



MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, March 16, 2021 @ 7:00 PM
City Council Chambers

I CALL TO ORDER (Reminder: turn off cell phones)

Vice Chair T Pitt called the regular Planning Commission to order at 7:04 p.m.

II ROLL CALL of the Commission

A.

PRESENT: Albert Amos (Albion, MI) ; Mayor Victoria Snyder (Albion, MI); Mark Lelle (Albion, MI); Tom Pitt (home); Scott Kipp (Albion, MI); Lenn Reid (home); George Strander (home) (arrived at 7:07 p.m.) and Joseph Verbeke (home)

ABSENT: Sharon Ponds

ADMINISTRATION: Haley Snyder, City Manager, Jill Domingo, City Clerk and Ian Arnold, Planning & Building Director

III APPROVAL OF Prior Meeting MINUTES

A. MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Lelle, seconded by Commissioner Amos

To approve February 17, 2021 minutes as presented

Carried

IV CORRESPONDENCE- None

V Order of Business

A. APPROVE TWO MEDICAL MARIHUANA RENEWAL GROWER LICENSES FOR HONGRUI ENTERPRISES

Clerk Domingo corrected the agenda item to reflect that these were two new licenses not renewal licenses

Comments were received from Commissioner T Pitt; Director of Planning & Building Arnold; and John Fraser, Attorney for Hongrui Enterprises

Moved by Commissioner Pitt, seconded by Commissioner Lelle

Approve Two Medical Marihuana Grower Licenses for Hongrui Enterprises

Carried

B. DISCUSSION MOBILE FOOD VENDORS ORDINANCE

Director of Planning & Building stated the sub-committee consisting of Commissioners T Pitt, Mayor Snyder, A Amos and J Verbeke are working on reviewing several sample mobile food vendor ordinances. They will pull various pieces from the ordinances and include any special provisions that pertain to Albion. Director Arnold felt that the Marquette ordinance was much too detailed on the type of food and how it is prepared

Mayor Snyder asked if the sub-committee would be able to meet in person and work on the draft ordinance

Commissioner T Pitt stated the sub-committee may be able to present a draft ordinance for discussion at the next meeting

Chair G Strander felt the Ferndale ordinance was very detailed

C. UPDATES TO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Director of Planning & Building Arnold stated there were no updates at this time.

Commissioner T Pitt asked when the plan is due

Director of Planning & Building Arnold stated the plan is not due until next February

D. ZONING ORDINANCE MAXIMUM HEIGHT DISCUSSION

Director of Planning & Building Arnold stated that there has been a special use permit granted from the Planning Commission to Knauf Insulation and the Zoning Board of Appeals granted a variance to Christ Apolostic Church for height. He is asking the Planning Commission if the 36 foot height restriction makes sense. Changing the ordinance could be done by zoning areas.

Commissioner T Pitt stated that while working on the zoning re-write, the Zoning Re-Write Committee was very intentional about the 36 foot height restriction while allowing for residents to apply for a special use permit. The committee didn't want a skyline of varying heights

Commissioner Kipp agreed that the 36 foot height restriction was intentional

E. EXCUSE ABSENT BOARD MEMBER

Comments were received from Commissioners M Lelle and L Reid and City Manager Snyder

Moved by (2) Reid, seconded by Commissioner Pitt

To Excuse Commissioner S Ponds

Carried

VI PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received

VII ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Pitt, seconded by (2) Reid

To adjourn regular Planning Commission meeting

Chair G Strander adjourned the regular Planning Commission meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Carried

Jill A. Domingo, City Clerk