

Missoula City Council Land Use and Planning Committee Minutes - DRAFT

November 10, 2021

2:00 pm

ZOOM Webinar

Members present: Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, John P. Contos, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Heidi West

Members absent: Jesse Ramos, Bryan von Lossberg

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m.

1.1 Roll Call

Amanda Vermace called the roll.

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

1.2.1 Approval of the Minutes from October 27, 2021

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 City Rezoning: Mill Site Special Zoning District Amendment. Emily Gluckin, Project Planner, City of Missoula

https://www.engagemissoula.com/development-applications/news_feed/rezoning-mill-site-special-zoning-district-amendment

The City Council will hold this public hearing open for a week and will take it up on November 15, 2021, under final consideration.

Emily Gluckin, Associate Planner with the Community Planning, Development and Innovation department, presented on the Mill Site Special Zoning District Amendment (available on eScribe). The presentation included maps of the Mill Site area and a little history about the subject property. Additionally, Ms. Gluckin provided the amendments being proposed, the rezone review criteria and the public and agency comments that have been received.

Don MacArthur, a member of the applicant team, was available for comments and questions. Mr. MacArthur gave some additional background on the Mill Site Special Zoning District and the intent of the request.

The committee discussed infrastructure requirements and future development in the Mil Site Zoning District. Mr. MacArthur also commented on the goal behind the amendment being requested.

3.2 Recreational Marijuana Ordinance – Cassie Tripard, Ben Brewer, Leigh Ratterman, Spencer Starke, and Madson Matthias, City of Missoula

<https://www.engagemissoula.com/recreational-cannabis-land-use-regulation-update>

Pre-Public Hearing - Informational Only

Madson Matthias, Associate Planner with the Community Planning, Development and Innovation department, introduced the item and the presenting team. The team included Leigh Ratterman, Energy Conservation Program Specialist; Spencer Starke, Associate Planner; and Cassie Tripard, Land Use Supervisor; all staff work under the Community Planning, Development and Innovation department with the City of Missoula. Ms. Matthias provided some background, purpose and a timeline for the legalization of marijuana for adult use. Ms. Matthias also discussed current cannabis businesses in Missoula.

Mr. Starke and Ms. Tripard, presented on the proposed amendments to Title 20 Zoning Codes. The zoning codes subject to the amendments include;

- Business and Commercial Districts
- Industrial and Manufacturing Districts
- Use and Building Specific Standards
- Accessory Uses and Structures
- Terminology
- Use Classification

Leigh Ratterman, Energy Conservation Program Specialist, explained the impact of energy consumption and what other state and local governments have done to reduce carbon emissions associated with climate change.

Ms. Tripard provided a summary and feedback received from the city/county Planning Board meeting. She stated the different opportunities' the city has versus the county and included the staff recommendations. Mr. Stark went over the process to-date and the summary of the regulation's revisions.

The committee focused their discussion around the topics of energy consumption, the buffer map options, home cultivations and occupations, and state and local regulations.

Public comment was received from James Thomas and Matts Larson. Mr. Thomas commented on the energy consumption regulations and would like a better understanding of the options available. Mr. Larson disagreed with the regulations overall.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjournment 4:01 p.m.