CITY OF FAIRBORN
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
March 21, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn Fairborn
Challenger Room
2800 Presidential Drive

COUNCIL MEMBERS	Present	Absent
Dan Kirkpatrick, Mayor	☒	☐
Clint Allen, Deputy Mayor	☒	☐
Sylvia Chess, Councilwoman	☒	☐
Adam Fritzsche, Councilman	☒	☐
Rodney McCubbins, Councilman	☒	☐
Mary Reaster, Councilwoman	☒	☐
Tana Stanton, Councilwoman	☒	☐

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Adkins, Barker, Browning, Cooper, Davis, Gay, Gebhart, Jacobs, McClure, McNamee, Petty, Riggs, Schell, Taylor, and Williams.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 10-25 EXTENDING THE MARIJUANA MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE AND PROCESSING OF ANY PERMITS WITHIN THE CITY OF FAIRBORN, OHIO TO AUGUST 31, 2025.

Councilwoman Chess moved to read Resolution 10-25 for the first time by title only. Councilman Fritzsche seconded. Yeas, seven: Chess, Fritzsche, McCubbins, Reaster, Stanton, Kirkpatrick, and Allen. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Resolution 10-25 by title only.

Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, explained before them was Resolution 10-25. It is a suggestion to extend the recreation marijuana moratorium which we have had in place for nine months until August 31, 2025. The basis of the extension is as we have found out recently in the past month about Senate Bill 56, which is in the last whereas clause of the Resolution on the first page of the proposed legislation. Whereas, due to the introduction of Senate Bill 56 and the Ohio Governor's proposed budget which does not account for the host-cannabis fund distributions that were accounted for in the initial legislation – 36% of the 10% excise tax-approving adult-use cannabis, it is unclear whether there will be a monetary benefit to the City if it allows adult-use cannabis within its jurisdictions. It is also possible that in this House Bill through amendments that the cannabis laws in Ohio might go through some further amendments. So, the thought process they had through the work session is to extend the moratorium until the State passes its budget which by law must be completed by June 30, 2025. At that point in

time, they would have a couple of months after the State Budget is approved to determine how the Senate Bill is going to progress and then make the final decision on extending the moratorium or take another approach. That is the purpose of the legislation before Council. Mr. McNamee stated he would be happy to address any questions.

Council had no questions.

Councilwoman Chess moved to adopt Resolution 10-25. Deputy Mayor Reaster seconded. Yeas, seven: Chess, Reaster, Allen, Fritzsche, McCubbins, Stanton and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Resolution 10-25 duly adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman McCubbins moved to adjourn the meeting. Deputy Mayor Reaster seconded. Yeas, seven: McCubbins, Reaster, Allen, Chess, Fritzsche, Stanton and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick adjourned the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK, CITY OF FAIRBORN