

GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL
231st Regular Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2022
6:30 p.m.
John Zon Community Center/Zoom (Hybrid)
Council Vote Summary
WEBSITE VERSION

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Order no. FY 22-141

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Forgey, second by Councilor Guin, it was unanimously, 13 yes, 0 no,

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THE CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF PRIOR YEAR INVOICES FOR SIEMENS INC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,814 TO BE PAID FROM THE FY22 ENERGY DEPARTMENT BUDGET.

Order no. FY 22-155

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Forgey, second by Councilor Lapienski, it was unanimously,

TABLED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THE CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, THE SUM OF \$175,000 BE APPROPRIATED FROM FUND 8400 GENERAL STABILIZATION TO FUND AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT / AUDIT OF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD'S POLICE DEPARTMENT'S STRUCTURE, POLICIES AND PRACTICES. AREAS TO BE COVERED INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED, THE FOLLOWING:

- ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE,
- OPERATING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES,
- DEPARTMENT CULTURE,
- HIRING AND PROMOTIONAL PRACTICES,
- PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND ACCOUNTABILITY,
- BUDGETING AND PLANNING

Order no. FY 23-001 A1

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Elmer, second by Councilor Terounzo, it was by majority, 11 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention,

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL DECLARES REAL ESTATE ABUTTING 139 HARRISON AVENUE, A PORTION OF PARCEL 124-53, TO BE SURPLUS PROPERTY AND TRANSFERS SAID PROPERTY TO THE MAYOR FOR SALE.

Order no. FY 23-002 A2

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Elmer, second by Councilor Terounzo, it was unanimously,

VOTED: THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR TO SELL A PORTION OF PARCEL 124-53, ABUTTING 139 HARRISON AVENUE, PURSUANT TO THE CITY COUNCIL POLICY FOR THE SALE OF CITY OWNED LAND AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE SAME.

Order no. FY 22-142

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Elmer, second by Councilor Mayo, it was unanimously,

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREENFIELD AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 200, SECTION 200-6.7: SIGN REGULATIONS, AS INDICATED BY ATTACHED EXHIBIT A, WITH STRIKETHROUGH TEXT TO BE DELETED AND BOLD TEXT TO BE ADDED:

AND FURTHER AMENDS THE TABLE OF CONTENTS AND INDEX OF THE CODE. AND FURTHER THAT NONSUBSTANTIVE 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.

Exhibit A

(2) Signs in the Central Commercial District.

(a) One (1) sign for each establishment located ~~on the ground floor~~ *in* and along the frontage of a building. The sign(s) shall be affixed to the frontage wall of the building. If a building fronts on more than one (1) street, both frontage walls may be used for all such signs. The total combined area of such signs shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the area of the building face upon which the signs are attached or a maximum of forty-five (45) square feet per sign, whichever is less. Individual signs shall be sized based on the building face area occupied by each establishment. Such signs shall include wall, projecting, marquee signs and awnings.

(3) Signs in the Limited Commercial, Office, and General Industry Districts.

(a) One (1) sign for each establishment in a building affixed to one (1) wall of a building. ~~If a building fronts on more than one (1) street, only one (1) wall may be used for such signs. If a building fronts on more than one (1) street, both building faces may be used for all such signs.~~ The total combined area of such signs shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the area of the building faces upon which the signs are attached. ~~or a maximum of The total signage on the building shall not exceed forty five (45) square feet per sign whichever is less.~~ Such signs shall include wall, projecting, marquee signs and awnings.

(5) Signs in the General Commercial District.

(a) One (1) sign for each establishment in a building affixed to one (1) wall of a building. ~~If a building fronts on more than one (1) street, only one (1) wall may be used for such signs. If a building fronts on more than one (1) street, both building faces may be used for all such signs.~~ The total combined area of such signs shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the area of the building faces upon which the signs are attached. ~~or a maximum of The total signage on the building shall not exceed sixty-four (64) square feet, whichever is less.~~ Such signs shall include wall, projecting, marquee signs and awnings.

C. General sign regulations.

(1) Wall signs may be painted on or attached to the wall of a building, shall be in the same plane as the wall, and shall not project from the wall by more than twelve (12) inches.

(2) Projecting signs shall not project more than three (3) feet from the face of the building, shall not project over a public street, and shall have a minimum clearance of eight (8) feet above the sidewalk and thirteen (13) feet above an alley, driveway, or private street. Projecting signs shall project from the wall at a ninety-degree angle. Projecting signs shall not extend vertically above the windowsill of the second story and shall not block the visibility of any other sign. ~~Projecting signs over the public right-of-way require both a sign permit and license from the Greenfield Licensing Commission.~~

(5) *Dynamic display signs also known as electronic message centers shall be prohibited. Dynamic display signs also known as electronic message centers -- means any sign designed for outdoor use that is capable of displaying an electronic signal, including, but not limited to, cathode-ray tubes (CRT), light-emitting diode (LED) displays, plasma displays, liquid-crystal displays (LCD), or other technologies used in commercially available televisions or computer monitors. Signs with this technology which are placed by a public agency for the purpose of directing or regulating pedestrian or vehicle movement ~~use~~ are exempt from this chapter. Dynamic displays shall comply with the following:*

- ~~(a) Minimum display time between display changes shall be 30 seconds. Transition time to next display shall be less than one second.~~
- ~~(b) Display boards shall not emit sound.~~
- ~~(c) The display must be turned off at 11:00 p.m. or at the close of business, whichever is later.~~

~~(d) Signs must have photocells that automatically dim in dark conditions in direct correlation to natural ambient light conditions. At no time shall the sign lights be greater than 0.3 footcandle above ambient light conditions.~~

~~(1213) Awnings are coverings either permanently attached to the building or which can be raised or retracted to a position against the building when not in use. Any lettering larger than six (6) inches in height or symbols exceeding four (4) square feet in area shall be included in the total area of signage allowed on the face of the building. The entire illuminated area of an awning shall be considered part of the sign area. Awnings projecting over the public right of way require a license from the Greenfield Licensing Commission.~~

~~(1718) Sandwich board signs are permitted directly in front of the place of business in the Central Commercial, and Limited Commercial, and General Commercial Districts only. All sandwich board signs in the public right of way must receive a license from the Greenfield Licensing Commission. A reproduction of such license shall be attached to the sign. All sandwich board signs on private property shall not exceed three (3) feet in height and two (2) feet in width. [Added by the Town Council on November 18, 2009]. The following standards shall apply to sandwich board signs:~~

- ~~(a) No sandwich board sign shall be attached to, or leaned against, any street furniture, utility facility (including poles and boxes), street light or any other sign;~~
- ~~(b) No sandwich board sign shall be placed in such a manner as to reduce the unobstructed path of travel on any sidewalk to less than forty-eight (48) inches wide, and if the existing unobstructed path of travel of a sidewalk is forty-eight (48) inches or less in width, no sign shall be placed on said sidewalk;~~
- ~~(c) No sandwich board sign shall be placed within a curb cut or ramp right-of-way installed to provide improved access to a sidewalk for the disabled or block a path to and from the right-of-way;~~
- ~~(d) Sandwich board signs may be displayed only during hours of operation.~~

Order no. FY 23-003

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Elmer, second by Councilor Desorgher, it was unanimously, **VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREENFIELD, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 94G, SECTION 3 OF THE M.G.L., IN ORDER TO IMPOSE REASONABLE SAFEGUARDS ON THE OPERATION OF OUTDOOR MARIJUANA CULTIVATIONS, AND TO RESTRICT THE LICENSED CULTIVATION, PROCESSING AND MANUFACTURING OF MARIJUANA, AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 200, AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 200-4.2 Rural Residential District (RC) section (C) Uses by special permit, is hereby amended by adding the following new section:
“(22) Marijuana cultivation limited to Tier 1 (5,000 square feet) pursuant to ~200-7.17”
- Section 200-7.17. Marijuana Establishments, is hereby further amended by adding at the end of section (B) 4 the following new language:
“A marijuana outdoor cultivation is limited to Tier 1 (5,000 square feet) per license. No Person or Entity Having Direct or Indirect Control shall be granted, or hold, more than three licenses in a particular class. The maximum outdoor canopy permissible under all licenses for a single parcel is 15,000 sq. ft.”

AND FURTHER AMENDS THE TABLE OF CONTENTS AND INDEX OF THE CODE. AND FURTHER THAT NONSUBSTANTIVE 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.

Order no. FY 22-162

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Elmer, second by Councilor Lapienski, it was unanimously, **DEFEATED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREENFIELD AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 200, TO ADD NEW SECTION 7.3: TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON OUTDOOR MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITIES, AS INDICATED BY ATTACHED EXHIBIT A,

AND FURTHER AMENDS THE TABLE OF CONTENTS AND INDEX OF THE CODE. AND FURTHER THAT NONSUBSTANTIVE 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.

Exhibit A

~ 200-7.3 Temporary Moratorium on Outdoor Marijuana Cultivation Facilities

- A. **Purpose**
The City intends to adopt a temporary moratorium on the use of land and structures in the City for all Outdoor Marijuana Cultivation Facilities so as to allow the City sufficient time to engage in a planning process to address the effects of such structures and uses on residential neighborhoods and in the City as a whole; and to amend Section 200-7.17, Marijuana Establishments, of the Zoning Ordinance in a manner consistent with sound land use planning goals and objectives.
- B. **Definition**
MARIJUANA CULTIVATOR – An entity licensed to cultivate, process, and package marijuana, to deliver marijuana to marijuana establishments, and to transfer marijuana to other marijuana establishments, but not to consumers. A Craft Marijuana Cooperative is a type of Marijuana Cultivator. [Definition Added by Town Council on June 20, 2018]
- C. **Temporary Moratorium**
For the reasons set forth above and notwithstanding any other provision of the Zoning Ordinance to the contrary, the City hereby adopts a temporary moratorium on the use of land or structures for all outdoor marijuana cultivation facilities. The moratorium shall be in effect through June 30, 2023. During the moratorium period, the City shall undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts of marijuana cultivation facilities in the City, and shall consider amending Section 200-7.17, Marijuana Establishments, of the Zoning Ordinance to address the impact and operation of outdoor marijuana cultivation facilities on residential neighborhoods and the City as a whole.

Order no. FY 23-002

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Guin, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was unanimously, **VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2-10, AFFIRMS THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR:

Community Preservation Committee - David Chichester, Term to Expire June 30, 2025 (Planning Board Designee)

Planning & Construction Committee - Mike Pratt, Term to Expire June 30, 2025

Planning Board - David Chichester, Term to Expire June 30, 2023 (moving from alternate to full member, finishing out Mark Maloni’s term)

Sustainable Greenfield Implementation Committee - Greta Shwachman, Term to Expire June 30, 2024 (short term to maintain staggered appointments)

Order no. FY 23-004

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gilmour, second by Councilor Guin, it was unanimously,
VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL, AS REQUIRED BY THE RECENTLY PASSED VOTES ACT, SECTION 72, ASSIGN A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF POLICE OFFICERS (UP TO TWO) TO OUR POLLING LOCATION, GREENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM, FOR ALL ELECTIONS AND PRIMARIES HELD IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK, IN COORDINATION WITH THE POLICE CHIEF OR A POLICE DEPARTMENT DESIGNEE, TO ASSIGN SPECIFIC OFFICERS FOR THIS PURPOSE.

Order no. FY 23-009

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Terounzo, second by Councilor Elmer, it was unanimously,
VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED, THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE ATTACHED STATE PRIMARY ELECTION WARRANT FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2022, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES THE CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO SIGN SAID WARRANT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Lapienski, second by Councilor Bottomley, it was by roll call, 2 yes, 10 no,

DEFEATED: THAT BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2022, COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS BE HELD EITHER IN PERSON OR IN PERSON/REMOTE ACCESS (HYBRID).

