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OCTOBER 3, 2016

Regular meeting of the City Council held on Monday, OCTOBER 3, 2016 at 8:00 PM in City Council Chambers, City Hall. City Councilors Present: Clancy, Juairé, Oram, Ossing, Robey, Delano, Doucette, Elder, Tunnera, Irish and Landers. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Council President Clancy called upon Chief Mark Leonard to introduce the new Police Officers, Officer Robert Ayers, and Officer Justin Bonina.

ORDERED: That the Minutes of the City Council meeting SEPTEMBER 26, 2016, FILE; adopted.

ORDERED: That the PUBLIC HEARING On the Petition from Attorney Bergeron, on behalf of Cameron Realty Trust, 28 South Bolton St. re: Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment within the Marlborough Village District, Section 650-34 and Table of Lot Area, Yards and Heights of Structures, 650-41, Order No. 16-1006667, all were heard who wish to be heard, hearing recessed at 8:22 PM.

Councilors Present: Clancy, Delano, Doucette, Elder, Tunnera, Irish, Landers, Juairé, Oram, Ossing, & Robey.

ORDERED: That the Municipal Aggregation Program, refer **BACK TO MAYOR SO THAT HE MAY PROVIDE DETAILS AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION BACK TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE NEXT MEETING;** adopted.

MOTION made by Councilor Oram for a friendly amendment to Councilor Ossing's motion above, to also request that the Mayor provide pricing comparison charts for the various power companies – Carries.

ORDERED:

That The City Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to warn and notify the voters of each of the seven (7) Wards and fourteen (14) Precincts of the City of Marlborough, duly qualified to vote in the State Election, to assemble in their respective polling places, as designated by the City Council as follows:

WARD ONE: Precinct 1 and 2	Francis J. Kane School, 520 Farm Rd.
WARD TWO: Precinct 1 and 2	Francis J. Kane School, 520 Farm Rd.
WARD THREE: Precinct 1	Senior Center, 40 New St.
WARD THREE: Precinct 2	Raymond J. Richer School, 80 Foley Rd.
WARD FOUR: Precinct 1 and 2	Senior Center, 40 New St.
WARD FIVE: Precinct 1 and 2	Senior Center, 40 New St.
WARD SIX: Precinct 1 and 2	1LT Charles W. Whitcomb School, 25 Union St.
WARD SEVEN: Precinct 1 and 2	Hildreth School, 85 Sawin St.

On Tuesday, November 8, 2016 then and there, for the purpose of casting their votes in the State Election for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH AND VICE PRESIDENT
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	THIRD DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR	THIRD DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	MIDDLESEX & WORCESTER DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	FOURTH MIDDLESEX & THIRTEENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT
SHERIFF	MIDDLESEX COUNTY

QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow the state Gaming Commission to issue one additional category 2 license, which would permit operation of a gaming establishment with no table games and not more than 1,250 slot machines.

The proposed law would authorize the Commission to request applications for the additional license to be granted to a gaming establishment located on property that is (i) at least four acres in size; (ii) adjacent to and within 1,500 feet of a race track, including the track's additional facilities, such as the track, grounds, paddocks, barns, auditorium, amphitheatre, and bleachers; (iii) where a horse racing meeting may physically be held; (iv) where a horse racing meeting shall have been hosted; and (v) not separated from the race track by a highway or railway.

A YES VOTE would permit the state Gaming Commission to license one additional slot machine gaming establishment at a location that meets certain conditions specified in the law.

A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws regarding gaming.

QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to approve up to 12 new charter schools or enrollment expansions in existing charter schools each year. Approvals under this law could expand statewide charter school enrollment by up to 1% of the total statewide public school enrollment each year. New charters and enrollment expansions approved under this law would be exempt from existing limits on the number of charter schools, the number of students enrolled in them, and the amount of local school districts' spending allocated to them.

If the Board received more than 12 applications in a single year from qualified applicants, then the proposed law would require it to give priority to proposed charter schools or enrollment expansions in districts where student performance on statewide assessments is in the bottom 25% of all districts in the previous two years and where demonstrated parent demand for additional public school options is greatest.

New charter schools and enrollment expansions approved under this proposed law would be subject to the same approval standards as other charter schools, and to recruitment, retention, and multilingual outreach requirements that currently apply to some charter schools. Schools authorized under this law would be subject to annual performance reviews according to standards established by the Board. The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2017.

A YES VOTE would allow for up to 12 approvals each year of either new charter schools or expanded enrollments in existing charter schools, but not to exceed 1% of the statewide public school enrollment.

A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws relative to charter schools.

QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would prohibit any farm owner or operator from knowingly confining any breeding pig, calf raised for veal, or egg-laying hen in a way that prevents the animal from lying down, standing up, fully extending its limbs, or turning around freely. The proposed law would also prohibit any business owner or operator in Massachusetts from selling whole eggs intended for human consumption or any uncooked cut of veal or pork if the business owner or operator knows or should know that the hen, breeding pig, or veal calf that produced these products was confined in a manner prohibited by the proposed law. The proposed law would exempt sales of food products that combine veal or pork with other products, including soups, sandwiches, pizzas, hotdogs, or similar processed or prepared food items.

The proposed law's confinement prohibitions would not apply during transportation; state and county fair exhibitions; 4-H programs; slaughter in compliance with applicable laws and regulations; medical research; veterinary exams, testing, treatment and operation if performed under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian; five days prior to an pregnant pig's expected date of giving birth; any day that pig is nursing piglets; and for temporary periods for animal husbandry purposes not to exceed six hours in any twenty-four hour period.

The proposed law would create a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation and would give the Attorney General the exclusive authority to enforce the law, and to issue regulations to implement it. As a defense to enforcement proceedings, the proposed law would allow a business owner or operator to rely in good faith upon a written certification or guarantee of compliance by a supplier.

The proposed law would be in addition to any other animal welfare laws and would not prohibit stricter local laws.

The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2022. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would prohibit any confinement of pigs, calves, and hens that prevents them from lying down, standing up, fully extending their limbs, or turning around freely.

A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws relative to the keeping of farm animals.

QUESTION 4: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

The proposed law would permit the possession, use, distribution, and cultivation of marijuana in limited amounts by persons age 21 and older and would remove criminal penalties for such activities. It would provide for the regulation of commerce in marijuana, marijuana accessories, and marijuana products and for the taxation of proceeds from sales of these items.

The proposed law would authorize persons at least 21 years old to possess up to one ounce of marijuana outside of their residences; possess up to ten ounces of marijuana inside their residences; grow up to six marijuana plants in their residences; give one ounce or less of marijuana to a person at least 21 years old without payment; possess, produce or transfer hemp; or make or transfer items related to marijuana use, storage, cultivation, or processing.

The measure would create a Cannabis Control Commission of three members appointed by the state Treasurer which would generally administer the law governing marijuana use and distribution, promulgate regulations, and be responsible for the licensing of marijuana commercial establishments.

The proposed law would also create a Cannabis Advisory Board of fifteen members appointed by the Governor. The Cannabis Control Commission would adopt regulations governing licensing qualifications; security; record keeping; health and safety standards; packaging and labeling; testing; advertising and displays; required inspections; and such other matters as the Commission considers appropriate. The records of the Commission would be public records.

The proposed law would authorize cities and towns to adopt reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of operating marijuana businesses and to limit the number of marijuana establishments in their communities. A city or town could hold a local vote to determine whether to permit the selling of marijuana and marijuana products for consumption on the premises at commercial establishments.

The proceeds of retail sales of marijuana and marijuana products would be subject to the state sales tax and an additional excise tax of 3.75%. A city or town could impose a separate tax of up to 2%. Revenue received from the additional state excise tax or from license application fees and civil penalties for violations of this law would be deposited in a Marijuana Regulation Fund and would be used subject to appropriation for administration of the proposed law. Marijuana-related activities authorized under this proposed law could not be a basis for adverse orders in child welfare cases absent clear and convincing evidence that such activities had created an unreasonable danger to the safety of a minor child.

The proposed law would not affect existing law regarding medical marijuana treatment centers or the operation of motor vehicles while under the influence. It would permit property owners to prohibit the use, sale, or production of marijuana on their premises (with an exception that landlords cannot prohibit consumption by tenants of marijuana by means other than by smoking); and would permit employers to prohibit the consumption of marijuana by employees in the workplace. State and local governments could continue to restrict uses in public buildings or at or near schools. Supplying marijuana to persons under age 21 would be unlawful. The proposed law would take effect on December 15, 2016.

A YES VOTE would allow persons 21 and older to possess, use, and transfer marijuana and products containing marijuana concentrate (including edible products) and to cultivate marijuana, all in limited amounts, and would provide for the regulation and taxation of commercial sale of marijuana and marijuana products.

A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws relative to marijuana.

It is further ordered that the polling places legally designated by the City Council be opened at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon and be closed at 8:00 o'clock in the evening. The City Clerk be and hereby is authorized to cause notice to be given by publication of this Order in a local newspaper and by posting a copy of the same in a conspicuous place in the office of the City Clerk and in each Ward and Precinct of the City.

Edward J. Clancy
City Council President

FILE; adopted.

ORDERED: That Communication from the Planning Board re: Favorable Recommendation to the City Council on the Proposed Zoning Amendment Allowing Assisted Living Facilities under Sections 650-5.B, 650-17, 650-18.A(44) and 650-48.A, Order No. 16-1006631A, **FILE** & refer to **URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**; adopted.

ORDERED: That the Communication from the MA State Lottery Commission re: Keno-to-Go Agent, 7-Eleven, 92 Broad St., **FILE**; adopted.

ORDERED: That Minutes, Planning Board, August 29, 2016 & September 12, 2016, **FILE**; adopted.

ORDERED: That Minutes, Traffic Commission, August 23, 2016, **FILE**; adopted.

ORDERED: That the Reappointments of the following individuals to the Council on Aging with staggered terms; Jim Confrey and Richard Collins with four year terms expiring in May 2020 and Brenda Costa to a three-year term expiring in May 2019, **APPROVED**; adopted.

ORDERED: There being no further business, the regular meeting of the City Council is herewith adjourned at 8:32 PM.