

**City of South Lyon
Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Lanam at 7:07 p.m.

PRESENT: Keith Bradley, Vice-Chairman
Frank Leimbach
Maggie Kurtzweil
Scott Lanam, Chairman
Steve Mosier
Carol Segal

ABSENT: Jerry Chaundy, Secretary (excused)
Jason Rose (excused)
Wayne Chubb (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Wilhelm, City Attorney
Kristen Delaney, Director of Community & Economic Development

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

City Attorney Wilhelm recommended adding setting a date for a Public Hearing for a proposed Medical Marihuana Ordinance to the agenda.

Motion by Bradley, second by Leimbach to approve the agenda for January 8, 2015 as amended with the addition of New Business, Item #3, Set Date for Public Hearing for Proposed Medical Marihuana Ordinance.

VOTE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Mosier, second by Bradley to approve the minutes for December 4, 2014 as presented.

VOTE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Carl Richards
390 Lennox

Richards made comments about various issues happening around town.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Peters True Value Hardware: Avantini stated that the Commission had approved the plan at the last meeting, conditioned upon administrative approval. He stated that the item is back on the agenda so the Commission can review it as requested prior to the City granting administrative approval. Chairman Lanam asked the Commission for comments on the plan in front of them. Commissioner Kurtzweil stated that she was okay with it. Commissioner Bradley stated that the applicant had done everything that was asked of them. Commissioners Mosier and Segal also stated that they approved of the plan as presented tonight.

2) Planning Commission By-Laws: Lanam stated that it seemed like the Commission needed some more time to review the by-laws.

MOTION TO TABLE DISCUSSION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION BY-LAWS:

Motion by Kurtzweil, second by Bradley to table discussion of the Planning Commission By-Laws until the February 12, 2015 meeting.

VOTE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1) Set Date for Public Hearing to Amend Sign Ordinance: Avantini gave an overview of the proposed amendments to Chapter 70, "Signs" Sec. 70-7 "Additional sign standards". There was a discussion about what constituted a "major thoroughfare" as referenced in the proposed language of the ordinance. Avantini suggested that the Master Plan could be used as a guide.

Wilhelm stated that he would like to modify point #8 to read "*single* family residential district or use" rather than just "residential" as it is currently written in the ordinance. Kurtzweil suggested leaving the language as it was, but then reference "except as modified in paragraph 10 below".

Avantini stated that he would take these suggestions under consideration and revise the proposed ordinance amendment.

MOTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE SIGN ORDINANCE:

Motion by Kurtzweil, second by Bradley to set the public hearing date for the proposed amendment to the sign ordinance for February 12, 2015 meeting.

VOTE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) Presentation by Planning Consultant Carmine Avantini: Due to the weather, the Commission decided to have Avantini give the presentation at the February or March meeting.

3) Set Date for Public Hearing for Proposed Medical Marihuana Ordinance: Wilhelm outlined the two options available to the Commission for regulating medical marihuana. The first approach is to restrict caregiver activities to industrial districts, while the second involves making caregiver activities a home occupation which would then be regulated by the City. He noted that in an industrial district, he would recommend that the Commission make caregiver activities a special use.

There was consensus amongst the Commissioners that they would like Wilhelm to write an ordinance that would restrict caregiver activities to industrial districts. Wilhelm stated that there were some questions about transporting the marihuana and whether patients should pick it up from the business location, or if the caregiver should deliver it to the patient.

MOTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR PROPOSED MEDICAL MARIHUANA ORDINANCE:

Motion by Bradley, second by Leimbach to set the public hearing date for the proposed medical marihuana ordinance for February 12, 2015 meeting.

VOTE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TABLED BUSINESS

None.

PLANNING CONSULTANT REPORT

Avantini gave an update on the progress of the ordinance rewrite. He noted that he will present the new ordinance to the Commission in the spring.

STAFF REPORT

There was a discussion about notifying the Commissioners about trainings and classes from the Michigan Association of Planning.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bradley, second by Leimbach.

To adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Scott Lanam, Chairman

Kristen Delaney, Recording Secretary

Jerry Chaundy, Secretary