

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE OWOSSO PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018 – 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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Wascher, Vice-Chair Livingston, Secretary Janae Fear, Commissioners Jake Adams, Brad Kirkland and Tom Taylor.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Michelle Collison, Tom Cook and Dan Law

OTHERS PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Susan Montenegro, Mark Hanna, Hilary Dulany, Jackie Langworth.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR LIVINGSTON, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JANUARY 22, 2018.

YEAS ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR LIVINGSTON, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 11, 2017 MEETING.

YEAS ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Staff memorandum.
2. PC minutes from December 11, 2017.
3. 2017 Planning Commission annual report
4. Draft ordinance for Medical Marihuana

COMMISSIONER/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Hilary Dulany, resident of Lansing and licensed in Oregon for medical marihuana. She and her business partners have been through this process and can be of assistance. She suggested changes to draft ordinance allow provisioning centers in B-3 and B-4 Zoning Districts to be allowed on M-21 and M-52 and change the hours to open to 8:00 a.m.

Jackie Langworth, Attorney with Cannabis Attorneys of Michigan (Howell). She congratulated the Planning Commission for what they have in the draft ordinance so far. She suggested a change to page 7 B 2 – Setbacks – keep at a minimum or remove the wording. Most other communities, that have adopted the ordinance, are not using the setback language.

Mark Hanna, Attorney at 220 W Main St. suggests removing the minimum setbacks on page 7. Possibly use for new buildings only but would not affect current buildings.

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

SITE PLAN REVIEW:

None

BUSINESS ITEMS:

None

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

1. 2017 Planning Commission Annual Report. Ms. Montenegro presented the report that is required on a yearly basis according to the Michigan Planning Enabling Act. The report summarizes the activities of the past year for the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. Changes were asked to be made to page 3 in the Attendance section showing when a Board Member was appointed (opposed to it appearing as if they were absent at meetings). Also, add Election of Offices to the Summary of Meetings section.
2. Draft ordinance language for Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing. Continued the discussions of the proposed ordinance language.
 - A revised draft from the December 2017 meeting was discussed.
 - Provisioning Centers – need to determine how the 4 licenses will be chosen.
 - Page 3, Section 1004-C needs clarification because at this point in the process an applicant would only have a Step 1 Application with the State.
 - Suggestion to keep the ordinance uniform as in the 5 types of licenses run in order throughout the ordinance.
 - Page 6 Zoning Districts – all 5 types would be allowed in I-1 Light Industrial and provisioning centers add Business Districts B-1, B-2, B-3 and B-4.
 - Labs to be called Testing Facilities.
 - Page 6 Special Use Standards – remove A and #2 and #3. Possibly keep #1, #4, #5 (with edits as per City Attorney) and move to page 1. Keep #6 and #7 (from page 7) and move to page 1.
 - Page 7 b – remove #1 Minimum Lot Size and a & b.
 - #2 Minimum Yard Depth/Distance from Lot Lines – refer to Zoning for I-1 for new builds.
 - #4 Maximum Building Floor Space remove a.
 - Lighting – Light depth systems in green houses.
 - Page 8 #8 Residency – remove.
 - Page 8 C. 1. Change opening hours to 8:00 a.m.
 - Page 9 – Buffer Zones – use Liquor Control language. In 6 a change wording to reflect 500 feet from public or private elementary, vocational or secondary school. Remove other locations.
 - D and E – would need to meet state guidelines.

Ms. Montenegro will make the suggested changes to present the revised draft at the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER/PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

**MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR LIVINGSTON, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR TO ADJOURN AT 8:35 P.M. UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING ON FEBRUARY 26, 2018.
YEAS ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

Janae L. Fear, Secretary