

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED
AT THE CAUCUS PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023
7:00 P.M.

I. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

III. DISCUSSION:

1. 2022 RECIPIENT OF THE AUDITOR OF STATE AWARD WITH DISTINCTION FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING RELATED TO THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCE REPORT AND COMPLIANCE FOR THE CITY OF BROOK PARK.- PER COUNCIL PRESIDENT VECCHIO.

In attendance: Kathryn M. Semo

Northeast Regional Liaison Auditor of State Keith Faber

2. DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL- JJK TAVERN LLC DBA TAVERN 150 5771 SMITH RD, BROOK PARK, OH 44142, C TRFO 4179374 POSTMARK DATE: 12/11/23.- PER COUNCIL PRESIDENT VECCHIO.

3. AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 720 OF THE BROOK PARK CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED 'MEDICAL MARIJUANA OPERATIONS', AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.-PER COUNCIL PRESIDENT VECCHIO.

4. AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 1126 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED 'MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES', AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. -PER COUNCIL PRESIDENT VECCHIO.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

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The meeting was called to order by Council President Vecchio at 7:00 p.m., the clerk called the roll and the following Members of Council answered:

TROYER, COYNE, SCOTT, MENCINI, ROBERTS, POINDEXTER

Also in attendance were Law Director Horvath, Safety Director Sensel, Interim Finance Director Maykut, Engineer Piatak, Service Director Beyer and Recreation Center Program Coordinator Morgano.

Councilman Salvatore properly excused.

DISCUSSION:

1. 2022 RECIPIENT OF THE AUDITOR OF STATE AWARD WITH DISTINCTION FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING RELATED TO THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCE REPORT AND COMPLIANCE FOR THE CITY OF BROOK PARK. **In attendance:** Northeast Regional Liaison Kathryn M. Semo of Auditor of State Keith Faber's office.

Katie Semo
88 E Broad Street, Columbus, OH

Madam Semo presented the Auditor of State Award with Distinction to Interim Finance Director Maykut and stated only 4% are granted this award and recognized the Mayor, Council and the City of Brook Park with watching over every dollar. Special recognition and congratulations to Interim Finance Director Maykut for her exceptional professionalism in reporting finances of the city.

2. DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL - JJK TAVERN, LLC, DBA TAVERN 150, 5771 SMITH ROAD, BROOK PARK, OH, 44142. **C TRFO 4179374.**
Postmark Date: 12/11/23.

Madam Horvath requested more time for due diligence.

Mr. Mencini stated this facility is currently open?

Madam Horvath responded yes, think they're still operating.

Mr. Mencini continued if this is the same one in Great Northern?

Madam Horvath responded couldn't say for sure.

Discussion: cont.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Madam Coyne, to place on the December 5th Caucus Prior to agenda.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, Coyne, Troyer, Scott, Roberts, Poindexter, Salvatore

NAYS: Unanimous.

3. AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 720 OF THE BROOK PARK CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED 'MEDICAL MARIJUANA OPERATIONS' AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
4. AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 1126 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED 'MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES' AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Vecchio stated items three (3) and four (4) are companion pieces.

Mr. Troyer stated the reason this came about is with the passage of the (recent) election at the state level. This will take time to make the rules but as of December 7th companies can get in line to come into the city, needs to be done prior to December 7th.

Madam Horvath this needs to be addressed as to how recreational and medical marijuana are sold in the city and will take a little time and study to get this done. Most important aspect with this is the zoning.

Mr. Poindexter stated colleague is correct if this is not limited to the two (2) zones for medical marijuana. By December 7th anyone can file for licensing in any zone of our city. My suggestion, voters spoke loud and clear at 65%, residents want but need to locate in zones for medical marijuana U-7 or U5-A zones

Mr. Vecchio stated in Section 1126.03 specifies U5-A and all U-7.

Madam Horvath stated looking at the City of Bexley their legislation only deals with zoning for recreational marijuana, law department will do everything possible to get this done.

Madam Coyne stated it would behoove Council to have Mr. Bryant come up and speak.

Mr. Mencini asked who is he, is he an expert or the person that selectively called Councilmembers, but not me?

Madam Coyne stated he has a dispensary on the corner of West 150th Street.

Discussion: cont.

Motion by Madam Coyne, supported by Mr. Troyer, to allow Mr. Wesley Bryant to speak.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Coyne, Troyer, Scott, Mencini, Roberts, Poindexter, Salvatore
NAYS: Unanimous.

Mr. Bryant spoke before Council on recreational marijuana with a questions/answers segment that can be heard via livestream or placed on a flash drive from the Clerk of Council for a monumental charge, per the codified ordinances.

Mr. Mencini commented neither for or against it as long as it is done legally.

Mr. Roberts commented would be surprised how many people drive to Michigan on a regular basis; let's keep that money here and be proactive instead of reactive.

Motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Roberts, to have law department amend both pieces of legislation to either read medical/recreational or remove medical whatever is best.


ROLL CALL: AYES: Troyer, Roberts, Poindexter, Mencini, Scott, Coyne,
NAYS: Unanimous.

Mr. Vecchio clarified those amendments will be for both items three (3) and four (4).

There being no further business to come before this meeting a **motion** by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Mencini, to adjourn.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Troyer, Mencini, Roberts, Poindexter, Coyne, Scott
NAYS: Unanimous.

Mr. Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED 
Carol Johnson
Clerk of Council

APPROVED 

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