

**City of Brighton
Planning Commission
Work Session Agenda
September 20, 2010**

Work Session – 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Call to the Public
3. Discussion of the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act – Law 1 of 2008
4. Other Business
5. Call to the Public
6. Adjournment

**Planning Commission
Work Session – Meeting Minutes
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1. Vice Chairman Monet called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.
2. Members Present: Wells, Wirth, Bryan, McLane, Monet, Smith (Smith arrived at 7:09 pm)
Members Absent: Schillinger, Tortora, Jones
Commission Member Wirth motioned to excuse Commission Members Schillinger, Tortora, Jones. Supported by Commission Member Wells. All those in favor, passed 6/0 vote.
Also Present: Matthew Modrack, Amy Cyphert, Tom Wightman, Brad Maynes
3. Call to the Public
The call to the public was made at 7:12 pm with no response.
4. Discussion of the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act – Law 1 of 2008

City Staff reviewed Ordinance #552 - Medical Marihuana Moratorium that was adopted by City Council on August 19, 2010. The moratorium states:
“A moratorium is established on the issuance of all City permits, licenses, certificates, and any and all other approvals, including building permits, land use permits, and certificates of occupancy or re-occupancy, in regard to land uses associated with the sale or dispensation of medical marihuana for a period not to exceed six months, or until the effective date of the adoption of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and any necessary licensing requirements, whichever occurs first.”

City Staff discussed how other communities are handling the Medical Marihuana Law through local ordinance amendments or moratoriums.

City Staff went through a powerpoint presentation from the MML website created by Kenneth Stecker, PAAM and Celeste Clarkston, MDCH/Medical Marihuana Registry Program. Some question and answer along with some Planning Commission discussion occurred during the presentation.

Following the presentation, the Planning Commission, discussed the possible ways to regulate medical marihuana. The Planning Commission generally reached consensus that a potential ordinance amendment could potentially address the following, if permitted:

- a. A hybrid ordinance that is a zoning amendment but is also similar to Livonia’s Ordinance (doesn’t allow uses for enterprises or purposes that are contrary to federal, state or local laws or ordinances).

- b. Allowable locations and growing requirements.
- c. Warrant-less search like Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- d. Limit on square footage, fire/building code requirements.
- e. Restrictions on home occupation in neighborhoods.
- f. Caregivers/dispensaries only being allowed to supply to City of Brighton residents.

The questions came up about what type of information can be asked of applicants trying to open a business, since some of the information at the state level is confidential?? Staff will do research on the question.

It was generally agreed that staff would prepare the proposed ordinance amendments regulating medical marihuana for review and consideration at the October 18, 2010 Planning Commission meeting.

5. Call to the Public

The call to the public was made at 8:13 pm with no response.

6. Adjournment

Moved by Wirth, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Amy Cyphert