

Legislative and Ordinance Meeting Minutes
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WESTFIELD CITY CLERK

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

1. Meeting recorded on Ch. 15 in council chambers
2. Public Participation: Joanne Barnes, 89 Papermill Rd. on supporting truck exclusion on Papermill Rd. (traffic commission mentioned)

Jim Lahey, 193 Papermill Rd. wants the truck exclusion item expedited.

Johnathan Cetal? Whispering Wing Rd. Not for or against HEKA Health, many promises made by the company have not been kept. He presented many facts

Kim Cameron 183 Munger Hill Rd. echoed Mr. Cetal?'s comments. HEKA needs to come forward with a plan, wishes that the council revoke it.

Warren Breen, of HEKA Health

3. Minutes of Jan. 28, 2019 Motion by Councilor Burns, Approved 3-0

4. Resolution to enter into a PILOT agreement with Sunfarm Westfield LLC, 994 Western Ave

Joe Mitchell presents the financial results of the solar farm and where it is to be located.

Motion of councilor Morganelli for positive recommendation to accept Resolution, Approved 3-0

5. Resolution for Host Community Agreement for HEKA

Joe Mitchell explains the history with HEKA's medical marijuana agreement and now the process with this agreement. He explained the Cannabis Control Commission's role. He explained the difference between the medical marijuana operation and the adult use recreational aspect. He gave the % of funds that the city would benefit from the business. Councilor Morganelli commented on differences and Mr. Mitchell clarified. Mr. Mark Dupuis for HEKA Health spoke on behalf of the company and gave an update. He mentioned his longevity as a resident and running businesses in Westfield. The chair comments on the timeline of this process with provisional certificate, host community agreement and then approximately two years after that for the business to be up and running. Councilor Burns concurs. City Advancement office Joe Mitchell commented on the timeline. Councilor Morganelli Motioned for a positive recommendation, Motion failed 3-0.

A one minute recess was taken at 6:11 pm.

6. Sewer Betterment process: Motion of Councilor Morganelli to Remove from Committee without action. 3-0 Approved.

7. City council rule changes to the City Charter: Motion of Councilor Burns to Remove from committee without action. Approved 3-0

8. Motion of councilor Flaherty to Edit the Code of Ordinances. The chair spoke with councilor Flaherty about removing from the committee and addressing this at a later time. He was in favor of the removal of the item. Motion of Councilor Burns to Remove from committee without action. Approved 3-0

9 through 12 Items having to do with the stabilization fund for road repair and the meals tax.

The chair explains the 4 items related to the road tax. He also explained the determination about items 11 and 12 from the Law Dept. stating that we could not approve those 2 items. Councilors Babinski and Emmershy commented

Items 9 through 12 remained in committee per Motion of Councilor Burns to Remain in committee. Approved 3-0

13. Motion of several councilors that the Law Department prepare appropriate orders and/or resolutions to rescind the Local Option Meals Tax. The chair mentions the loss of revenue.

Discussion ensued. Clarification of the motion to rescind was discussed.

Councilor Burns motioned for a positive recommendation to rescind. Motion fails 2-1(Morganelli) (a no vote was to rescind, a yes vote was to keep the tax)

14. Motion of Councilor Morganelli on Snow and Ice removal Ordinance. Councilor Morganelli reviewed what was discussed in the Public Health and Safety Committee. Councilor Babinski commented. Motion Councilor Morganelli to remove from committee without action. Approved 3-0.

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Burns Approved 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:52.