

AGENDA REPORT

To: Mayor Pat Humphrey & Clare City Commissioners
From: Ken Hibl, City Manager
Date: January 8, 2018
RE: Discussion Topics – Annual Combined Meeting

For the Agenda of January 10, 2018

Background: The City Commission and the Planning Commission are scheduled to hold an annual meeting on January 10th @ 6:30pm. The Planning Commission will present its Annual Report (*copy att'd*) to the Clare City Commission at that meeting. Subsequent to completion of that presentation, both Commissions are asked to discuss topics of mutual interest and concerns and set any short-term and long-term goals and objectives for the City as deemed appropriate. The City Staff has attached a list of projects we anticipate we will be working on during the next two-to-three year period that may assist the Commissions to set goals and objectives (if deemed appropriate) or simply to aid in discussions during the meeting.

We have invited Mr. Aaron Kipfmiller, who represents a local “Tiny Houses” coalition, to attend the meeting. He contacted us approximately four months ago asking whether we had done any planning or consideration regarding this growing/trending housing market, so we thought this would be an excellent opportunity to at least receive an introduction to the topic. We suggest that you also give some thought to how we address “mother-in-law” suites in our residential districts. We will bring our Future Land Use Map to the meeting and ask you to consider at least one suggested change we think makes sense – if you agree, we’ll start the process to make the change in the near-term.

Jaynie, our City Attorney, also plans to attend the meeting. While we’ve all probably heard and discussed the topic of Medical MJ until we don’t want to do so any more, Jaynie and I are scheduled to attend another seminar at SVSU on this topic on January 10th. The seminar includes a panel discussion by three panel members: a Michigan Municipal League (MML) lobbyist, a LARA (Licensing & Regulatory Authority) attorney, and a DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) representative (the Ass’t Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit DEA Office). The primary reason we are attending is this is the first seminar we have seen on this topic that includes federal representation – and with Attorney General Sessions’ missive last week directing all the U.S. Attorneys to enforce federal drug law, it will be interesting to hear what he has to say on this topic. We will share any “new” (if any) info that is addressed at that seminar. I suggest we should also touch very briefly the topic of recreational MJ, as it appears relatively certain that this will be a November 2018 ballot item in Michigan.

Issues & Questions Specified: Should the City Commission & City Planning Commission hold its annual meeting to discuss topics of mutual interest and formulate short and long-term goals and objectives as deemed appropriate?

Alternatives:

1. Hold the Annual Meeting.

2. Do not conduct the Annual Meeting.
3. Set aside the matter for further consideration and/or deliberation.

Financial Impact: N/A.

Recommendations: I recommend that the City Commission and Planning Commission hold its annual meeting to discuss topics of mutual interest and set goals and objectives, as deemed appropriate and mutually agreeable.

Attachments:

1. Annual Report.
2. Project List.