

**Town of Eatonville
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, November 17th, 2014
COMMUNITY CENTER
305 CENTER STREET WEST**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lambert called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: **Commissioners** Beach, Bertoia, Craig and Justice. Commissioner Miller is excused.
STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Schaub and Doug Beagle.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Commissioner Justice led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Beach move to approve the agenda. **Commissioner Justice** seconded. All in favor. (AIF)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the November 3, 2014. **Commissioner Justice** move to table the approval of the minutes because Planning Commissioners received the packets too late to review. **Commissioner Craig** seconded. AIF

COMMUNICATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments from the citizens or commissioners.

OLD BUSINESS

Recommendation to Council regarding Ordinance 2013-15 Interim Recreational Marijuana Regulations

Chairman Lambert asked commissioners if they wished to recommend that the council make this a long term issue, modify it or no recommendation.

Commissioner Beach explained that the last time he offered a motion to extend the interim policy for up to two years. He would like to make this motion again. At the last meeting when the motion was made it died for lack of a second. He would like to know what the other commissioners are thinking.

Doug Beagle- Town Administrator explained that the attorney provided a memorandum with three options. 1) Adopt as permanent regulations in their current form; 2) adopt with amendments; or 3) allow the ordinance to expire. The recommendation that Commissioner Beach is suggesting is to extend the ordinance for two years.

Commissioner Craig suggested to throw the ordinance out, let it lapse.

Commissioner Beach did not feel that this was a good idea. He agreed that Commissioner Craig was correct the last time when he said that nothing is likely to happen very soon. Someone may come to the town unexpectedly and choose to do this; the town would be caught flatfooted. Anything we would do would be in response to someone wanting to do this. If that were on the floor he thinks that the interim policy should say something to the effect that one or more conditions not be attached to the approval of such a request. Somebody needs to make a motion.

Mr. Beagle said that the town was challenged with this after the voters approved Initiative 502. The town looked at a way to protect this, because there were so many cities that were deciding not to allow it at all, knowing that that went against state law that was passed. The town looked at a way to abide by that and go to incurring legal fees to put

something together that protected the town from a potential law suit. That is what the *** regulations did, but because they needed this process, we're here. Some jurisdictions have allowed for a moratorium, but we'd have to bring that back every six (6) months. The council may choose to do that, we have no idea at this point. This is just some of the background to let you know why we went the way we did.

Chairman Lambert asked if the town went with a moratorium there is a legal limit as to how long you can stay with that, it can't just be continued to be renewed indefinitely.

Mr. Beagle said six (6) months.

Chairman Lambert confirmed that at some point it would have to go through.

Mr. Beagle- Yes.

Commissioner Bertoia made motion to let the ordinance lapse.

Commissioner Justice seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

Chairman Lambert explained that he did not feel that it was the best solution to let it lapse. He felt that accept or reject it but not just let it lapse. He asked if there were any amendments that commissioners would like to see as part of the ordinance. The motion was to let the recreational marijuana ordinance lapse. 2 Commissioners voted for it, 2 Commissioners voted against it. **Chairman Lambert** voted in against. Motion fails.

Commissioner Beach move to extend the ordinance for up to two (2) years.

Commissioner Bertoia (not audible) seconded the motion.

Commissioner Beach made an amendment to the ordinance that is one or more conditions is attached to the approval of the application.

There was no discussion of the motion.

Chairman Lambert called for a vote. 2 voted for the motion. 2 voted against the motion. Chairman Lambert voted to break a tie, voting in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) Proposal to amend the Countywide Planning Policies

Chairman Lambert explained that since no one had time to review their packets, he asked for a motion to table the proposal until the December 1st meeting.

Commissioner Justice move to table the proposal of the Countywide Planning Policies.

Commissioner Craig seconded the motion. AIF

There were no comments from citizens or commissioners.

Mr. Beagle explained that the town has been working with the planning consultant to provide the town with guidelines on the draft for the Countywide Planning Policies. Basically asking the consultant what his take was on this. His response was "Not for Eatonville's individual interests. Based on the current amendment scope (*which they are not allowing any proposed amendments to at this time*) and the existing conditions of Eatonville's Urban Growth Area, I'd say it's probably not the best thing for the Town at this point. While the aim of the amendment may be a good direction from a regional and County planning perspective for the intensely urbanizing areas, I don't see many advantages to Eatonville, only additional costs, additional hurdles and a reduction of annexation authority". Mr. Beagle will provide this response to the commissioners in an email.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Lambert adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Chairman Chris Lambert

Secretary David Craig

ATTEST:

Doug Beagle – Town Administrator