

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HIGHLAND PARK CITY COUNCIL

June 10, 2019

Council convened at 6:05 p.m. with Council President Rodney Patrick presiding.

Present: Councilmember Woodard, Councilmember Lewis, Councilmember Bates and Council President Patrick. (4)

Absent: Council Pro-Tem McDonald (1)

A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.

The Clerk read the following notice:

I, Rodney Patrick, Council President, do hereby call a Special Meeting of the Highland Park City Council on the above date, time and place; pursuant to Section 5-3 (b) of the Highland Park City Charter.

The purpose of the meeting:

- 1. Public Discussion regarding the Hamilton Avenue Improvements Project.**
- 2. Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding between Urban Canna Solutions, LLC. And City of Highland Park.**
- 3. Closed Session (Litigation Update).**

**Moved by Councilmember Lewis
Supported by Councilmember Woodard**

To open the public discussion regarding TAP project implementation for Hamilton Avenue Bike Lane.

There was a lengthy discussion between citizens and council.

**Moved by Councilmember Woodard
Supported by Councilmember Lewis**

To close the public discussion. Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).

The following resolution was submitted for approval.

**Moved by Councilmember Woodard
Supported by Councilmember Lewis**

WHEREAS, The City of Highland Park is a municipality duly governed by its charter through the State of Michigan and its municipal charter approved by voters in said City; and

WHEREAS, Urban Canna Solutions, LLC (USC) is a Michigan based limited liability company setup to manage its company for any legal purpose allowable under State of Michigan law; and

WHEREAS, UCS has presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) documents to the City of Highland Park for creation of a long term mutually beneficial lease and collaboration between the City of Highland Park and USC related to UCS's plans to operate its LLC for any permissible purpose allowable under Michigan law on the property known as 15900 Woodward Avenue; and

WHEREAS, UCS agrees to provide \$1,000,000 to the City for site control and creation of a 20-year lease for the property known as 15900 Woodward Avenue to be paid in two payments. The first payment of \$1000,000 is to be paid upon ratification of this MOU and the final payment of \$900,000 is to be paid to City after creation and commencement of the 20-year lease, zoning changes, formalization of an opt-in ordinance under the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA), and other necessary criteria related to MMFLA rules related to municipalities. The City of Highland Park's cost share on this project will be zero dollars as ICS's proposal encompasses a 20-year plan to create an economic development engine that will provide up to 300 jobs during the construction phase, and 75 jobs at its permanent location with a preference for residents of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, UCS agrees to immediately upon approval of the lease between City and UCS acquire \$5 million in liability insurance indemnifying City from any personal injuries up to the amount of the coverage for the lengths of this MOU. The spirit behind City and UCS related to the entirety of the property known as 15900 Woodward Avenue; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of Highland Park does hereby approve the Memorandum of Understanding

between City and UCS and authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the MOU agreement documents on behalf of the City after review and approval as to form by the City Attorney's Office. Yeas (2) Councilmember Woodard and Councilmember Lewis, Nays (2) Councilmember Bates and Council President Patrick, Absent (1) Council Pro Ten McDonald.

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**Moved by Councilmember Woodard
Supported by Councilmember Lewis**

To recess the Special Meeting at 8:25 p.m. and meet in Closed Session (Pending Litigation Update) Yeas (4), Nays (0), Absent (1).

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**Moved by Councilmember Lewis
Supported by Councilmember Woodard**

To reconvene the Special Meeting at 9:10 p.m. Yeas (5), Nays (0), Absent (0).

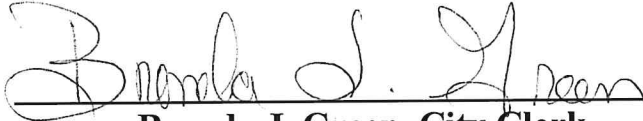
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**Moved by Councilmember Lewis
Supported by Councilmember Bates**

To adjourn the meeting; motion carried meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

CERTIFICATE

I, hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of the proposed minutes of a Special Meeting held on the 10th day of June, 2019 and that said proposed minutes are available for public inspection at the address designated on the posted public notice.


Brenda J. Green, City Clerk