



Sheldon Neeley
Mayor

CITY OF FLINT

FLINT PLANNING COMMISSION

Special Meeting Minutes August 31, 2022

Commissioners Present

Robert Wesley, Chair
Carol-Anne Blower, Vice-Chair
Lynn Sorenson, Secretary
Harry Ryan
Leora Campbell
Robert Jewell

Staff Present

Suzanne Wilcox, Director of Planning and Development
William Vandercook, Zoning Coordinator
Joanne Gurley, Assistant City Attorney
Jonathon Mateen, Planner I
Max Lester, Planner I

Absent:

April Cook-Hawkins

ROLL CALL:

Vice-Chairperson Blower called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Roll was taken, and a quorum was present.

The meeting was held both in-person in the Council Chambers and via Zoom and phone conferencing as approved.

Roll Call:

Commissioner Ryan: appearing in-person
Commissioner Campbell: appearing virtually from Flint, MI
Commissioner Blower: appearing in-person
Commissioner Jewell: appearing in-person

Commissioner Cook-Hawkins: absent
Commissioner Sorenson: appearing in-person
Chairperson Wesley: appearing virtually from Flint, MI

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Chairperson Wesley made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Ryan seconded the motion.

M/S – Wesley/Ryan

Unanimously carried by voice vote

PUBLIC FORUM:

R. L. Mitchell spoke on the Capitol Theatre and future zoning changes.



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PUBLIC HEARING:

Special Meeting for Review and Approval of the City of Flint Permanent Marihuana Ordinance

Bill Vandercook spoke about the August 23rd, 2022 meeting where motions were made on the proposed Permanent Marihuana Ordinance. These motions removed Temporary Marihuana Event licenses from the Ordinance, left in the prohibition of drive-through licenses in the Ordinance, and included Class A Marihuana Microbusiness licenses in the Ordinance.

Attorney Gurley stated the proposed Permanent Marihuana Ordinance is being proposed tonight for final approval.

Chairperson Wesley stated that he would draft a memorandum to the City Council once the resolution is passed to elaborate that Temporary Marihuana Event licenses and drive-through licenses are still under discussion.

Mr. Vandercook reiterated that there was discussion on making sure 50-161, 50-163, 50-164, and 50-169 were not in conflict with the Ordinance.

Chairperson Wesley stated that members of the public who wish to speak may and that their comments will be attached the resolution going to City Council. Mr. Vandercook confirmed that this is correct.

Vice-Chairperson Blower opened the floor for public comment on the proposed Permanent Marihuana Ordinance.

R. L. Mitchell spoke on the process of the proposed Permanent Marihuana Ordinance needing to go to City Council and the importance of process for letting the public speak during meetings.

Vice-Chairperson Blower closed the floor to public comment.

Commissioner Jewell expressed the Commission should receive a final version of the Ordinance that will be sent to Council and not necessarily one in draft format.

Attorney Gurley stated there were three motions at the August 23, 2022 meeting in which Temporary Marihuana Event licenses were removed with a vote of 4-2, drive-through licenses were kept in as a banned license with a vote of 5-1, and Class A Marihuana Microbusiness license was included with a vote of 6-0.

Chairperson Wesley stated the TME license is an item that will be addressed in his memo to Council as it will require more discussions on specifics. Chairperson Wesley added that the drive-through license will also be discussed in the memo and that more public comments on these issues is important.



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RESOLUTION:

Commissioner Campbell stated that she did not have a copy of the resolution. Commissioner Jewell stated the two items Commissioner Campbell referenced were sent via email and the resolution was passed out in person.

Vice-Chairperson Blower read the Resolution to Approve an Amendment to the Permanent Marihuana Ordinance.

Commissioner Ryan made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Jewell supported the motion with the understanding that the motion approves the resolution as it is presented this evening as well as the draft proposed Permanent Marihuana Ordinance dated August 30, 2022.

Roll Call:

Commissioner Ryan: yes	Commissioner Cook-Hawkins: absent
Commissioner Campbell: yes	Commissioner Sorenson: yes
Commissioner Blower: yes	Chairman Wesley: yes
Commissioner Jewell: yes	

M/S – Ryan/Jewell

6 yes – 0 no – 1 absent

The motion carried.

Attorney Gurley asked for clarification on the vote numbers.

Ms. Wilcox stated there are two emails, one which Commissioner Jewell referenced that was sent the previous day which included a redlined version of the proposed Permanent Marihuana Ordinance and one sent today that included a non-redlined version. The content between the two are the same except for the track changes being removed.

Commissioner Jewell requested staff make sure hard copies of the proposed Permanent Marihuana Ordinance be delivered to the Commission and expressed appreciation to staff, Attorney Gurley, and Chairperson Wesley.

ADJOURNMENT:

M/S – Campbell/Sorenson

Unanimously carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM.