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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING - COUNCIL CHAMBER

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

6:30 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes: May 12, 2015
4. People from the Floor
5. Announcements
6. Regular Business
 - A. Report – Medical Marihuana Ordinance Subcommittee Activity
 - B. Report – Sub-area Planning Subcommittee Activity
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business
9. Correspondence
10. Liaison Reports
11. Director's Report
12. Administrator's Report
13. Adjournment

**CITY OF MASON
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2015**

Reeser called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan.

Present: Commissioners: Barna, *Brown, Fischer, Hude, Reeser, Sabbadin, Scott, Waxman
Absent: Commissioner: Hagle
Also present: Martin A. Colburn, City Administrator
David Haywood, Zoning & Development Director
Deborah J. Cwierniewicz, City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Minutes of April 14, 2015

The regular meeting Minutes of April 14, 2015, were approved.

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Haywood introduced Planning Intern Thomas Girdwood. Mr. Girdwood is a Junior at Michigan State University (MSU) and will be interning in the Zoning & Development department.

*Brown arrived at 6:32 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Report - Medical Marihuana Ordinance Subcommittee Activity

Haywood gave a brief progress report of the Medical Marihuana Ordinance Subcommittee stating that at its last meeting, the subcommittee discussed a variety of issues and identified the structure for moving forward with developing a draft ordinance. They are in the formative stages of identifying matters to consider. Discussion ensued regarding the existing moratorium expiring May 16, 2015. City Council will be considering another 180-day moratorium at its May 18, 2015 meeting.

MOTION by Waxman, second by Sabbadin,
to have staff request City Council to declare an additional 180-day moratorium
on the issuance of licenses for primary caregiver operations and dispensaries in
the City of Mason.

MOTION APPROVED

Report – Sub-area Planning Subcommittee Activity

Haywood reported that the Sub-area Planning Subcommittee's purpose is to explore future functionality for the planning areas of the Cedar Street interchange, the fairgrounds east buffer area, and the airport planning areas. It is intended to move forward by meeting with those that have an interest, including the public.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Distributed.

LIAISON REPORTS

Brown informed commissioners regarding current City Council business.

DIRECTOR REPORT

Haywood informed the Commission regarding current zoning and development business.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Haywood informed the Commission regarding current City business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Deborah J. Cwierniewicz, City Clerk

Seth Waxman, Secretary

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: David E. Haywood, Zoning & Development Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "DEH", is written over the name "David E. Haywood" in the "FROM:" line.

RE: Sub-area Plan Committee and Medical Marihuana Ordinance Committee Reports

DATE: June 5, 2015

Medical Marihuana

The Medical Marihuana Ordinance Committee met on May 12, 2015, continuing the process of creating an ordinance to address medical marihuana. The Committee assigned tasks to members in their respective areas of expertise. Planning Intern Thomas Girdwood is preparing a spreadsheet that catalogues typical ordinance components found in ordinances that have been adopted in communities across the region and state. He is also interviewing many of the communities to discuss their experience in ordinance creation and enforcement.

The Committee has developed a presentation outline for public input, including a brief educational component that is intended to provide the community an analysis of the current State law, case law, ordinance/regulation options and pending legislation. The presentation also provides a list of issues to consider that have been previously identified by the Planning Commission and City Council. Providing this component will hopefully answer many questions of the public and dispel many myths and understandings of the current landscape of medical marihuana regulation in the State. It will also provide an opportunity for the public to provide feedback to the Commission and Council on those topics identified, their priorities and immediate concerns.

The Committee's next priority is to schedule public input/stakeholder meetings, likely to be held in July.

Sub-Area Planning

The sub-area planning committee is preparing to schedule stakeholder meetings in the week of June 22, possibly the 23rd or 24th. The Committee has expanded the stakeholder lists to be inclusive of appropriate agencies with interest and neighborhood residents who may be potentially impacted by development and is developing notices and media releases for maximum participation.