MEMBERS PRESENT: Erik Braun, Karen Bulman, Racheal Caesar, Mike Golliher, John Herr, Mike Quasney, Haven Stuck and Vince Vidal. Ron Weifenbach, Council Liaison was also present.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kelly Arguello, Eirik Heikes, and Eric Ottenbacher,

STAFF PRESENT: Vicki Fisher, Sarah Hanzel, Kelly Brennan, Tim Behlings, Chip Premus, Todd Peckosh, Steve Frooman, Kinsley Groote, Justin Williams, Rebel VanLoh, and Andrea Wolff.

Braun called the meeting to order at 7:02 a.m.

Braun noted that due to the number of participants and the large number of items on the agenda they will be using the timing lights, explained their operation and thanked everyone for their consideration and understanding.

Braun reviewed the Consent Agenda and asked if any member of the Planning Commission, staff or audience would like any item removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration.

Staff requested that Items 7, 8, 9, 12, 20, 21 and 22 be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

Stuck requested that item 11, 19, 23 and 24 be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

Motion by Vidal seconded by Caesar and unanimously carried to recommend approval of the Consent Agenda Items 1 thru 24 in accordance with the staff recommendations with the exception of Items 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24. (8 to 0 with, Braun, Bulman, Caesar, Golliher, Herr, Quasney, Stuck and Vidal voting yes and none voting no)

---END OF CONSENT CALENDAR---

Stuck stepped down from the dais at this time.

*20. No. 21UR026 - Foley Subdivision
A request by Puffy's LLC to consider an application for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a medical cannabis dispensary for Lot 1 of Foley Subdivision, located in Section 4, T1N, R8E, BHM, Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota, more generally described as being located at 2706 E. Highway 44.

Braun stated that Stuck would be abstaining due to a conflict of interest

Hanzel presented the application noting that staff had received questions with concerns on this item. Hanzel noted the applicant is proposing to use the front
1,000 feet of the existing building for the dispensary. Hanzel stated that the residential development located behind the building created the need for the Conditional Use Permit review for this location but noted there is both landscaping and a height differential between the residential area and the proposed dispensary. Hanzel said that the separation distance is 400 feet and with the change in elevation and existing landscaping staff feels the separation is sufficient and recommends approval of the Conditional Use Permit to allow a medical cannabis dispensary with stipulations.

Ron Jeffries, 1732 Mesa, minority owner in Puffys LLC, thanked the staff for all their work in reviewing all these applications. Jeffries noted this building had been operated as a casino until recently. Jeffries noted that the letter of concern from Hani Shafi called out residences in the area, but he feels the separation between the proposed dispensary and the residences is sufficient, he also note that the Rural American Initiatives and Abbot House are separated by 1,500 feet, but also that neither fall within the criteria for required separation. Jeffries stated that the proposed WDT housing in the area is located north of WDT and not next to the property.

Kyle Treloar, Dream Design International, stated they do have opposition, stating this area is part of a proposed master plan for residential development and asked that it be denied. Treloar also noted that the Rural American Initiatives and WDT are located in the area.

Bulman moved, Vidal seconded and the Planning Commission approved the Conditional Use Permit to allow a medical cannabis dispensary with the following stipulations:

1. Prior to issuance of a building permit, a medical cannabis dispensary license shall be secured from the South Dakota Department of Health;

2. Prior to issuance of a building permit, the applicant shall coordinate with the Rapid City Fire Department Fire and Life Safety Division to establish a plan with acceptable time frames to provide an approved fire sprinkler protection and associated fire alarm systems designed and installed as per NFPA 13 and NFPA 72, respectively, and shall be provided throughout the building containing the cannabis related activity. Where applicable, a covenant agreement addressing the fire protection system installation, shall be entered into prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy;

3. The waste management plan shall be continually monitored to ensure the security of waste handling;

4. The security plan shall be continually monitored to ensure that all areas and operation of the medical cannabis dispensary are provided 24/7 surveillance and recovery of video shall be provided as needed;

5. The odor control plan shall be continually monitored to ensure that all ventilation, odor abatement, and any other measures are taken to prevent nuisances. The premises shall be properly ventilated and the exhaust air filtered or treated to neutralize the odor from cannabis so that the odor cannot be detected by a person with a normal sense of smell at the property line of the premises or on any adjoining property. No operable windows or exhaust vents shall be located on the building façade that abuts a residential use or zone. Exhaust vents on rooftops
shall direct exhaust away from residential uses or zones;

6. All signage shall meet the requirements of the Rapid City Sign Code. A sign permit shall be obtained for each sign No Light Emitting Diode (LED) message centers are being approved as a part of this request. The inclusion or addition of any LED message centers shall require a Major Amendment to the Conditional Use Permit;

7. The Conditional Use Permit shall allow a medical cannabis dispensary at the location proposed. The medical cannabis dispensary shall be operated in compliance with the approved operational plan and in compliance with all City and State regulations. Any expansion of the medical cannabis establishment shall require a Major Amendment to the Conditional Use Permit. Permitted uses within the General Commercial District in compliance with the Parking Ordinance shall be allowed with a building permit. Any conditional use shall require the review and approval of a Major Amendment to the Conditional Use Permit. (7 to 0 with, Braun, Bulman, Caesar, Golliher, Herr, Quasney and Vidal voting yes and none voting no and Stuck abstaining)

The Rapid City Planning Commission’s action on this item is final unless any party appeals that decision to the Rapid City Council. All appeals must be submitted in writing to the Department of Community Development by close of business on the seventh full calendar day following action by the Planning Commission.