March 16, 2022

The Mayor and Common Council convened in open session in the Municipal Building at 215 Stiger Street, Hackettstown, New Jerseyat 7:00 PM on March 16, 2022. The Special meeting opened with a salute to the Flag.

Mayor DiMaio announced that this meeting was being held in accordance with the Open

Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, that there will be a special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Hackettstown, to be held in the Council Room of the Town of Hackettstown Municipal Building (215 W. Stiger Street, Hackettstown, NJ) on March 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

This notice will also be posted on the municipal bulletin board and web site at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Present – Mayor DiMaio, Councilpersons Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Lambo,

Sheldon

Absent – Councilperson Tynan

Motion was made (Lambo) and seconded (Becker) to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution

WHEREAS, on January 18th 2010, Governor Corzine signed the New Jersey Compassionate Use Medial Marijuana Act, NJSA 24:61-1 et seq., which provided for the legalization of medial marijuana and creation of a program to allow persons suffering from qualifying debilitating medical conditions to obtain medical marijuana in a safe, timely and compassionate manner; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey in 2018 amended its regulatory scheme so as to expand the scope of citizens to whom medical marijuana may be prescribed and so as to make medical marijuana more accessible and available to many of the citizens who need it; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2020, the Marijuana Legalization Amendment was approved by voters in New Jersey, which legalized the possession and use of cannabis for residents twenty one years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, Governor Phil Murphy signed into law the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Act, which established the adult use cannabis program in the State of New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Town of Hackettstown endorses the adult use cannabis program in the state of New Jersey, as well as the medical use program, which provides needed relief to the many persons suffering from chronic and/or debilitating illnesses who may benefit from this program; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hackettstown supports the safe and appropriate siting of a Class 5 Cannabis Retailer within the Highway Commercial (HC) and Community Commercial (CC) zones of the Town of Hackettstown to the extent consistent with applicable state and local statutes, rules, regulations and ordnances; and

WHEREAS, Shiva’s Plant LLC has expressed interest in the siting of such a facility within the Town of Hackettstown.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Town Council of Hackettstown supports the safe and appropriate sighting of a Class 5 Cannabis Retailer within the HC and CC zones of the Town of Hackettstown by Shiva's Plant LLC to the extent consistent with applicable state and local statutes, rules, regulations and ordinances.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Lambo and Sheldon

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Becker) to adjourn this meeting at 7:02 PM.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Lambo and Sheldon

This is to certify that the This is to certify that all

ordinances and resolutions proper notices, postings and

contained herein have been filings required by the Open

approved by me in accordance Public Meetings Act (Chapter

with law. 231, P.L. 1975) were provided

for this meeting.

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Gerald DiMaio, Jr., Mayor William Kuster, Jr., Town Clerk