

READING PLANNING COMMISSION

CITY OF READING, MI

November 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at Reading City Hall by chair Chuck Hartshorn. Present were Chuck Hartshorn, Chad Penney, Warren Bartels, Melani Matthews, Frank Oddou, and Hannah Tunis. Absent/excused: Adrien Miller. Also present were Ben Wheeler and guest, Brian Ditton. Chad made a motion, seconded by Melani, to excuse Adrien. Motion carried 6-0. Melani made a motion, seconded by Chad, to approve the September minutes. There was no meeting held in October. Motion carried 6-0. The agenda was accepted as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: A. Redevelopment Ready Communities—Hannah and Frank have looked at some examples, but saw language that they thought was overkill. We will revisit this yet.

B. Solar Energy—We are looking at solar panel issues. It is not likely that any company would want to build a farm within the city. What we might need to explore would be residential regulations. We will continue to revisit this.

C. Zoning Ordinance—Parking Flexibility—tabled.

D. Zoning Ordinance—Concentrated Development (Mixed Use) (RRC)—tabled.

E. Zoning Ordinance—Housing Diversity (RRC)—tabled.

F. Zoning Ordinance—Green Infrastructure (RRC)—tabled.

G. Michigan Cannabis Regulatory Agency Municipal Guide—tabled.

NEW BUSINESS: A. Consumption Lounge/Special Events Cannabis Licensing—We continued discussion of the concepts. We focused the main discussion on possible locations, especially for areas that might be able to hold special events. We noted that wherever it might be possible, we did not want to approve a site that might aggravate surrounding or nearby neighborhoods. Magic Square was cited as perhaps a good location with adequate parking and setup space, and being out on the west edge of town. Melani made a motion, seconded by Hannah, to investigate options for both. Motion carried 6-0. Frank will check on state regulations and examples of ordinances. Ben might, too.

B. Next meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2024.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Ben shared that the city will have a new administrator who will be taking over these responsibilities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS—None. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 on a motion by Chad, seconded by Frank, and carried 6-0.