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PROCEEDINGS OF THE IRONWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION Thursday, April 7, 2022

A Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the Planning Commission was held on Thursday, April 7, 2022 via Zoom video conferencing and in the City of Ironwood Memorial Building Women’s Club Room.

1. Call to Order: Director Bergman called the meeting to Order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Recording of the Roll:

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Sam Davey	X			
Scott Bissell	X			
Stephanie Holloway	X			
Mark Silver	X			
John Spence	X			
Rich Jenkins	X			
Anne Lawrence	X			
David Andresen ex-officio, non-voting member	X			
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Also present: Community Development Director Tom Bergman and Community Development Assistant Tim Erickson.

3. Approval of the March 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Spence to approve the Meeting Minutes. Second by Jenkins. Motion Carried 6 to 0.

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Bissell to approve the Agenda. Second by Jenkins. Motion Carried 6 to 0.

5. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items on the Agenda (three-minute limit): Solomon Adams addressed the Commission and would like to see more marihuana operations. Ezuma Ofong would like to see more cannabis cultivation.
6. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items not on the Agenda (three-minute limit): Ben Thompson asked the Commission to include Marihuana Consumption Establishments as an agenda item on the next Agenda. Davey consented.
7. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

A. Discussion and Consideration of Site Plan extension for RaushCo Microbusiness Establishment.

- I. Ken Raush discussed his timeline with the construction of the Microbusiness and has had some delays with the property owner and attorneys. He is seeking an extension as he now has a 20-year lease. He will be working with the contractors for the second quarter of 2022. He is hoping to open for business by quarter 3 of 2022.

Bergman will include an increase of 150 plants for Microbusinesses in the zoning ordinance update. He is hoping to have a public hearing at the beginning of June. Increasing to 300 plants for microbusinesses will be discussed at the next Planning Commission meeting.

Motion by Silver to approve a 12-month extension for the site plan for RaushCo Microbusiness Establishment. Second by Bissell. Motion Carried 7 to 0.

B. Discussion on additional Class C Grow Marihuana Establishment Licenses.

- I. Nate Price would like to see the City increase Class C Grow operations as he has been working toward doing this in a commercial setting. Solomon and Ezuma who previously spoke during public comment are his partners. He is asking for the Planning Commission to recommend to the City Commission to open for more Grow licenses. Silver asked for an explanation of why our climate is better for growing. Price said that the cold is great to prevent overheating and cooling costs. Holloway asked for a timeline of when he could be up and running. Price said that he could be working within 18 months. The City currently has Class A licenses which Bissell said is available now. The Commission discussed what it would look like to reopen the application process vs. allowing the next two Class C applicants to obtain establishment licenses. The two applicants that had originally applied for Class C licenses would be first to receive their license versus opening up for new applications. The rubric will be expiring within a certain amount of time with the new zoning ordinance. Holloway discussed the need for

a minimum rubric requirement. Price asked if the Class C grow operations don't open, will that open up for him to apply. Bergman said that the Class C grow operations are required to open or their retail licenses could be revoked. The Planning Commission would like a work session to discuss the rubric. The Planning Commission will have a workshop on Thursday the 21st.

C. Motion to reaffirm the 2014 City of Ironwood Comprehensive Plan with the intention to start a revision process in 2023.

I. Director Bergman gave an update with the Comprehensive Plan and asked for the Planning Commission to reaffirm.

Motion by Holloway to reaffirm the 2014 Comprehensive Plan with the intention to start a revision process in 2023. Second by Silver. Motion Carried 7 to 0.

D. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items.

I. Zoning Ordinance Revision Update.

a. There will be one more final review for Bergman prior to public hearing.

II. Strategy 4.2 Prepare a Wayfinding Master Plan.

a. The City Commission brought up installing new gateway signage into downtown Ironwood.

III. Downtown Development Plan and TIF Plan Project (Downtown Blueprint Plan).

a. The public comment process has started. Public workshops will begin soon. The consultants will be meeting with Downtown Ironwood Development Authority after that.

8. Other Business: None.

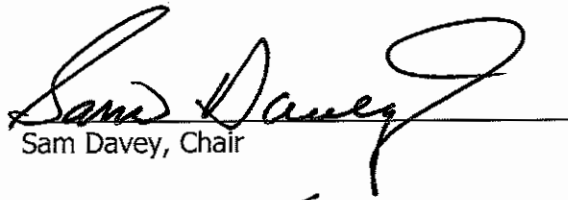
9. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 5, 2022 at the Ironwood Memorial Building Auditorium.

10. Adjournment:

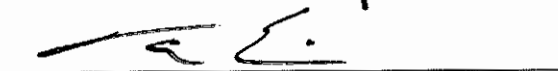
Motion by Jenkins to adjourn the meeting. Second by Spence. Motion Carried 7 to 0.

Adjournment at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant