GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2019
7:00 p.m.
Greenfield High School Cafeteria
21 Barr Ave.
Council Vote Summary
WEBSITE VERSION

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Order no. FY 20-043

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Dolan, it was by majority, 1 no,
VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL TAKE FROM THE TABLE ORDER NO. FY 20-038 “THAT THE “ESTABLISH THE CITY OF GREENFIELD AS A SAFE CITY ORDINANCE” PREVIOUSLY VOTED ON BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 21, 2019, AND VETOED BY THE MAYOR ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2019, IS HEREBY APPROVED.” WHICH WAS TABLED AT THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Order no. FY20-038, by roll call, 9 yes, 3 no,
VOTED: THE CITY COUNCIL MOVED THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE “ESTABLISH THE CITY OF GREENFIELD AS A SAFE CITY ORDINANCE” PREVIOUSLY VOTED ON BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 21, 2019, AND VETOED BY THE MAYOR ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2019, IS HEREBY APPROVED.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Mass, it was, by roll call, 12 yes, 0 no,
VOTED: TO APPROVE MOTION WITH AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS:
TO AMEND THE FORM OF THE BALLOT QUESTION FOR CLARIFICATION AND CONSISTENCY PURPOSES APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 21, 2019 ORDER NO. FY20-026 AS INDICATED BELOW AND TO ALLOW THE [CITY] CLERK TO MAKE NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO FORM AND POSITION:

Binding Ballot Question 2
Shall the following measure, which was proposed to be rescinded by voters in a citizens referendum petition, take effect?

Summary

That the Greenfield City Council amends the code of the City of Greenfield by adding Chapter 353 establish the City of Greenfield as a Safe City Ordinance as summarized below and further amends the table of contents and index of contents of the code and further that non-substantive changes to the numbering of the ordinance be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the code of the City of Greenfield.

The Safe City ordinance would be effective immediately upon passage. Its purpose is to affirm that Greenfield is a welcoming City which embraces everyone including but not limited to the immigrant, the refugee, the asylum seeker and anyone of good faith and good will who wishes to be a member of our community. While the ordinance would not prohibit or restrain any City official from sending to, or receiving from, any local, state or federal agency information regarding citizenship or immigration status consistent with 8 U.S.C. Section 1373, the ordinance would establish that:

a) A City official shall not inquire as to an individual’s immigration status unless required by federal or state law.
b) A City official shall not target with legal action or discriminate against a medical, educational, or faith institution in their mission of providing refuge to immigrants and their families.
c) A City official shall not initiate an investigation or take law enforcement action, including regulatory action, on the basis of actual or perceived immigration status.

d) Notwithstanding sections 2 (a) and 2 (c), above, a person’s immigration status shall not prohibit or inhibit the City or any City official's participation in any government operation or program that confers an immigration benefit, or temporarily or permanently protects noncitizens from removal as provided through programs such as the U Visa, the T Visa, and the Federal Violence Against Women Act.

e) When an individual is eligible for release from custody, a City official shall not detain nor delay the release of an individual on the basis of a civil immigration detainer request or an ICE administrative warrant for the individual.

f) A City official shall honor judicial warrants, but shall not respond to an ICE request for notification about the incarceration status or pending release of a person in custody and shall not otherwise communicate with ICE about a person who is in its custody, including providing information about the person’s release from custody, home address, work address, or phone number.

g) To the extent permissible by law, a City official shall not perform the functions of an immigration officer, whether pursuant to 8 U.S.C. Section 1357 (G) or any other law, regulation, or policy, whether formal or informal.

A yes vote would uphold the City council vote above and allow the Safe City Ordinance to go into effect.

A no vote would rescind the City Council vote and not allow the Safe City Ordinance to go into effect.