

Regular Meeting

March 9, 2011

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CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Coolidge was held in the Council Chambers, 911 S. Arizona Boulevard, Coolidge Arizona. Chairman William Pertzborn called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Those present were Commissioners Don Williams, William Pertzborn, Nitza Verdugo-London, Jesse Cañez.. Also present was Growth Management Director Alton Bruce.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Pertzborn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Cañez nominated Commissioner Pertzborn as Chairman. and Commissioner Williams seconded the nomination. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Pertzborn took the gavel. Commissioner Williams nominated Commissioner Cañez as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Verdugo-London seconded the nomination. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Williams moved approval of the minutes of the January 5, 2011 meeting subject to the following corrections: Change date in header to 2011, correct several misspellings. Commissioner Cañez seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

COOLPZ 10-11-6 ZA An Amendment to the City of Coolidge Zoning Ordinance to add new uses, namely Medical Marijuana Dispensary, Medical Marijuana Infusion Facility, Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facility and Qualifying Patient/Caregiver Cultivation Location to be allowed by right or by Conditional Use in specific Zones and setting standards regarding the design,

location and operation of such uses..

The Growth Management Director summarized the text of the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance which would allow Medical Marijuana uses in some Commercial and all Industrial Zones by Conditional Use Permit. Cultivation facilities would also be allowed in the Agricultural Zone by Conditional Use. A number of development standards would be adopted including limits on the hours of operations, a ban on drive-up or delivery service, prohibition of on-site use of the product and a 500 foot buffer zone around schools, day-care centers, another medical marijuana uses, and substance abuse treatment facilities as well as a 1 mile buffer from the Gila River Indian Community.

Chairman Pertzborn asked if there was a facility located in Casa Grande would that preclude such a use locating in Coolidge. Bruce stated that his understanding was that the State Dept. of Health Services was planning to distribute the uses by Health Care Zones and that Casa Grande and Coolidge were in separate zones so a facility in Casa Grande would not preclude such a use in Coolidge.

Coolidge City Council Member Jon Thompson who was in attendance at the meeting as a member of the public took the podium and asked a number of questions about the proposed Ordinance and about the State Department of Health Services rules for Medical Marijuana.

The Commission had an extensive discussion of the proposed Amendment. Commissioner Cañez moved and Commissioner Williams seconded forwarding the Amendment to the City Council with the following conditions:

- Strike Paragraph E of Section

1008 because AZ Dept. of Health Services rules more comprehensively address this issue.

- Verify that the location of a dispensary in Coolidge would result in a prohibition for home growing by Caregivers in a 25 mile boundary.
- Verify that the buffer zones proposed in the Ordinance Amendment are consistent with the final rules adopted by the AZ Dept. of Health Services.

Motion passed unanimously.

**REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN/
GROWTH MANAGEMENT
DIRECTOR**

Growth Management Director Alton Bruce reported on cases that might come before the Commission in the coming months.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No members of public spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Commissioner Williams to adjourn the meeting. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Verdugo-London **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned 7:58 pm.