

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE OWOSSO PLANNING COMMISSION  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2017 – 6:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Wascher called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited.

**ROLL CALL:** Tanya Buckelew, Recording Secretary.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Wascher, Vice-Chair Livingston, Secretary Janae Fear, Commissioners Michelle Collison, Tom Cook, Jake Adams, Dan Law and Tom Taylor.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Assistant City Manager Susan Montenegro, Building Official Brad Hissong, Code Enforcement Officer Walt McIlmurray.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LIVINGSTON, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 27, 2017.**

**YEAS ALL. MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER COOK SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER LIVINGSTON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 23, 2017 MEETING.**

**YEAS ALL. MOTION CARRIED.**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Staff memorandum.
2. PC minutes from October 23, 2017.
3. Draft ordinance for Medical Marihuana
4. Medical Marihuana Facilities Opt In/Opt Out – Michigan Municipal League

**COMMISSIONER/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

None

**SITE PLAN REVIEW:**

None

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

None

## **ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:**

1. Draft ordinance language for Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing. Look at proposed ordinance language and discuss.
  - The Planning Commission Members need to decide on the following: Number of licenses, Types of licenses going to be allowed in the City, Put a cap (or not) on the number of types of licenses allowed and if there will be any distance restrictions on where the facilities can be located.
  - The draft ordinance is standard language, with the addition of the highlighted areas, which other cities have added to their specific ordinance language and has been included for planning commission to consider.
  - MSU has provided the language for the basis of the draft ordinance, some items are from the Act, and other items are from other communities.
  - Planning Commission Members are asked to look further into what areas (Zoning) they would want these locations. Measure distances. Would B-4 Zoning be appropriate? Overlay districts or not?
  - Suggestions to be made to the draft ordinance:
    - Remove Special Land Use Permits on page 9 and page 13
    - Applications would be handled at the Staff level
    - Start the ordinance with Definitions
    - Use the word Acts not MMMA to be consistent
    - Provisioning centers – suggest allow 4
    - Page 21 – remove Section 4.D (E) 4.
    - Look at other communities to see what they are doing as far as setting the hours that the provisioning centers can be opened
    - Liquor License language – possibly use that language for the annual renewal of the Medical Marihuana license

At the next meeting on December 11, 2017, the Planning Commission will go over the draft ordinance – page – by – page – to determine if the ordinance will be ready for presentation in January 2018.

2. CIP. Meeting date has been set for December 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to begin the task of choosing forms to use in the CIP. Planning Commission Members, Assistant City Manager, Finance Director, and the Utilities Director to be present. A report will be presented at the December meeting.

## **COMMISSIONER/PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Mark Hanna, Attorney, discussed current zoning and that overlay districts would bring risks. Take the path of least resistance. Suggested not to extend the distances out too far from residential as it would prohibit an industrial area from having growers.
- Allen Vandever spoke about distances from industrial areas and is asking to keep it at a minimum or it will be really limited on where these facilities can be located. Keep in the spirit of competition.
- Chuck Sanotor, Lansing and is licensed in Oregon for growing and processing. Wants to purchase building near Cargill. Has the resources and funds to qualify for all licenses. Would have the ability to obtain rehab grants for the building to be remodeled. Old buildings are good locations for grow facilities, with the ability to rehabilitate the old buildings. He would be able to employ 50 – 100 and would use local contractors for work to be done.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR LIVINGSTON, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR TO ADJOURN AT 7:50 P.M. UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING ON DECEMBER 11, 2017.  
YEAS ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

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Janae L. Fear, Secretary