



AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL
Work Session – October 22, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

*1368 Research Park Dr
Beavercreek, Ohio*

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - A. Rebranding
 - B. State Issue 1
- V. COUNCIL COMMITTEE/EVENT UPDATES
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF BEAVERCREEK, OHIO
RESOLUTION NO. 18-__

SPONSORED BY COUNCIL MEMBER _____ ON THE 22nd
DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018.

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING COUNCIL'S OPPOSITION TO STATE ISSUE 1.

WHEREAS, State Issue 1, entitled "Issue 1 To Reduce Penalties for Crimes of Obtaining, Possessing, and Using Illegal Drugs," has been proposed by initiative petition as an amendment to the Ohio Constitution and will appear on the statewide general election ballot on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 for consideration by Ohio voters; and

WHEREAS, State Issue 1 would greatly alter the sentencing laws for obtaining, possessing, and using any drug such as fentanyl, heroin, methamphetamine, cocaine, LSD, and other controlled substances, limiting the options currently available to a sentencing judge; and

WHEREAS, State Issue 1 would also mandate that possession of these drugs be charged as misdemeanors instead of felonies, which would demean the seriousness of these offenses and would shift these cases from the jurisdiction of county-level Common Pleas Courts to local municipal courts that have neither the funding nor the specialized personnel necessary to address significant drug issues; and

WHEREAS, State Issue 1 would also shift costs for drug treatment from the State of Ohio to local governments; and

WHEREAS, local government entities are already struggling to fund measures to combat the opioid crisis in their jurisdictions as a result of the drastic budget cuts they have experienced in recent years; and

WHEREAS, State Issue 1 is projected to generate savings of \$100 million annually, but those savings will benefit the State only, while local governments will see significant increases in costs for treatment, probation, courts, and local jails – costs that taxpayers will be required to pay; and

WHEREAS, this constitutional amendment would require another statewide initiative and election, not just a legislative change, to amend it if problems arise.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BEAVERCREEK, COUNTY OF GREENE, OHIO,
HEREBY RESOLVES:

SECTION I.

The Council of the City of Beavercreek hereby declares its opposition to State Issue 1, and urges all Ohioans to oppose State Issue 1 on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

SECTION II.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Beavercreek, Ohio this 22nd day of October, 2018.

Bob Stone, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Miscisin, Clerk of Council