

**VILLAGE OF NORTH RIVERSIDE  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 23, 2019  
COUNCIL ROOM 6:00 PM**

Mayor Hermanek called the meeting to order with a Pledge of Allegiance and a Roll Call. In attendance were Trustee Czajka, Trustee Demopoulos, Trustee Flores, Trustee Mandel, Trustee Mengoni and Trustee Sarro.

Others in attendance were Administrator Belmonte, Finance Director Scarpiniti, Attorney Odelson, Police Chief Garcia, Fire Chief Kiser, Recreation Director Mrozik, and Public Works Director Kutt.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Trustee Sarro moved seconded by Trustee Mengoni to approve the revised agenda for this meeting. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Czajka Demopoulos, Flores, Mandel, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: None. Motion carried

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Odelson stated the purposed the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Recreational Marijuana and Taxes which if approved by the board must be passed by the end of this month to capture the tax revenue. There are three ordinances that need to be passed. The first is what is being discussed tonight which is putting the 3% tax on the books. The second is zoning, which a public hearing will be called and the third is a business licensing detailed ordinance which encompasses additional impact fees on dispensaries and policing. The General Assembly has allowed the municipalities to govern themselves which is good in one aspect but hard for the policing aspect.

The ordinance we are discussing tonight puts in place and lays down the foundation in case we decide to go this route and allow recreational marijuana. Trustee Mengoni reiterated that this is just the tax piece and a decision as to whether or not we are allowing a dispensary. Trustee Flores asked if there were any requests thus far and to date there have been at least three informal requests. There are 55 medical dispensaries in the state of Illinois and those would be the first to obtain a recreational license. Trustee Mandel asked if we can regulate the number of dispensaries in town and Attorney Odelson stated that there will only be 110 licenses throughout the whole state so that will not be an issue and we would lucky to obtain at least one. Trustee Demopoulos asked about certain federal banks not wanting to touch the revenue from the marijuana tax and if we could be proactive in accepting the marijuana tax. Attorney Odelson stated that it will not be an issue.

## **AUDIENCE**

- John Bork asked about choosing a location but that will be discussed at the zoning hearing.
- Michael (Hainsworth) stated that by the end of the month there will be a State Act that will change the code of banking on a national level to do business with cannabis businesses. After studying this marijuana issue, there is a supply issue, especially on the east coast and would like to see Illinois capture the revenue from growing the product and supply local hospitals.
- Margaret McClellan stated that have been no issues regarding policing and Attorney Odelson corrected her stating there is an increase in driving impaired and intoxicated. She also encouraged the board to locate a dispensary on the west end of town so Komarek School would benefit from the taxes. Trustee Mengoni stated that only real estate tax money goes to the schools. Attorney Odelson mentioned tax revenue from the marijuana tax could go into the general fund.
- Another resident mentioned she has a medical marijuana card and drives all the way to Justice.
- Kevin Zvala asked what kind of dispensary the village would consider, such as a café. Again, that will be discussed at the zoning hearing.
- Sue Willouby spoke about the supply demands in the future.
- Robert asked if the taxes will be the same as medical marijuana and Attorney Odelson stated there is no tax on medical marijuana.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Trustee Czajka moved and Trustee Sarro seconded to approve an Ordinance Amending Title 3 (Revenue and Finance) of the Municipal Code of the Village of North Riverside to Impose a Municipal Cannabis Retailers Occupation Tax. **(19-O-09)** and to waive the reading. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Czajka, Demopoulos, Flores, Mandel, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: None. Motion carried

Mayor Hermanek mentioned that he met with Costco to discuss the Motor Fuel Tax and agreed upon a 2% tax.

Trustee Czajka moved and Trustee Flores seconded to approve an Ordinance Establishing a Local Motor Fuel Tax in the Village of North Riverside **(19-O-10)** and to waive the reading. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Trustees Czajka, Demopoulos, Flores, Mandel, Mengoni, Sarro

NAYS: None. Motion carried

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Demopoulos moved and Trustee Mengoni seconded for adjournment of this meeting at 6:38 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

**KATHY RANIERI  
VILLAGE CLERK**