

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Vice Chairperson Jacob Limmer called the meeting of the Planning Commission to order on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers Room #310 on the third floor of the City & County Government Center. Members present were Tanner Aiken, Emily Braun, Billie Jo Hinrichs, Kyle Jamison, Jacob Limmer, Nick Schmeichel, Roger Solum and Debra Spear. Scot Leddy was absent. Also present were Community Development Director Michael Struck, City Planner Ryan Miller and Associate Planner Bailey Maca. Also present were Janet Merriman, Benjamin Stout, Doris Schumacher, Al Austreim, Rebecca Schmieding, Jeff Struwe, Johnnie Einspahr, Doug Austreim, Mike McClemans and Justin Ruesch from the public.

Item #5f – Staff is proposing amendments to the City’s zoning ordinances located in Chapter 94, Article VI, Division 6, to remove the B-2A district from the permitted districts for cannabis dispensaries.

(Solum/Hinrichs) Motion to approve the Ordinance Amendment. Jamison voted nay; all others present voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OFFICIAL SUMMARY

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Spear asked if there were currently any dispensaries in the business B-2A. Miller stated there are not. Limmer asked if they would still be allowed as conditional uses. Miller explained that dispensaries are a special permitted use so it would not be allowable at all. Jamison asked if it made more sense to add the restrictions instead of removing B-2A as an allowable zoning designation. Limmer inquired the current process for permitted special uses. Struck stated that if a request meets the criteria, it could be permitted administratively.