

## PLAN COMMISSION

### MINUTES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

**Present:** Bill Fitzsimmons, Mike Crotty, Butch Trevor, Jeff Nelson, Craig Mack, Victoria Graves, John Wetzel, Peter McDermott, Dennis Kelly, Cindy Wermuth, Ashley Pankey

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** Ryan Berger, Jeff Anderson, Derke Price

**Others:** Hong Nguyen

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Fitzsimmons called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

#### 2. Approval of minutes

**Motion made by Commissioner Trevor; seconded by Commissioner Mack, to approve the minutes for October 23, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### 3. New business

##### a. Cannabis discussion

Corporation Counsel, Derke Price of Ancel Glink, gave a presentation to the Plan Commission on the legalization of cannabis in the State of Illinois, the impact it will have on the Commission and the guidance from the City Council.

He met with City Council in October to go over the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act which presented the City of Moline with the option to “opt-out” and prohibit adult-use cannabis businesses from locating in Moline or to “opt-in” and permit them to locate within Moline. The City Council decided to “opt-in” and provided staff with a recommendation to take to the Plan Commission. City Council’s recommendation consisted of allowing dispensaries, cultivation centers, craft growers, processors, infusers and transporters but not lounges. Dispensaries would be limited to two locating one on John Deere Road and one on Avenue of the Cities. Plan Commission will be tasked with creating a Zoning Overlay District located on John Deere Road and Avenue of the Cities, criteria for the special use in particular to parking per square foot for dispensaries and districts for the other uses. All of this will be presented at the December Plan Commission Meeting and later a Public Hearing will be held. The City Council is expecting the Plan Commission recommendation to return to Council in February.

The Commission asked questions in regards to the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, City Council’s discussion, other communities and other items relating to cannabis zoning and special use permitting.

**b. 2020 Plan Commission meeting schedule**

Mr. Berger explained that staff put together a calendar of the 2020 Plan Commission meeting dates to go to City Council. In November 2020, the date of the normal meeting falls when City Hall is closed so he suggested selection of a new date as place holder. The Commission selected Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> as the November meeting date.

**4. Old business**

None.

**5. Public comment**

Hong Nguyen of 801 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue explained that she owns a building at 1810 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue in downtown Moline and is an applicant for a dispensary license. She would like downtown Moline considered as a location for a dispensary. She explained the extensive process of the application process, the research she has done and her vision for a dispensary. Chairman Fitzsimmons and Commissioner Wetzel gave background on how the Plan Commission works and the already existing downtown plan.

**6. Adjourn**

Chairman Fitzsimmons adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fawn Schultz, Community & Economic Development Administrative Assistant  
Recording Secretary