

**OSSEO PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
November 18, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Osseo Planning Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Hultgren at 6:00 pm, Monday, November 18, 2024.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commission members Connie Aho, Dee Bonn, Chris Carrigan, James Hultgren, and KC Robinson

Absent: Commission member Kerstin Schulz.

Others present: City Administrator Shane Mikkelson, Assistant City Administrator Alicia Vickerman and City Attorney Mary Tietjen.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Bonn, seconded by Carrigan, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve September 16, 2024, Minutes

A motion was made by Aho, seconded by Robinson, to approve the September 16, 2024, minutes. The motion carried 5-0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice Chair Hultgren advised this is the time for public comments for items that are not on the agenda for tonight's meeting. There were no comments from the public.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Approve Amendments to the Zoning Code relating to Cannabis and Hemp Business

Mikkelson stated with the State of Minnesota legalizing cannabis and hemp sales, the City of Osseo had options to amend its zoning code in different ways. At the 09/16/24 Planning Commission meeting, questions were asked of the commission how to proceed with any zoning amendments. The Planning Commission gave staff their recommendations and the amendments have been written into the draft ordinance. It was noted staff would like to get comments from the Commission at this time and noted the public hearing for the cannabis ordinance would be held on December 16 where a recommendation will be made to City Council.

City Attorney Tietjen commented this was her first Planning Commission meeting in 10 years. She explained staff was in the process of amending the zoning ordinance in regard to cannabis. She indicated the cannabis ordinance would not be final until taking comment from both the Planning Commission and City Council. She recommended the City's parks be identified within the cannabis ordinance for clarity purposes. She reviewed the draft ordinance in further detail with the Commission and asked for comments or questions.

Bonn supported naming Sipe and Boerboom Parks within the cannabis ordinance.

Carrigan explained if Boerboom Park was named within the ordinance, cannabis sales would not be allowed along Central Avenue. City Attorney Tietjen explained Boerboom Park had no playground equipment or attractions for minors, which would be another reason to exclude this park.

Mikkelson commented on how Boerboom Park may be reconstructed in the future and noted the Planning Commission would have to consider what type of amenities to include within this park.

Carrigan asked where performance standards would be addressed within the ordinance. City Attorney Tietjen reported performance standards would be addressed under Section 153.050. She commented further on the licensing and registration ordinance that would be approved by the City Council. Mikkelson discussed how the City was still waiting to hear more from the OCM on when retail cannabis licenses will be issued by the State.

Further discussion ensued regarding the power and resources it would take to manufacture cannabis.

City Attorney Tietjen questioned how the Commission wanted to define schools. The Commission recommended the Osseo Learning Center be included in the schools listed within the community.

Hultgren asked if the City of Osseo had any treatment facilities. Mikkelson stated the City did not have any residential treatment facility, but noted Osseo did have group homes. He commented on the assisted living facilities that were located in the community.

Hultgren supported the ordinance having a buffer in place from treatment facilities in the event a facility were to open in Osseo.

City Attorney Tietjen thanked the Commission for their feedback. She noted this ordinance would be coming back to the Planning Commission on December 16 for a public hearing and recommendation to the City Council.

7. REPORTS OR COMMENTS: Staff, Chair & Commission Members

Hultgren reported the American Legion would be hosting a Minnesota Vikings Player who played for the team in the 1980's on November 20th.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vickerman reported the City was in need of volunteers to serve on the Planning Commission in 2025. She encouraged to interested in City government to contact City Hall for further information.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Carrigan, seconded by Robinson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm. The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Guenther
Minute Maker Secretarial