



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE IRONWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, May 7, 2020**

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A Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission was held on Thursday, May 7, 2020 via Zoom video conferencing.

1. Call to Order: Chair Davey called the meeting to Order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Recording of the Roll:

| MEMBER                                  | PRESENT  |          | EXCUSED       | NOT<br>EXCUSED |
|---|----------|----------|---------------|----------------|
|   | YES      | NO       |               |                |
| Mark Surprenant                         | X        |          |               |                |
| Bob Burchell                            | X        |          |               |                |
| Vacant                                  |          |          |               |                |
| Sam Davey                               | X        |          |               |                |
| David Andresen                          | X        |          |               |                |
| Nancy Korpela                           | X        |          |               |                |
| Joe Cayer ex-officio, non-voting member |          | X        | X             |                |
| Mark Silver                             | X        |          |               |                |
|   | <b>6</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>Quorum</b> |                |

Also present: Community Development Director Tom Bergman and Community Development Specialist Tim Erickson.

3. Approval of the March 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

**Motion by Silver to approve the March 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Second by Surprenant. Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

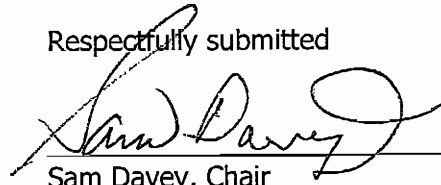
4. Approval of the Agenda:

**Motion by Silver to approve the Agenda. Second by Korpela. Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

5. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items on the Agenda (three-minute limit): None.
6. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items not on the Agenda (three-minute limit): None.
7. City of Ironwood COVID-19 Update.
  - A. Director Bergman gave an update about what the City is doing and specifically the Community Development Department.
8. Items for discussion and consideration.
  - A. Strategy 6.8(a) Update on Master Arts Plan.
    - I. No update.
  - B. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action items.
    - I. Strategy 3.1(a) Update the Zoning Ordinance and Adult Use Marijuana Establishment Ordinance.
      - a. Director Bergman said that the ordinances are moving forward. He also brought up a Supreme Court case that gave zoning authority over medical marijuana caregiver facilities. He talked about how the existing zoning ordinance applies to this and how marijuana caregiver facilities violate the current ordinance. The new zoning ordinance has language regulating facilities through zoning districts. The Public Safety Department, City Attorney, and Community Development Department are working together to look into this issue.
    - II. Strategy 4.2 Prepare Wayfinding Mater Plan.
      - a. Director Bergman talked about new entrance signs and new sign on Douglas Blvd. He talked about a new sign installed by MDOT in the exact location that the City of Ironwood was planning on installing their sign.
9. Other Business: Davey asked about the a draft of the new zoning ordinance. Silver asked about people who are currently in violation of our zoning ordinance in conjunction with the City zoning ordinance. Cayer asked about storage containers in the industrial park. Bergman stated that the City has halted enforcement until things settle down. He stated that the storage container property owner on Ayer street has been moving forward with his project.
10. Next Meeting: Thursday, June 4, 2020.
11. Adjournment:  
**Motion by Burchell to adjourn the meeting. Second by Silver. Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

Adjournment at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

  
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Sam Davey, Chair  
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Tim Erickson, Community Development Specialist