AUG 2018

The Truth Matters! The Review Process has started. It began in May 2020.

August
2018 –
Voters
approve
City of
Pontiac
Medical
Marihuana
Facilities
Ordinance

(2357B)

September
2018 –
Ordinance
approved
after
recount

November 2018 – Zoning Ordinance introduced.

Zoning Ordinance not approved

Mayor proposed a 90-day Moratorium on the Acceptance of Applications August 2019 – Clerk receives the first application for grower, processor, and secure transporter.

The Application Review process does not begin until 9 months later because the Mayor refuses to give the Clerk the resources he has requested until May 2020.

December 2019 – The court order determines that the City Clerk was correct and the Clerk sets the 21-day application period for Provisioning Centers and not the Mayor.

November 2019 – Mayor vetoes Council extension to the Moratorium and announces that the 21-day application period will be November 20 – December 10, 2019 as a result of her veto.

City Clerk announces per the ordinance he sets the 21-day application period. The application will be January 6-27, 2020.

January 2020 – 21-day Provisioning Center Application Period

Since November
2019, the City Clerk
has been attempting
to get the Financial
Advisor and Legal
Advisor Professional
Expert agreements
signed by the Mayor
that were approved
by City Council.

The Mayor did not sign the agreement until May 2019 six months later.

May 2020 – Mayor announces applications will be reviewed in 90 days without consulting with the Clerk and giving the applicants and the community false exceptions.

The Mayor does not oversee the review process. The court informed her of that in December 2019.

How does the Mayor think the Clerk can review applications in 90 days when she took six months to sign three documents?

Clerk begins review process as he stated he would after the Mayor signed all the documents. This did not occurred until May 26, 2020.

June 2020 – In addition to the Clerk being responsible for the Medical Marihuana process, the Clerk is responsible for overseeing Elections.

The Clerk hires an Elections Administrator.

This position has been unfilled for a year as a result of the Mayor refusing to post the position for several months despite the Charter being clear that the Clerk is appointed by the City Council and a part of the Legislative Branch. The Clerk is not a member of the Mayor's staff.

April 2019 - Zoning Ordinance adopted

Clerk begins to accept applications for grower, processor secure transporter and safety compliance.

Clerk announces 21-day application period for Provisioning Centers in accordance with the ordinance as September 9-30, 2020.

September 2019 — Clerk announces the 21-day applications period has changed to November 6-27 due to the Moratorium on the acceptance of applications. The reason for the Moratorium is the zoning ordinance text amendment recommended by City Council is still under technical review by the Planning Commission.

As a matter of fact, the Planning Commission as of today has never made a recommendation on the text amendment so City Council can vote.

Medical Marihuana Timeline

June – August 2020 – The Clerk's Office had to prepare for the Primary Election. We had historic Absentee Voting for the primary which required the Clerk to assign all his staff to Election duties beginning in July.

AV BALLOTS	AUG Ballots Issued	AUG Ballots Returned	AUG Return Rate	NOV Ballots Issued	NOV Ballots Returned	NOV Return Rate
2016 - Presidential	1859	1647	89%	4769	4604	97%
2018 - Governor	2517	2328	92%	4934	4569	92%
2020 - Presidential	8004	5925	74%			

- This year, we had a 400% increase in absentee voting when compared to 2016 Primary
- This year, we had a 300% increase in absentee voting when compared to 2018 Primary

In order to accommodate this record number, the Clerk had to pull his Special Assistant off of assisting with the review of applications and have him assist with the Election along with bringing on more temp staff.

Recommendation

• In July, we received two additional grower and one processor applications for a total of \$15,000 in application fee revenue. The Clerk is proposing that \$15,000 be used to cover the cost of allocated the majority of the Special Assistant time to the review process. The \$15,000 that was allocated for the Special Assistant salary in the Clerk's Office budget will be reallocated to hiring a part-time customer service rep to help the Clerk with non-Medical Marihuana duties, since the Special Assistant will have to allocate the majority of his time to Medical Marihuana. The Special Assistant salary will not change but will allow the Clerk to allocate a full-time employee to the review process. This should help speed up the review process.

Outstanding Issues

- 1. The Planning Commission has not made a recommendation to the City Council about the proposed zoning text amendment regarding Hidden River being designated as a park. The text amendment was submitted in August of 2019. It is a year later and still no action by the Planning Commission. **Why?**
- 2. The Planning Commission has not made a recommendation to the City Council about the proposed zoning map amendment to allow grower and processor facilities to locate outside of the Walton Blvd and Cesar Chavez Overlay Districts. The text amendment was submitted in January 2020. It has been seven months and still no action by the Planning Commission. Why?

Medical Marihuana Timeline

- 3. The Planning Advisor recommendation about the Planning Division standards need to be resolved.
- 4. The Mayor has not named the members of Medical Marihuana Commission.
- 5. The City Council has to approve the Medical Marihuana Commission rules.
- 6. There are still some Staff and/or Reviewer forms that need to be signed.

Name	Office/Department	Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure	Conflict of Interest
Garland Doyle	City Clerk	Yes	Yes
Jonathan Starks	City Clerk	Yes	Yes
Robert Huth, Jr. Esq.	Legal Advisor to the City Clerk	Yes	Yes
Kirk, Huth, Lange, and Badalamenti, PLC			
Sherman Taylor, JD CPA	Financial Advisor to the City Clerk	Yes	Yes
SRT Consulting, LLC			
Jill Bahm, AICP	Planning Advisor to the City Clerk	Yes	Yes
Giffels-Webster			
John Fraser, Esq.	Hearing Officer	Yes	Yes
Grewal Law PLLC			
Vern Gustafsson	Planning	Yes	Yes
Mike Wilson	Building	Yes	Yes
Dan Ringo	DPW	Yes	Yes
Matt Gibb	Economic Development	N/A (not reviewing applications)	Yes
	Code Enforcement	No	No
	Treasury	No	No
	Income Tax	No	No

Medical Marihuana Timeline

Application Reviews

Q: Has the Review Process started?

A: Yes, application reviews started in May 2020. The City Clerk would appreciate it if the Mayor and her team stop giving the community misinformation that the review process has not started. It is underway. Applicants can attest that they have begun to receive communications about their applications.

Q: Will the outstanding issues stop the Clerk from reviewing all applications?

A: No, applications not affected by the unresolved issues will continue to be reviewed.

Q: What are the next steps?

A: The City Clerk will continue reviewing applications.

The City Clerk will be referring grower and processor applications to the Financial Advisor to review beginning next week.

The City Clerk will be submitting a budget amendment to cover the reallocation of time of the Special Assistant to the City Clerk and to increase the budget for a part-time customer service rep from \$5,000 - \$16,762.