

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
AUGUST 26, 2019
Meeting Held at Roselle Village Hall
Council Chambers
31 S. Prospect
Roselle, IL. 60172

8:05 P.M.

Chaired by Mayor Maglio

PRESENT: Mayor Maglio, Trustees Berkshire, Devitt, Domke, Pileski, Pransky and Trejo.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff O'Dell, Jason Bielawski, Jim Knippen, Steve Herron, Shawn Kooistra, Dan Anderson, Mark Bozik, Pat Watkins, Tom Dahl, Karen Young, Brian Joanis and Patty Burns.

2. APPROVE PREPARED AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Devitt, second by Trustee Trejo, to Approve the Agenda as Presented.

Upon voice vote: **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS/QUESTIONS – None

4. CANNABIS REGULATION AND TAX ACT

At its August 12, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting, the Village Board directed staff to bring back more information to its August 26 meeting regarding regulation of personal possession and consumption of recreational cannabis, the licensing of recreational cannabis businesses, specific zoning considerations, and alternatives for the Village Board or its Planning and Zoning Commission to further deliberate recreational cannabis business zoning and land uses.

Municipalities are permitted under the new CRTA to impose a local retailer sales tax of up to 3% of the retail purchase price of cannabis sold at a recreational cannabis dispensary business. The tax must be imposed in 0.25% increments. The State of Illinois will also derive revenues from State taxes and licensing imposed on cannabis businesses with 8% of those proceeds distributed back to local governments to fund crime prevention programs, training, and interdiction efforts.

Municipalities may prohibit dispensaries by their zoning regulations. There will be 6 different recreational cannabis enterprises allowed.

Audience Comments

Jim Novak

He is against the use of cannabis but feels that like alcohol, with the proper regulations and oversight we will learn to live with it. He feels that Roselle should allow dispensaries here and use the extra tax money for enforcement.

Lisa Mlodach

She is concerned about the burden these enterprises will place on law enforcement and keeping it out of the hands of underage users.

Megan Gould

Dispensaries are heavily monitored with cameras and remote monitoring. They are very secure.

Charles Otis

He is concerned about the impact of recreational use. Research to date is not conclusive. Is it worth risking the wellbeing of our community for tax dollars?

Angela Denutso

She questions what benefits allowing dispensaries into our town will provide our community.

Angela Wiatr

If approved, please make sure that the Police are trained and equipped to handle the enforcement.

Andrew Stenback

The Village should be willing to embrace the opportunity of enterprise in our town. There is a lot of fear at the beginning, the unknown is always fearful. Accepting these changes in legislation and being prepared for them will help our community.

Lea Lashover

Her research has shown that recreational cannabis sales have had a positive effect on local economy and home sale prices have increased in states that have it.

Trustee Domke questioned whether a smoking lounge can be allowed inside a dispensary. *This is decided by what the municipality will allow.*

Trustee Pileski suggested that following the Village model for medical dispensaries, requiring a hearing for a Special Use Permit, protects the Village and gives the Village the most control over each request. Recreational use should be protected, placed in a special district with special zoning.

Trustee Devitt agrees with Trustee Pileski. Control is important and the Village can use zoning to control the placement of dispensaries and the other recreational use enterprises. This opportunity is here before us now – it may not be here in the future.

Trustee Trejo feels that there is not enough info for the Board to make a decision. He wants more clarity about the business options. He would also like some revenue projections based on the medical dispensary history.

Trustee Berkshire would like more information and would like to discuss all the zoning options that the Village has to use.

Trustee Domke stated that the 3% tax that comes to the Village will not come close to covering the costs associated with this type of business enterprise. Our community to have a higher standard. Other communities surrounding Roselle are saying NO. We can say NO now and change our minds as more information becomes available and say YES later. But we can't say YES now and then change our minds if we realize we made a mistake.

Trustee Pransky is concerned about the effects of these types of businesses on our community.

Staff directed to bring back additional information on zoning options, revenue expectations, enforcement concerns and the types of businesses that will be allowed.

5. SMALL CELL WIRELESS FACILITIES UPDATE

On July 23, 2019 the Village Board adopted Ordinance No. 2018-3981 relating to Village Code Article VIII – Small Cell Wireless Facilities in Rights-of-Way. This article establishes regulations, standards and procedures for the siting and collocation of small wireless facilities in a manner that is consistent with the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act. Section 18-139 License Agreement of the code allows for the Village Staff and Village Attorney to prepare a license agreement with the individual company, which is then approved by the Village Administrator. Currently Village Attorney and Staff have been working with both Verizon and AT&T regarding their request for a Master License Agreement for Small Cell Wireless Facilities located in the right-of-way. The agreement with AT&T is still in the early stages of development, with the Verizon agreement nearing completion. Once the Verizon agreement is completed, the Village anticipates receiving the first round of applications in the next few months.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

7. CITIZEN COMMENTS/QUESTIONS - None

8. OTHER BUSINESS – None

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING.

Motion by Trustee Devitt second by Trustee Trejo to Adjourn Committee of the Whole at 9:50 p.m.

Upon Voice Vote: **MOTION CARRIED.**