

Village of Dolton Board of Trustees  
Public Hearing  
Saturday, October 26, 2019

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Riley H. Rogers called the Public Hearing to order at the village hall at 10:10 a.m. pursuant to notice duly posted and published. Mayor Rogers read aloud the Notice of Public Hearing in its entirety.

**The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider a proposed ordinance which would allow the legal sales of cannabis in certain specified locations within the Village of Dolton.**

ROLL CALL The following trustees were present: Tammie Brown, Deborah M. Denton, and Edward Steave. Absent: Trustees Tiffany Henyard, Andrew Holmes, and Jason House.

Also present: Village Clerk Mary Kay Duggan, Village Attorney John B. Murphey, and Village Administrator Elizabeth Scott.

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE/  
PRAYER

Prayer was led by Ms. Jacqueline Franklin from the office of Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ijlal Munir, resident, said that she raised her family in Dolton, and remembers businesses such as Baker's Square and Eagle Foods, and now sees "weed" business. She noted that Dolton is less than 5 square miles and serves 7 schools. It seems to her that from the previous special meeting, the board has already decided to approve cannabis sales.

Resident, formerly of the west coast, urged fellow residents to do their research: What cannabis brings in income, and health reasons, we don't know how it will be in Chicago and suburbs.

Diane Lofton, resident, asked how board members are feeling about the proposal(s).

*Trustee Tammie Brown responded that she is aware that Schaumburg and Lombard and other communities have passed it because they like Dolton are looking at the revenue.*

*Village Administrator Elizabeth Scott noted that licenses are permitted for professional businesses which bring in revenue but are subject to state monitoring. The law contains a requirement for minority investment.*

*Trustee Deborah Denton said that she is in favor of monitored sales.*

Duane Muhammad, resident and former trustee, urged against permitting cannabis sales on a moral basis. He added that the village needs to implement a comprehensive economic plan, asking what are the chances of actual licenses.

*Attorney Murphey responded that no one has the slightest idea what the market will be. All a municipality can do is announce it is open for business. Other client municipalities have projected \$4-10m annual sales.*

*Attorney Murphey paraphrased a Chicago alderman: Every tax dollar that should have been obtained is a tax dollar to be taken from somewhere else.*

Resident, of black contractors, asked why the park district's recreational center was built by white contractors.

Commissioner Long later responded that while the state required 20% minority contractor participation, he had pushed for 25%, but not enough contractors complied.

Diane Lofton, again, if the Plan A for economic development is to continue what the village is doing now and if Plan B is for dispensaries. She asked where they would be located.

*Mayor Rogers responded that decisions would be made by the end of the year.*

Resident Amos spoke against negativity and urged proactivity to bring \$ back in town.

Resident identified herself as one "who stepped away because of all the bickering, protested lack of services. Resident added that if Dolton can bring a profit, then for it. Resident further asked if the board had looked at what it is going to bring to traffic and security on and off Sibley Blvd.

Dorothy Pierce, resident, expressed her support for legalization.

*Donna Miller, Cook Count Commissioner, 6<sup>th</sup> District (including part of Dolton), explained her support for legalizing sales in Dolton within state requirements, and answered residents' questions.*


#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Denton, second by Trustee Steave, to adjourn the Public Hearing, Mayor Rogers asked for a roll call to adjourn.

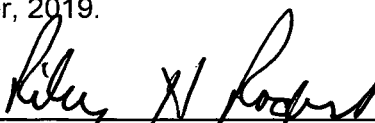
#### ROLL CALL

AYES: 3 Trustees Brown, Denton, Steave  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 3 Trustees Henyard, Holmes, House  
Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

  
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MARY KAY DUGGAN, Village Clerk

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 2nd day of December, 2019.

  
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RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor