

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
PLANNING COMMISSION-CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY OF LOWELL, MICHIGAN
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL.**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Bruce Barker.

Present: Commissioners Tony Ellis, Amanda Schrauben, Colin Plank, Michael Gadula and Chair Bruce Barker.

Absent: Commissioners Marty Chambers and David Cadwallader.

Also Present: Andy Moore with William & Works, Deputy Clerk Amy Brown and City Manager Michael Burns.

2. **APPROVAL OF ABSENCES.**

IT WAS MOVED BY BARKER and seconded by ELLIS to excuse the absence of Commissioners Marty Chambers and David Cadwallader.

YES: 5. NO: 0. ABSENT: 2. MOTION CARRIED.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

IT WAS MOVED BY BARKER and seconded by PLANK to approve the agenda as amended changing the marihuana discussion to the Marihuana Ordinance Public Hearing.

YES: 5. NO: 0. ABSENT: 2. MOTION CARRIED.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.**

IT WAS MOVED BY PLANK and seconded by SCHRAUBEN to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2019 Planning Commission regular meeting as written.

YES: 5. NO: 0. ABSENT: 2. MOTION CARRIED.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.**

Attorney Steven Bratschie spoke and stated he represents Unity School Investors LLC who have applied to develop the Riverview Flats Condo Project. Bratschie make a brief statement about some information that is out there about their project.

6. **OLD BUSINESS.**

None.

7. **NEW BUSINESS.**

a. **Marijuana Ordinance - Public Hearing.**

Chair Barker opened the Public Hearing.

Andy Moore with Williams & Works went through the marijuana ordinance and explained the details and amendments.

Chair Barker asked if there were any public comments. There was none.

Chair Barker closed the public hearing.

Chair Barker asked if the commissioners had any questions or comments.

The Planning Commissioners asked questions regarding the odor and zoning portions of the marijuana ordinance and Moore answered their questions. Also Commissioner Plank and Commissioner Ellis expressed their concern for the Vape Shops and other shops in town that are selling chemical substances that are very dangerous. Chair Barker asked Andy Moore at Williams & Works to look into the CBD and Vaping substances that are in the City and if we are allowed to make any regulations regarding them.

IT WAS MOVED BY BARKER and seconded by PLANK to recommend approval of the marijuana ordinance contingent on the City Council adopting the ordinance.

YES: 5. NO: 0. ABSENT: 2. MOTION CARRIED.

8. **STAFF REPORT.**

City Manager Michael Burns stated there will be a training for the new Planning Commissioners coming up soon.

9. **COMMISSIONERS REMARKS.**

Commissioner Schrauben and Chair Barker welcomed Michael Gadula to the Planning Commission.

10. **ADJOURNMENT.**

IT WAS MOVED BY Plank and seconded by ELLIS to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.

DATE:

APPROVED:

Bruce Barker, Chair

Amy Brown, Deputy Clerk