

READING PLANNING COMMISSION

CITY OF READING, MI

June 7, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by chair Betty Blount. The meeting was held both remotely using Zoom and in person. Members in attendance were Chad Penney, Warren Bartels, and Chuck Hartshorn. Attending remotely were Betty Blount, Rebecca Matz, and Lacy George. Absent was Derek Bassage, excused. Also in attendance were Ben Wheeler, Kym Blythe and guest Michael VanOpynen with Michelle Bennett and Rob Terry remotely. Chad made a motion, seconded by Chuck, to approve the May minutes. Motion carried 6-0. The agenda was accepted as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: Betty closed the regular meeting at 7:05 and opened a Public Hearing to consider requested vinyl replacement siding at 126 S. Main Street, located in the Downtown Historic Overlay District. No one was in attendance to help address the request. There was some discussion as to the suitability of the requested replacement within the Historic Overlay District, what might lie behind the siding, possibly a window opening for a previous business, and how the intended use of the building might affect what is changed. Improvements are always welcome, but hopefully done in keeping with Historic Overlay parameters. Chad made a motion, seconded by Chuck, to close the Public Hearing at 7:20. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC HEARING: Betty opened a Public Hearing at 7:22 to consider a Special Use Class C Grower permit for the business at 116 Enterprise Drive. Michael VanOpynen was in attendance to help address the request. He shared that everything at the site remains the same with just the adding of Adult Use/Recreational being added to the growing of Medical Marijuana. Demand has shifted heavily to that. Chad made a motion, seconded by Rebecca, to close the Public Hearing at 7:26. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC HEARING: Betty opened a Public Hearing at 7:27 to consider final review and a resolution of adoption for the draft of the proposed Master Plan. Michelle Bennette of B/R made final comments on the draft. She showed the Reading Community Schools superintendent's comments in response to Betty's inquiry about its positive effects on the community and its growth. Photos about city activities were also highlighted. There were no other concerns or comments about the document. Chad made a motion, seconded by Chuck, to close the Public Hearing at 7:36. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC HEARING: Betty opened a Public Hearing at 7:37 to consider a resolution of adoption of the proposed Capital Improvement Program. There were no further areas of concern or questions about the proposed document. The format and information were viewed as positive. Warren made a motion, seconded by Chuck, to close the Public Hearing at 7:41. Motion carried 6-0. Betty reopened the regular meeting at 7:42.

NEW BUSINESS: Chad made a motion, seconded by Chuck, to table action on 126 S. Main Street in the Downtown Historic Overlay District until more information is provided. Then decisions can be made and recommended. Motion carried 6-0.

Chuck made a motion, seconded by Rebecca, to approve a Special Use Class C Grower permit for Adult/Recreational marihuana at 116 Enterprise Drive. Motion carried 6-0.

Chad made a motion, seconded by Chuck, to approve the Resolution for Adoption of the Reading Master Plan, #2021-1. On a roll call vote the motion carried 6-0.

Chad made a motion, seconded by Chuck, to approve the Resolution for Adoption of the Reading Capital Improvement Plan, #2021-2. On a roll call vote the motion carried 6-0.

The next regular meeting is set for July 12, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

PERMITS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: A thank you was made to Michelle, Kym, and Cheryl at the City office for all their work and efforts on the Master Plan and the Capital Improvement Plan during the last year and a half. Their collaboration was vital in getting it done.

Chuck made a motion, seconded by Warren, to adjourn at 7:57. Motion carried 6-0.