COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE COMMITTEE
Cathy Fahey, Chair

Meeting called by: Cathy Fahey, Chair  Date: 01-09-19  Time: 5:30PM

Committee Members
Present: Fahey, Chair ☒ Doesschate ☒ Balarin ☒ Farrell ☒ Johnson ☒

Invitees/Speakers
Council Members
Present: Anane and Love
City Personnel
Present: Chris Spencer

Minutes

Agenda Item (s): Ordinance 32.62.18 Update the USDO in Order to Create Specific Standards for the Placement and Operation of Methadone Clinics

Questions and Discussion:
- Judy listened to previous recording and has some comments regarding amendments
- Happy about prevention of outside Quing
- Missed-use community highway is still of concern, need to be careful that they aren’t prevented from completely operating in the City
- Anthony Capese (Sp) Albany Central Bid made himself available for questioning
- Approximately 13,000 visits a month at current dispensing
- Council Johnson is worried about 1,000 ft. restriction around school and if Whitney Young would be grandfathered in?
- Would clinics that are already under contract be forced to relocate?
- Language is needed to say it will affect current methadone dispensaries
- Council Balarin believes we need to give them a retroactive/grandfathering clause and 1 year to find a new location
- Council Love would like to see them set back from the street where there is parking
- Presence of needles, trash, etc. is a huge problem and no one is trained in disposing of needles
- Could sticks training be done by city maintenance workers?
- Chris Spencer states that 1 year grandfathering is based on leases.
- Leases are typically year to years and Mr. Spencer does not want to expand that year because it will kick it down the road
- Spencer has not mapped out this change to actually see if there is a parcel of land in the City that would allow for a methadone dispensary which he would like to do.
- Council Doesschate mention that there are two typos in the subdivision A cross out may and client is misspelled under G.
- Council Doesschate makes a motion to move Ordinance 32.62.18 on the condition that Chris Spencer does not find a mapping issue and changes are made which was seconded by Councilmember Farrell. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:
There was no public comment.

Adjourn:
After public comments, the chairperson asked for a motion to adjourn at 6:40PM, which was duly made, seconded, and passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Andre
Legislative Aide to Common Council