



City of New Buffalo
Planning Commission Special Meeting
Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Previous Minutes – July 26, 2022
6. Public Comment
7. New Business
 - Drafting Marijuana Ordinance
 - Questions regarding Zoning Ordinances Update and Review
8. Commissioner Comments
9. Adjournment

The Special Meeting for July 26, 2022, of the New Buffalo City Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Billingslea at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Planning Commission.

Roll Call: Schmidt, Rau, McCollum, Joseph, Billingslea

Staff Present: City Manager; Darwin Watson, City Clerk; Amy Fidler

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Member Rau, seconded by Member McCollum to approve the agenda:

Voice Vote, Motion Carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes: July 12, 2022: Motion by Member Schmidt, seconded by Member Rau to approve the July 12, 2022, Planning Commission (Special) meeting minutes.

Voice Vote, Motion Carried.

Public Comment: None

Public Hearing – The potential establishments of marijuana facilities in the City of New Buffalo

Chair Billingslea opened the public hearing on the potential establishments of marijuana facilities in the City of New Buffalo at 5:34 p.m.

Scott Dianda
Sean Callahan
Mary Robertson
Roger Barbour

Chair Billingslea closed the public hearing at 5:45 p.m.

New Business

The potential establishments of marijuana facilities in the City of New Buffalo:

Board had a discussion on how they each felt about marijuana in the City of New Buffalo and if it is allowed, where they should allow it.

Motion by McCollum, seconded by Schmidt to approve the Planning Commission of the City of New Buffalo recommends to the New Buffalo City Council that they approve the Retail Sale of Marijuana in the City of New Buffalo. It recommends that the Zoning Ordinance, Section 11-2 be amended to insert as number 43 under GENERAL AND SPECIALTY RETAIL AND PERSONAL SERVICES “The retail sale of Marijuana” as a Special Land Use. With the further provisions that it is not located within 1000 feet of a School or Church, does not directly adjoin an R-1, R-2 or R-3 Residential District and not be within 1000 feet of the Central Business District.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Member Rau, McCollum, Schmidt, Chair Billingslea

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NAYES: Member Joseph

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 4-1.

Adjournment: Motion by Member McCollum, seconded by Member Schmidt to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Voice Vote

Motion Carried.

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Paul Billingslea, Chair

Amy Fidler, City Clerk

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Commission of the City of New Buffalo recommends to the New Buffalo City Council that they approve the Retail Sale of Marijuana in the City of New Buffalo. It recommends that the Zoning Ordinance, Section 11-2 be amended to insert as number 43 under GENERAL AND SPECIALTY RETAIL AND PERSONAL SERVICES "The retail sale of Marijuana" as a Special Land Use. With the further provisions that it is not located within 1000 feet of a School or Church, does not directly adjoin an R-1, R-2 or R-3 Residential District and not be within 1000 feet of the Central Business District.