

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
Special Meeting
Monday, September 16, 2019
MINUTES

The Rochelle Planning and Zoning Commission met at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2019 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 420 N. 6th Street, Rochelle, IL 61068. Present on Roll Call were Board members: McNeilly, Myers, Snyder-Chura, Wolter, Colwill, Carson and Thiele. Absent: None. There was a quorum of seven present. Non-voting members present were: Chiavini and Leisher. Absent were: Huddleston. Also present were Michelle Pease, Michelle Knight, Jeff Feigenschuh, City Attorney Dominic Lanzito and Mayor John Bearrows.

Minutes: Colwill moved and seconded by McNeilly, **“I move the minutes of the August 5, 2019 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting as presented be approved.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Public Commentary: None

Commissioner Comments: None

Business Items: None

Discussion Items: Pease explained the purpose of the meeting was to discuss zoning for cultivation and dispensaries for adult cannabis and possible conditions such as a conditional use and restrictions regarding distance from schools’ churches, parks and residential areas. Cultivation was discussed and agreed upon that this would be best suited to be zoned in an Industrial zone with a required conditional use.

Rochelle resident and business owner Russell Stevens with Hub Shuttle addressed the Commission on his desire to open a dispensary. Mr. Stevens wishes to open a dispensary in his current business location on South 7th Street and stated that this is in a B2 Commercial Highway zoning district and that he is also within a Tax Increment Financing District (TIF).

The zoning district for a dispensary in a B2 Commercial Highway with a special use was discussed as a potential possibility with restrictions applied to distances from schools’, churches, parks and residential areas. The distance for this restriction was not determined.

Commissioner McNeilly stated that she was not in favor of dispensaries in our city at all. She stated she would like to see the community vote to opt out or not. That the decision should be made by the community and not government.

Adjournment: Motion made by Colwill, seconded by Snyder-Chura, **“I move to adjourn the meeting.”** Motion carried by voice vote. The Planning and Zoning Commission adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Michelle Knight
City of Rochelle