I don't think that what
25 they are selling specifically could really be used in a

1 bad way, because the THC levels are so low.

2 And I just can't imagine kids going out of their
3 way to steal their parents little patches whenever
4 they -- if your kid wants to get marijuana, they could.
5 I'm sorry, but I truly do not believe that a dispensary
6 would increase recreational use. That's an entirely
7 different problem in itself.

8 So, I'm just going to leave it there. Thank you.

9 MAYOR HARTUNG: Thank you.

10 MS. KURTZ: My name is Andra
11 Kurtz. I live at 1022 Eagle Ridge. I do work in pain
12 management.

13 So when I come, I just have a comment. Federally,
14 marijuana is illegal. Medicare is not going to pay for
15 it. Medicaid is not going to pay for it. Any
16 institution that does not profit who takes any kind of
17 government aid, federal government aid is not going to
18 have any support with it. So that's any hospital. So
19 just consider that when it comes to treatment.

20 MAYOR HARTUNG: Anyone else?

21 MS. CARTER: Katherine
22 Carter, Perkins Township, Columbus Avenue. What the
23 last lady said is true. We keep forgetting that. These
24 people can sell marijuana. They can process it, they
25 can grow it, but they can't put their profits in the

1 bank. They have to keep it in a safe on their property
2 someplace. So I think that's part of what the security
3 system is, is a whole lot less about the marijuana
4 itself.

5 What plan do you have right now? And I asked
6 Sandusky about this too, what plan do you have right now
7 that if this building becomes a problem, consistently,
8 in the future, are you going to shut it down? Are you
9 going to run it out of here? Because you can't have
10 things like this coming into town if you don't plan on
11 what's going to happen if it goes wrong.

12 And it's all about taxes. You've got an empty
13 building that's going to get used, going to pay taxes.
14 These people are selling their stuff. They're going to
15 pay taxes on it. They're growing it, they're going to
16 pay taxes. That's why, from what I understood, Oak
17 Harbor wanted it big time. They want it.

18 I am surprised that these people got blind-sided
19 with this, but we had a meeting about it in Sandusky and
20 I don't remember a handful of people being there about
21 it when it was presented.

22 It seems like it's a tax issue. You're going to
23 make money off it. We could get told over and over
24 again in Sandusky, "Industry is dead, what are we going
25 to do"? If we bring one of these into the other side of

1 Sandusky, it's going to have 18 good paying jobs and
2 they're all happy about it. So they'd really love to
3 have it out there.

4 So, I don't understand why we are, someone said we
5 can't have more than two of them in this county. I
6 don't even know why we need two of them in this county,
7 much less one. That's just my statement.

8 It is, if they want someplace already has a safe,
9 there is a bank for sale, less than \$400,000, on Perkins
10 Avenue right now. Already has a safe, big parking lot,
11 and drive-through window. Thank you.

12 MAYOR HARTUNG: Thank you.

13 MR. FISHER: Steve Fisher,
14 Huron. As before, I'm here because I care about Huron.
15 As I said before in the past, I'm here because I care
16 about Huron and family and kids. As I said before, why
17 throw gas on the fire with all the drug problems in our
18 county and state? Why take that chance?

19 I was going to say some things about Jeff McCourt,
20 but I think I pretty much covered it before.

21 It's about money, and a lot of speculation. How
22 much? Really not sure. Value of homes and properties
23 in a two, three mile radius or even all of Huron could
24 go down, especially if that place becomes a dope shop
25 down the line.

1 As Huron becomes known as the Marijuana City or the
2 Dope City, or the Mistake on the Lake, how many good
3 businesses and/or good families are we going to lose?

4 As the drug culture grows, how much taxpayer money
5 is it going to cost us for the added crime, police,
6 fire, detox centers, et cetera?

7 Consider the sources. Remember the lottery?
8 Remember how that was going to provide all kinds of
9 money for the schools? Not happening.

10 How about health care? Look at our health care,
11 how it's gone up and up and up. Drug companies; very
12 little cures, a lot of expenses. That's all the kind of
13 people we're hearing from, the medical people, how great
14 this stuff is.

15 How about medical marijuana? Not against it, but a
16 lot of red flags. As I mentioned earlier, opioids were
17 the answer not that many years ago. Opioids. How
18 horrible a mistake was that?

19 Medical marijuana dispensaries, not run well, with
20 medical marijuana being abused, and medical marijuana
21 cards handed out like candy.

22 Google "Green Doctors California". Frightening.
23 Many, also many shady people showing up around the
24 dispensaries, such as drug dealers and users.

25 Marijuana dispensary in Huron. Very close to

1 Woodlands School, with an armed guard and only cash
2 payments. And who knows how many shady people coming
3 around from other counties, Cedar Point, et cetera. Not
4 smart for Huron.

5 "Not going to happen in Huron", I'm hearing, "It's
6 armed and run well". That's what the jails and prisons
7 say all the time. They have drugs issues all the time.

8 Huron is eight square miles of which three square
9 miles are in the water, so we got five miles, square
10 miles, a population of seven thousand, not counting the
11 township. We got nine bars, a liquor store, and now
12 we're going to throw in a marijuana dispensary place.
13 What's next for this city to make money, or for the
14 schools to make money? Strip joints? Not good for
15 families in Huron, families and kids.

16 Perkins Township doesn't want it. Huron Township
17 doesn't want it. Norwalk, thank God they had a mayor
18 who voted it out on the deciding vote. Mansfield
19 doesn't want it. Coshocton doesn't want it, et cetera,
20 et cetera.

21 Colorado, we already said, I have a 71, not best at
22 66. I have 71 percent doesn't want it. And it's legal
23 there. What's that telling you?

24 There is an article in the Sandusky Register on
25 Andy White and Huron leveraging its future. That's just

1 what you're doing with this marijuana thing. This is
2 not worth the risk of what we will lose in Huron.

3 Council, you don't work for Andy White. You were
4 voted by the people. Listen to the good ones, and think
5 for yourself, not talking points from whomever else you
6 might get. Don't be a puppet for the City. Have guts
7 enough to take a stand even if it's not popular. Don't
8 play politics with your city, family, kids, and our
9 future -- those kids and families.

10 The silent majority is watching. This is just
11 another example of tearing down our culture. Trying to
12 take God out of everything. No more absolutes,
13 everything situational. Break down the family, drugs
14 and alcohol, and what I call PC, politically correct.
15 In other words, you don't talk about it, you're afraid
16 to say anything because you might offend somebody or
17 afraid to say or discuss it.

18 Keep Huron family friendly. Any time something
19 like this comes up, does it make us more like Cleveland,
20 Toledo, Lorain, or Huron? Hopefully, many come to Huron
21 for reasons to protect our families, kids, streets, home
22 values, et cetera. Let's keep them coming here for
23 those reasons.

24 In short, let's keep Huron, Huron. Let's keep
25 Huron family friendly. Please pray for wisdom. Thank

1 you and God bless you.

2 MAYOR HARTUNG: We have no more,
3 we'll continue on to business.

4 We'll move on to the Good of the Order.

5 MR. CAMP: My name is
6 Justin Camp. I live in Huron. I grew up in this town.
7 I came back to this town after two tours of duty. I
8 want to be in this town. I'm family from this town as
9 much as you are. The one thing that we have is our
10 children. I've said this time and time again, our kids
11 are our future.

12 I brought them here. I had many opportunities to
13 go elsewhere with my career, my military education,
14 which is third grade education which I joke about. I
15 can go anywhere, I can do anything because I put my mind
16 to it; however, how can we have our children live and
17 educated in a community where right down the road we
18 have to worry about what is coming around the corner?

19 Once again, I'm going to go back to transparency.
20 Once again, I'm a military guy; everything is
21 transparent. We do three things in the military; we
22 shoot, move, do it again.

23 I don't know who that Green Beret is, but thank
24 your son for me from a Vet to a Vet. The reason being
25 is I understand what he's gone through. I've been

1 there, I've done that.

2 However, now we have to do this for our children.
3 Right or wrong, this thing does not need to be here.

4 So I'm going to go back to transparency for a
5 moment. So, if you google "medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov"
6 you'll see the application, on June 15, 2017, which I
7 believe another member who actually spoke said this
8 wasn't brought up until August in the talking points.

9 It was already rectified that you had something
10 through OPC cultivation, through Ayuda Wolfe, which
11 could or could not be related to the doctor that was up
12 here on the forum.

13 The sale was already going through to cultivate
14 marijuana and the property was already purchased on Rye
15 Beach Road. Once again, not brought up to the
16 community. I was not aware of this. I read the talking
17 points. I came here due to family obligations.

18 Once again, I came here because of my strong family
19 background. And I look at each and every one of you,
20 each and every one of you to have my back and make this
21 a family friendly community.

22 Medical marijuana may be, may be the next greatest
23 thing; and I hope it is to help this gentleman or that
24 woman, and to help them out, to get them off that opioid
25 addiction. I can't fix that.

1 Is it right for our community? I don't think so.
2 Is it right maybe at a different location? Vastly
3 possible. But why? Ask yourself "Why here, why now"?

4 Look at the location we're in. We're prime. We
5 are so naive to our system right now. We have Cedar
6 Point in our backyard. We have Route 2 that runs right
7 by us. We are a hot bed of transportation. We have a
8 gas station right there that sells alcohol. We have a
9 bar right next door to it. We have our children's
10 futures ahead of us. Please take that into
11 consideration on this offer.

12 If we get sued or not, I'm sure probably 90 percent
13 of us will be more than ready to pay that bill.
14 Whatever your decision, our children are our future
15 regardless of the situation. Thank you.

16 MAYOR HARTUNG: Okay. Thank you
17 for the comments.

18 Moving on to new business. We have a motion to
19 approve 120-day extension to the contract with Huron
20 Township.

21 MR. SCHAFFTER: So moved.

22 MAYOR HARTUNG: So moved. Very
23 good.

24 Anything you want to add to this?

25 MS. ALKIRE: Just to further

1 our discussion previously, Huron Township has a 120-day
2 extension on the existing fire agreement. We have
3 worked out a successor agreement to this fire agreement
4 to 2021. We just got those comments back from the
5 Prosecutor's office today on potential revisions. So we
6 would like Council to extend the current fire agreement
7 for 120 days. We actually think we'll have an agreement
8 to you by your first meeting in February.

9 MAYOR HARTUNG: All right. Any
10 other questions or discussion on this? Would you please
11 call the roll.

12 MS. GIBBONEY: Schaffter.

13 MR. SCHAFFTER: Yes.

14 MS. GIBBONEY: Hardy.

15 MR. HARDY: Yes.

16 MS. GIBBONEY: Crawford.

17 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.

18 MS. GIBBONEY: Hartung.

19 MAYOR HARTUNG: Yes.

20 MS. GIBBONEY: Artino.

21 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

22 MS. GIBBONEY: Ginesi.

23 MR GINESI: Yes.

24 MAYOR HARTUNG: Very good.

25 Next up on the agenda. Next item is Resolution

1 2018-3.

2 Mr. Hardy.

3 MR. HARDY: Mr. Mayor, I ask
4 that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution
5 2018-3 be placed on its first reading.

6 MAYOR HARTUNG: Any discussion
7 on the motion?

8 Roll call.

9 MS. GIBBONEY: Hardy.

10 MR. HARDY: Yes.

11 MS. GIBBONEY: Crawford.

12 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.

13 MS. GIBBONEY: Hartung.

14 MAYOR HARTUNG: Yes.

15 MS. GIBBONEY: Artino.

16 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

17 MS. GIBBONEY: Ginesi.

18 MR. GINESI: Yes.

19 MS. GIBBONEY: Schaffter.

20 MR. SCHAFFTER: Yes.

21 MS. ALKIRE: Resolution

22 2018-3, adopted July 12, 2016, authorizing Change Order
23 Number 7 for Ropper Construction Incorporated, for
24 initial labor and materials related to Main Street
25 Streetscape Project, ERI-PID 93574 in the decreased

1 amount of \$17,241.87.

2 MAYOR HARTUNG: Mr. White?

3 MR. WHITE: I would
4 recognize Mr. Green in the audience. Step up to the
5 podium if you like.

6 I would review with Council, this is the seventh
7 request of change order on the Main Street project.
8 It's a decreased amount of \$17,241.87. This
9 incorporates the change to the curbs that were modified
10 near Saint Pete's and Huntington Bank, and also included
11 additional monies for pavement that was not necessarily
12 included in the original project. Do you want to add
13 that?

14 MR. GREEN: Remember this is
15 the final change order that closes out the job.
16 Typically like we do with projects, we adjust all the
17 quantities and in this case, we ended up having a
18 negative.

19 MAYOR HARTUNG: Any questions
20 for Mr. Green on this?

21 When do you anticipate the final portion of that
22 being done with the lighting system? Put your stuff on,
23 the portion on Main Street?

24 MR. GREEN: According to
25 Ohio Edison, they're going to start mobilizing next week

1 to start pulling wire. And at this time it's not three
2 degrees out, and we should be following right behind
3 with the lighting.

4 MAYOR HARTUNG: Any other
5 questions for Mr. Green? No?

6 Would the Clerk please call the roll.

7 MS. GIBBONEY: Hardy.

8 MR. HARDY: Yes.

9 MS. GIBBONEY: Crawford.

10 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.

11 MS. GIBBONEY: Hartung.

12 MAYOR HARTUNG: Yes.

13 MS. GIBBONEY: Artino.

14 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

15 MS. GIBBONEY: Ginesi.

16 MR GINESI: Yes.

17 MS. GIBBONEY: Schaffter.

18 MR. SCHAFFTER: Yes.

19 MAYOR HARTUNG: Very good.

20 Next item on the agenda, Resolution 2018-4.

21 Christina?

22 MS. CRAWFORD: Mr. Mayor, I
23 would like to make a motion that Resolution 2018-4 be
24 placed in its first reading and three readings would be
25 suspended.

1 MAYOR HARTUNG: Any discussion
2 on the motion? I have had the motion. Would the Clerk
3 please call the roll.

4 MS. GIBBONEY: Crawford.
5 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.
6 MS. GIBBONEY: Hartung.
7 MAYOR HARTUNG: Yes.
8 MS. GIBBONEY: Artino.
9 MR. ARTINO: Yes.
10 MS. GIBBONEY: Ginesi.
11 MR GINESI: Yes.
12 MS. GIBBONEY: Schaffter.
13 MR. SCHAFFTER: Yes.
14 MS. GIBBONEY: Hardy.
15 MR. HARDY: Yes.
16 MS. ALKIRE: A resolution
17 authorizing the City Management to approve a grant
18 application submission by the Huron Fire Department to
19 submit an Assistance to Firefighter Grant application.

20 MAYOR HARTUNG: Mr. White.
21 MR. WHITE: I believe the
22 Captain was called out on assignment, so he's no longer
23 here.

24 The Assistance to Firefighter Grant in the amount
25 of \$250,000 is requested. Its intent would be to

1 replace some outdated breathing air compressors and
2 associated apparatus for the firemen. There are five
3 percent costs associated, so our managed portion would
4 be about \$12,000 towards that \$250,000 grant request.

5 The administration requests program authorization
6 to proceed with the final application. If awarded, we
7 would come back to you for additional legislation.

8 MAYOR HARTUNG: Are there any
9 questions or comments on this? So, to get new
10 equipment?

11 Roll call.

12 MS. GIBBONEY: Crawford.

13 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.

14 MS. GIBBONEY: Hartung.

15 MAYOR HARTUNG: Yes.

16 MS. GIBBONEY: Artino.

17 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

18 MS. GIBBONEY: Ginesi.

19 MR. GINESI: Yes.

20 MS. GIBBONEY: Schaffter.

21 MR. SCHAFFTER: Yes.

22 MS. GIBBONEY: Hardy.

23 MR. HARDY: Yes.

24 MAYOR HARTUNG: Very good.

25 Resolution 2018-5.

1 MR. GINESI: Prior to the
2 resolution of 2018-5, I will remove myself to avoid any
3 appearance of a conflict. I'll remove myself from the
4 chamber and will not be voting -- abstaining on any
5 vote.

6 MAYOR HARTUNG: Okay. We'll
7 come get you.

8 MR. ARTINO: Mr. Mayor, I
9 move the three rule be suspended and Resolution 2018-5
10 placed on its first reading.

11 MAYOR HARTUNG: Thank you.
12 Second on motion.

13 Clerk please call the roll.

14 MS. GIBBONEY: Artino.

15 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

16 MS. GIBBONEY: Schaffter.

17 MR. SCHAFFTER: Yes.

18 MS. GIBBONEY: Hardy.

19 MR. HARDY: Yes.

20 MS. GIBBONEY: Crawford.

21 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.

22 MS. GIBBONEY: Hartung.

23 MAYOR HARTUNG: Yes.

24 MS. ALKIRE: A resolution
25 authorizing the City Manager to accept the proposal and

1 enter into agreement with Engineering Process Systems
2 for the provision of electrical engineering and design,
3 project management services relative to the construction
4 of an electrical substation in an amount not to exceed
5 \$116,600.00.

6 MAYOR HARTUNG: Mr. White?

7 MR. WHITE: Council, this is
8 a long time in the making. This is design request for a
9 proposed three and a half million dollar substation to
10 begin being constructed this spring. It's for fall
11 electricity, and this is fall 2018 for Mucci Farms
12 greenhouse grow lights.

13 MAYOR HARTUNG: Any discussion
14 on this? This is something we've been working on, this
15 piece of legislation, conversation with Mucci Farms come
16 in; we're going to have to get this substation built so
17 we can provide the power.

18 So, would the Clerk please call the roll.

19 MS. GIBBONEY: Artino.

20 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

21 MS. GIBBONEY: Schaffter.

22 MR. SCHAFFTER: Abstain.

23 MS. GIBBONEY: Hardy.

24 MR. HARDY: Yes.

25 MS. GIBBONEY: Crawford.

1 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.

2 MS. GIBBONEY: Hartung.

3 MAYOR HARTUNG: Yes.

4 MAYOR HARTUNG: Very good.

5 Moving on. Next thing on the agenda is Ordinance
6 2018-1.
7 Mr. Schaffter.

8 MR. SCHAFFTER: I move the
9 three-reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2018-1 be
10 placed on its first reading.

11 MAYOR HARTUNG: Do you want to
12 do it again?

13 MR. SCHAFFTER: Mr. Mayor, I
14 move the three-reading rule be suspended and Ordinance
15 2018-1 be placed on first reading.

16 MAYOR HARTUNG: Any discussion
17 on the motion?
18 Would the Clerk please call roll.

19 MS. GIBBONEY: Schaffter.

20 MR. SCHAFFTER: Yes.

21 MS. GIBBONEY: Hardy.

22 MR. HARDY: Yes.

23 MS. GIBBONEY: Crawford.

24 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.

25 MS. GIBBONEY: Hartung.

1 MAYOR HARTUNG: Yes.

2 MS. GIBBONEY: Artino.

3 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

4 MS. GIBBONEY: Ginesi.

5 MR GINESI: Yes.

6 MS. ALKIRE: Ordinance

7 accepting the annexation of property into the City of

8 Huron as requested by the MIMI Land Company, Mucci

9 Farms, and granted by the Board of County Commissioners

10 of Erie County, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

11 MR. SCHAFFTER: I move Ordinance

12 2018-1 be passed as an emergency measure.

13 MAYOR HARTUNG: Clerk, please

14 call the roll.

15 MS. GIBBONEY: Schaffter.

16 MR. SCHAFFTER: Yes.

17 MS. GIBBONEY: Hardy.

18 MR. HARDY: Yes.

19 MS. GIBBONEY: Crawford.

20 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.

21 MS. GIBBONEY: Hartung.

22 MAYOR HARTUNG: Yes.

23 MS. GIBBONEY: Artino.

24 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

25 MS. GIBBONEY: Ginesi.

1 MR GINESI: Yes.

2 MAYOR HARTUNG: Mr. White.

3 MR. WHITE: This is the
4 final acceptance of the transfer of former state-owned
5 property purchased by Mucci Farms and formerly as of
6 today's vote in the township to become part of the City
7 of Huron. In support of electrical utilities from Huron
8 Public Power as described in the previous legislative
9 item. This is the final piece. Upon adoption of this
10 legislation, the City will increase its footprint by 95
11 1/2 acres.

12 MAYOR HARTUNG: Any questions or
13 comments on this?

14 MR. SCHAFFTER: I do have one,
15 Mr. Mayor.

16 MAYOR HARTUNG: Mr. Schaffter.

17 MR. SCHAFFTER: This is just for
18 annexation, correct?

19 MR. WHITE: Yes.

20 MR. SCHAFFTER: So I can vote on
21 this.

22 AUDIENCE PERSON: Can I say
23 anything? You got the will power, you can vote that
24 stuff out. You vote it all out.

25 MAYOR HARTUNG: Thank you.

1 AUDIENCE PERSON: Thank you.

2 MAYOR HARTUNG: Any discussion

3 on this?

4 Would the Clerk please call the roll.

5 MS. GIBBONEY: Schaffter.

6 MR. SCHAFFTER: Yes.

7 MS. GIBBONEY: Hardy.

8 MR. HARDY: Yes.

9 MS. GIBBONEY: Crawford.

10 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.

11 MS. GIBBONEY: Hartung.

12 MAYOR HARTUNG: Yes.

13 MS. GIBBONEY: Artino.

14 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

15 MS. GIBBONEY: Ginesi.

16 MR GINESI: Yes.

17 MAYOR HARTUNG: Moving on to the

18 next item on the agenda is City Manager's Discussion.

19 MR. WHITE: Thank you.

20 Couple items. The staff's been trying to keep up

21 with the variety of questions that have come up this

22 evening, so I appreciate that, the opportunity to speak

23 to a couple of those.

24 First, I would like to thank the School

25 Superintendent and the School Board for letting us work

1 with you guys tonight to have this venue. Much
2 appreciated.

3 I'd also like to thank the community members for
4 coming out. We tried diligently to meet with numerous
5 citizens over the last month or so.

6 There is a lot going on with regard to tonight's
7 discussion. A couple things I want to address. I
8 believe there was a question about litigation or not
9 litigation. You had asked that. Can you hear me?

10 AUDIENCE PERSON: Yes, I can.

11 MR. WHITE: Okay. I believe
12 the conversation held at the previous meeting was
13 relevant to the potential for the City to be in legal
14 liability should there be a zoning change. That's
15 because the conversations that we've had relative to the
16 moratorium restrictions were not put in place, were not
17 put in place within the City of Huron.

18 Conversation that we had in my office on Martin
19 Luther King Day with the Law Director was relative to
20 the City's status as a Charter Municipality provided in
21 the State Revised Code under Chapter 7, which allows for
22 the consideration of such statements. I believe there
23 would be legal entanglements. I've advised Council of
24 that. And that's kind of where it stands at this point.

25 Relative to the transparency or the perception of

1 lack of transparency; obviously that's pretty important
2 to us. We are also members of the community.

3 Beth, I wanted to say thank you for taking care of
4 Elinor today, because she has trouble breathing.

5 My kids go to this school. It's important to me
6 too. I understand that some of you don't have the same
7 opinions, may be against it. I think that's fine. I
8 would hope that my position would be respected and not
9 cause for question of transparency.

10 There were a number of items that were hurled at
11 the City beginning in 2016 when state law was changed to
12 allow for this to be a legal business in the State of
13 Ohio. There was discussion at the City Council level in
14 the spring of 2017 relative to the potential to have a
15 prohibitive moratorium. There continues to be
16 discussion at the City Council level about certain
17 prohibitions within the current zoning law that may be
18 forwarded for consideration by Council tonight.

19 But the State controlled an application process
20 that went several months longer than anticipated. The
21 awards for these initial cultivators' license were
22 supposed to be submitted in September. They didn't come
23 out until November. That set in motion a flurry of
24 activity from applicants all across the state who then
25 wanted to become part of retail dispensary application.

1 My office was contacted the end of September,
2 inquiring as to the potential inventory of real property
3 within the city that was current and valid for this type
4 of general business.

5 Having no moratorium in place, and no legal
6 prohibition in place, a zoning permit was filed
7 correctly, signed off on by the Zoning Administrator of
8 the City of Huron. Mike Stafford is here tonight in
9 consultation with my office and with a legal opinion
10 from the Law Director supporting our response.

11 That material was versed to the City Council. That
12 discussion was then had with a group that you met
13 tonight, meeting for the first time in October to
14 discuss this possibility. And that's kind of where it
15 remains today.

16 I want to make sure we covered everything under my
17 provision on the agenda.

18 Council, you all heard some inquiries as well. I
19 want to make sure if there is anything else additionally
20 that you would like to address and cover that.

21 I also want to remind everybody that District 8 is
22 going to support two licensed-for-retail dispensary.
23 There are six applicants. Nothing is done until the
24 State has come to conclude an award of those two
25 applicants from the pool of six.

1 I'll answer any questions that you guys have and
2 thank you for your attendance tonight.

3 MAYOR HARTUNG: Any questions
4 for Mr. White?

5 Okay. Moving on, we'll move to the Mayor's
6 Discussion.

7 I would like to address Coach Legando's remarks to
8 me at the beginning. Sir, you are right, I am the
9 leader of this community; and if you felt I let you
10 down, I apologize for that; that was never my intention.

11 When a business comes into the City of Huron and we
12 look at it and it's a legal business, I don't normally
13 go to the Judge or the Police Chief. That's just my
14 policy. I don't do that.

15 As far as transparency getting out, I'm not on
16 social media. I do agree with you, we need to do a
17 better job with this going forward. I said at the last
18 meeting and this is my personal opinion and how I feel
19 about it. I don't have a problem with this business in
20 this City. From what I've seen growing up, the kids on
21 it, what we're talking about is medical. It's medical
22 for the City. It's not recreational.

23 I would be in favor of a ban for recreational,
24 because people were worried about a pot shop turning
25 into that in the future. I don't know that's going to

1 happen. I can't speak to that. I have my own belief
2 and potential, but I would vote for that.

3 This medical piece helps people. It's an
4 opportunity for some people that couldn't even come here
5 tonight probably because they're too sick or wheelchair
6 bound or whatever, to be able to have some kind of
7 relief. And if there is an opportunity for people out
8 there to do that, I'm for that.

9 I sat on the end of my mother's bed when she was
10 dying of cancer and I watched her waste away. They gave
11 her opioids. She couldn't handle it. It made her
12 sicker. I don't think anyone should have to sit down
13 and watch that kind of stuff. That's where I'm at on
14 this. And I do believe that good outweighs the bad on
15 this.

16 It does fall on my shoulders and I'll take that.
17 That's all I have to say. I'll go to the Good of the
18 Order.

19 Mr. Schaffter.

20 MR. SCHAFFTER: I have nothing.

21 MAYOR HARTUNG: Mr. Hardy?

22 MR. HARDY: Just want to
23 thank everyone for coming out. Just one comment that
24 kind of really stuck with me. There are six people
25 sitting here tonight, but there are seven people that

1 sit at this Council, and we all work very hard to govern
2 and to direct the staff. The staff does not direct us.
3 We work very hard to make this City better every day.
4 That's our goal and when we stop doing that, we should
5 probably get off this Council.

6 But we acted or didn't act because of what we as a
7 Council thought and what we felt was the best interest
8 for the City. So, it's not one person's fault or the
9 blame is not two people or staff. The Council acted or
10 didn't act.

11 As has been pointed out by a lot of people here,
12 two years ago we could have done something, we didn't.
13 We agreed to do the cultivation piece. When we found
14 out about the dispensary piece in October, we all
15 collectively felt that it was a good idea that was worth
16 exploring. So, that's where we're at.

17 I apologize, leadership, sometimes it's tough to be
18 a leader and you have to make some tough decisions, and
19 there isn't always going to be a solution that everyone
20 is happy about.

21 MAYOR HARTUNG: Miss Crawford?

22 MS. CRAWFORD: I would also
23 like to thank everyone for coming out tonight. I am a
24 little bit saddened that it takes a topic of this
25 magnitude to bring out a crowd. We would love to have

1 you at City Council meetings. Those are all open to the
2 public.

3 One of the reasons I chose to run for Council is I
4 felt like you do about transparency issues. The
5 information is out there. We have avenues to
6 disseminate that. I would urge you -- I wish we could
7 hand over the minutes to all of your homes. I wish we
8 could, but it's not feasible.

9 There are places to go to find information to stay
10 on top of the issues that are coming before your City
11 Council. The minutes are published on our website. I
12 urge you to read them and continue to reach out to us.
13 Thank you all for coming this evening.

14 MAYOR HARTUNG: Mr. Artino.

15 MR. ARTINO: Thank you all
16 for coming out. I also did approve the sale of the
17 property in Corporate Park to the OPC folks. I will own
18 that. Unfortunately, I was not given the opportunity
19 nor was this Council the opportunity to make, have any
20 input on the location, for approval of the dispensary.

21 You talk about transparency. I do know that that
22 process was going on for awhile. I believe that we were
23 kept in the dark. And if I had the choice, I would vote
24 to not put that dispensary where it's at; not only
25 because of all the reasons I heard tonight, but let me

1 tell you something else.

2 OPC, when they first came to us, talked to us about
3 the dispensary on their property at their grow facility.
4 The reason that was such a big deal to have it there was
5 because they didn't want to risk transporting the
6 product.

7 I am very upset over the lack of transparency by
8 any member administration that knew this process was in
9 the works for the building at Burger King. I am upset
10 that OPC didn't come forth with this and give us the
11 opportunity that we had on the grow process.

12 I personally don't believe it's a done deal. And
13 I'll tell you why I think Ohio Revised Code -- I had to
14 do some of my own research. I think Ohio Revised Code
15 gives us a chance to limit this. They have not, they do
16 not have a license. They have not gone through the
17 planning process with the Planning Commission and Design
18 Review Board. I don't believe it's too late.

19 I have serious concerns for the location of this
20 dispensary. Therefore, Mr. Mayor, I move City Council
21 limit the sale and dispensing of medical marijuana to
22 our industrial zones only.

23 Believe me, I'm not doing it for a vote.

24 MAYOR HARTUNG: Very good.

25 There is a motion before us. A motion from Mr. Artino

1 and it is to limit the medical marijuana industry to,
2 what did you say?

3 MR. ARTINO: To the
4 industrial zones.

5 MAYOR HARTUNG: To the
6 industrial zones.

7 MR. ARTINO: Dispensary and
8 sale.

9 MAYOR HARTUNG: Dispensary and
10 sale. Recreational?

11 MR. ARTINO: Medical. I
12 would put it on recreational too.

13 MAYOR HARTUNG: So the motion
14 before you is to limit medical marijuana sales to
15 industrial zones in the city.

16 Any discussion on the motion?

17 Mr. Schaffter?

18 MR. SCHAFFTER: I mean, I just
19 want to make sure we're clear. Anything that's, I mean
20 are we prohibiting retail sales in the city or just
21 everything but the industrial zones?

22 MR. ARTINO: No, limiting and
23 dispensing or sales of medical marijuana to the
24 industrial zones, which is the Corporate Park and
25 Industrial Park. Those are the only two areas. Nowhere

1 around the --

2 MR. SCHAFFTER: I wanted to make
3 sure.

4 MR. GINESI: It seems to me
5 the motion should be in the order of legislation, not
6 vote on it.

7 AUDIENCE PERSON: We can't hear
8 you.

9 MR. GINESI: I believe the
10 motion should be in the order of legislation to be read
11 and voted on at another meeting. We can't make a vote
12 like that and change an ordinance or resolution. We
13 need to have the Law Director. If the motion is to have
14 the Law Director or have this administration prepare
15 legislation to restrict this, then that's, I think
16 that's a legitimate motion and we can vote on it. If
17 not, I just don't see how that motion works.

18 MR. ARTINO: Mr. Mayor, based
19 on Ohio Revised Code, we don't have to change zoning;
20 all we have to do is make a motion.

21 MAYOR HARTUNG: Very good.

22 The motion before us is to limit medical marijuana
23 sales to the industrial zones in the City of Huron.

24 AUDIENCE PERSON: That is out of
25 the Burger King, not at the Burger King?

1 MAYOR HARTUNG: Yes.

2 MS. CRAWFORD: I need
3 clarification on how our Industrial Park is set up,
4 industrial zone, but it was my understanding that retail
5 was prohibited in our Industrial Park.

6 MAYOR HARTUNG: Ms. Alkire?

7 MS. ALKIRE: The Corporate
8 Park is subject to the deed restrictions that point to
9 the restrictive covenants. Those restrictive covenants
10 run with the land and supersede zoning.

11 So, while I understand what Mr. Artino's motion is.
12 Two points. Mr. Ginesi is correct. The lead is not
13 just motion based per our having ordinances; rezoning
14 essentially is what you're asking to do, and that's
15 unlimiting zoning code, goes through a process. The
16 motion can be have the administration order and the
17 legislation and can walk through the City Council
18 planning process as set forth in our ordinances.

19 As for the Corporate Park, those restrictive
20 covenants would have to be amended per the bylaws.
21 Those are recorded deed restrictions that run with the
22 land and supersede the zoning.

23 MR. ARTINO: I would like to
24 ask another thing. Maybe our, one of our zoning
25 officials, maybe Mr. Zimmerman, I don't believe it would

1 require all the scrutiny that I just heard.

2 MAYOR HARTUNG: Okay.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (Inaudible).

4 MAYOR HARTUNG: All right, we're
5 not going to have that here.

6 We have a motion before us.

7 Would the Clerk please call roll.

8 MS. GIBBONEY: Artino.

9 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

10 MS. GIBBONEY: Ginesi.

11 MR. GINESI: No.

12 MS. GIBBONEY: Schaffter.

13 MR. SCHAFFTER: Yes.

14 MS. GIBBONEY: Hardy.

15 MR. HARDY: No.

16 MS. GIBBONEY: Crawford.

17 MS. CRAWFORD: No.

18 MS. GIBBONEY: Hartung.

19 MAYOR HARTUNG: No.

20 Very good.

21 Mr. Artino.

22 MR. ARTINO: Do we want to
23 discuss the motion to prohibit the sale of or dispensing
24 of recreational marijuana? I would like to move that we
25 do that, anywhere in the city.

1 MR. SCHAFFTER: Within the city
2 limits?

3 MAYOR HARTUNG: There is a
4 motion before you to ban recreational sale of marijuana
5 within the city limits. Any discussion?

6 MR. GINESI: Again, I would
7 ask Mr. Artino to modify his motion to ask for moderate
8 legislation. I'm in favor of what he said. I just
9 think there is a process that we go through in this. I
10 think I'm speaking for the rest, I believe everybody on
11 this Council feels the same way. And there is no
12 objection to it, but just procedurally, I'm going to ask
13 that he modify his motion, if he would amend his motion
14 so it would order in and take the proper administration,
15 take the proper steps to enact such a motion.

16 MR. ARTINO: Okay.

17 MAYOR HARTUNG: So the motion
18 has been modified. The motion is to order legislation
19 in administration banning the sale of recreational
20 marijuana within the city.

21 Okay. Very good. Any discussion?

22 Would the Clerk please call roll.

23 MS. GIBBONEY: Artino.

24 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

25 MS. GIBBONEY: Ginesi.

1 MR GINESI: Yes.
2 MS. GIBBONEY: Schaffter.
3 MR. SCHAFFTER: Yes.
4 MS. GIBBONEY: Hardy.
5 MR. HARDY: Yes.
6 MS. GIBBONEY: Crawford.
7 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.
8 MS. GIBBONEY: Hartung.
9 MAYOR HARTUNG: Yes.

10 Okay. Mr. Ginesi.

11 MR. GINESI: Couple points.
12 I would like as long as we're in a motion period, I
13 would make a motion, I would like to make a motion that
14 we instruct the administration to research and order in
15 legislation to restrict the advertisement of medical and
16 recreational marijuana in the city also.

17 But I think people fail to realize, even if this
18 facility isn't built here, under the law the way it's
19 written. You know, the billboard that sits on the
20 corner, that sits on the corner across from the donut
21 shop. Somebody, if they built the facility in Sandusky
22 or Mansfield or anyplace else, they could put a
23 billboard there. Nobody has addressed that issue.

24 So, I do think we should look into and again I
25 believe to be, to support a motion to restricting

1 advertising to go beyond what the State law says.

2 MAYOR HARTUNG: Very good.

3 Motion before you is legislation restricting the
4 advertising of medical or future marijuana?

5 MR. GINESI: Recreational in
6 the city.

7 MAYOR HARTUNG: Within the City
8 of Huron. Is everyone clear on the motion?

9 MR. ARTINO: That's the only
10 place we can do.

11 MR. GINESI: Yeah.

12 THE COURT: Any discussion?
13 Would the Clerk please call the roll.

14 MS. GIBBONEY: Ginesi.

15 MR. GINESI: Yes.

16 MS. GIBBONEY: Schaffter.

17 MR. SCHAFFTER: Yes.

18 MS. GIBBONEY: Hardy.

19 MR. HARDY: Yes.

20 MS. GIBBONEY: Crawford.

21 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.

22 MS. GIBBONEY: Hartung.

23 MAYOR HARTUNG: Yes.

24 MS. GIBBONEY: Artino.

25 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

1 MR. GINESI: Another point I
2 would like to make. I know there is concern about
3 transparency. I was on Council before, ten years ago,
4 and I've been on it the past couple years. I listen to
5 what you say and I truly, I'm speaking from the heart
6 here. I truly don't believe there is any intent to be,
7 to not to be transparent.

8 There is a thin line between confidentiality when a
9 business comes, any business comes to the city and talks
10 about moving into the city, whether it be Mucci Farms,
11 whether it be somebody buying property to put up a
12 hotel, any of these things. We're kind of limited at
13 times by confidentiality.

14 I'm not making an excuse here. I'm just trying to
15 point out to you there is a thin line. And it is my
16 sincere belief that nobody in this administration was
17 trying to blind-side anybody or, or not be transparent.
18 You can accept that. You don't have to accept it. I'm
19 just telling you how I personally feel. I hope you
20 would accept that.

21 Other than that, I thank everybody for coming out
22 and we can move forward.

23 I would like to add, make one other thing. I am
24 not, I voted against Sam's motion. I would like to
25 have, I don't mind having some more discussion on that,

1 but I just didn't want it as a motion tonight. There is
2 a process and I'm going to follow that process.

3 MAYOR HARTUNG: Do you have any
4 other comments?

5 No. Very good.

6 I would like to say to the staff who put this
7 together and working on it, it has been nonstop for the
8 last two weeks and putting in, and I do want to thank
9 you for all the hard work that you guys did. It is
10 appreciated.

11 We're adjourned.

12 (Off the record).
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I, Marie B. Fresch, Registered Merit Reporter, and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the Huron City Council Meeting taken at the time and place specified in the foregoing caption.

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