

The Special Meeting for November 15, 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 Schmidt to approve the agenda:

Voice Vote, Motion Carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes: July 26, 2022: Motion by Member Schmidt, seconded by Member Rau to approve the July 26 2022, Planning Commission (Special) meeting minutes.

Voice Vote, Motion Carried.

Public Comment:

Ron Watson
Eric Kennedy

New Business

Drafting of Marijuana Ordinance:

City Attorney Weiss needed clarification from the Planning Commission Members regarding some of the language in the Proposed Marijuana Ordinance. Attorney Weiss gave suggestions that would help facilitate language needed that could be formally adopted by the legislative body.

City Manager Watson stated that city staff would produce a map showing the property effects of the Planning Commission's proposed standards. Attorney Weiss will draft the ordinance and the Planning Commission will review the information.

Attorney Weiss requested the Commissioners consider if they were going to measure the 1000 feet from the parcel line or front door. The Planning Commission members agreed they would measure from the parcel line.

Once, the City Attorney has the draft ordinance written, the Planning Commission will review and then submit the language to the City Council for their consideration. Council will have to make decisions on the regulatory side of the ordinance.

Questions regarding Zoning Ordinances Update and Review:

The Planning Commission requested to have a special joint meeting with the City Council to discuss the zoning ordinance update by Houseal Lavigne.

Adjournment: Motion by Member Rau, seconded by Member Schmidt to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Voice Vote

Motion Carried.

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Paul Billingslea, Chair

Amy Fidler, City Clerk