

City of Reading Planning Commission
Proposed Rescheduled Regular Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2024
Reading City Hall Council Chambers

The meeting was called to Order at 6:30 PM by Chairman, Chuck Hartshorn.

Those in attendance were: Chuck Hartshorn, Chad Penney, Adrien Miller, Frank Oddou and Melani Matthews. Absent were: Hannah Tunis and Warren Bartles. Also in attendance were: Ben Wheeler, Grace VanCamp, and 7 guests.

Chad Penney moved to approve the Rescheduled Regular Meeting Minutes from the November 11, 2024 meeting. Frank Oddou seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

There were no changes to the agenda requested.

Chuck Hartshorn opened the Public Hearing for the Special Use Application from NSRY at 6:38 PM. Public Comments included many people stating they didn't believe there is enough room/business/support for any more marihuana retail establishments. (The City Council already approved changes to the Ordinance which would increase the allowed number of establishments from 3 to 5 earlier this year.) One retail building owner stated he was told earlier in the year that the Ordinance only allowed for 3 establishments - Ben Wheeler confirmed that at the time, that was the case. Council increased the number after that conversation. He (the building owner) stated he was unable to rent his building due to too many establishments being here already. Many people asked that the odor of the establishments be addressed. Grace VanCamp stated that people can always contact her at City Hall if odor issues need to be addressed. One person - a landlord - said she would sell her rental property. The person seeking the Special Use Permit said it would be best to let the free market decide whether or not more establishments could be supported. One person asked about the historic overlay - that will be addressed next month. One person asked the Special Use Permit seeker if he was planning to purchase the building - yes, he is. No other new topics were discussed. Chad Penney moved to close the Public Hearing. Adrien Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Public Hearing closed at 6:53 PM.

There were no Public Comments.

There was no Old Business to discuss.

New Business

- Special Use Permit 119 S Main St - NSRY
 - Frank Oddou moved to approve the Special Use Permit for NSRY. Chad Penney seconded the motion. Discussion: Plan to be open for business in 3-4 months, tops. They have other cannabis related businesses in Roseville, MI that have been open for 3 ½ years. Roll call vote: Ayes; Chad Penney, Adrien Miller, Chuck Hartshorn, Frank Oddou, Melani Matthews. Nays; none. Absent; Warren Bartles, Hannah Tunis. Motion carried 5-0.

- Chad Penney moved to set the first meeting of 2025 as Monday, January 27, 2025 at 6:30 PM in the Reading City Hall Council Chambers. Adrien Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- Chad Penney moved to table The Historic Overlay details for 119 S Main until the January meeting. Frank Oddou seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Second call to the public had no comments.

Comments from Commissioners: Melani Matthews moved to excuse Hannah Tunis and Warren Bartles from tonight's meeting. Frank Oddou seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Chad Penney moved to adjourn the meeting. Adrien Miller supported the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Proposed Minutes respectfully submitted by Melani Matthews, in Warren Bartles' absence.