

OFFICIAL MINUTES EXCERPT

Vice-Chairperson Ashley Biggar called the meeting of the City Planning Commission to order on Tuesday July 6, 2021, 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, Greg Fargen, Jacob Mills, LeeAnn Pierce and Biggar. Absent were James Drew, Gregg Jorgenson and Jason Meusbarger. Also present were Community Development Director Mike Struck, City Planner Ryan Miller, Carla Kwasniewski, Mary Ann Peterson, Grant Leffelbein, Theodore Elverson, James Drew, and Jay Larsen.

Items #5c – The City of Brookings submitted amendments to Chapter 94, Zoning, pertaining to the inclusion of Cannabis Establishments as a use and corresponding supplemental regulations related to the siting of such Cannabis Establishments.

(Pierce/Fargen) Motion to approve the amendments.

(Aiken/Mills) Amendment to the motion to add the B-4 District to the Cannabis Dispensaries. Pierce voted no. All others voted aye. **AMENDMENT CARRIED.**

Motion as amended was voted on. All present voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OFFICIAL SUMMARY

Item #5c – Struck explained that this is a new Zoning Ordinance that has been written by City Staff and the City Attorney. The City looked at this and didn't reference this ordinance as "medical." The proposed ordinance identifies different types of cannabis establishments, appropriate zoning districts for each type of establishment and buffer distances. The Dispensary regulations were drafted in a manner to closely align with a pharmacy use and the proposed zoning districts customarily associated with retail/pharmacy. Cannabis testing facilities, product manufacturing facilities, and cultivation facilities are proposed in the Industrial I-1 district. These uses closely resemble other business uses in this area due to size, needs and odors.

This ordinance applies to the zoning and not the licensing requirements. A cannabis dispensary shall be considered a permitted use in the B-1, B-2, B-2A and B-3 Heavy District. Additionally, a dispensary shall not operate within 300' of an educational institution, religious institution, preschool or detention facility. In all the listed districts, other than the B-1 Central District, only 1 cannabis dispensary shall be allowed within 1,000 feet of each other.

Aiken feels that the B-4 district should also be in this ordinance. Mills agrees.