MEMBERS PRESENT: Kelly Arguello, Erik Braun, Karen Bulman, Mike Gollither, Eirik Heikes, John Herr, Eric Ottenbacher, Mike Quasney, Haven Stuck and Vince Vidal.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rachael Caesar. Ron Weifenbach, Council Liaison was also absent.


Braun called the meeting to order at 7:06 a.m.

Bulman asked that Item #24 and #25 be taken together.

*24. No. 21UR049 - Original Town of Rapid City
A request by Emmett Reistroffer for Genesis Farms, LLC to consider an application for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a Medical Cannabis Dispensary for Lot 29 of Block 84 of Original Town of Rapid City, located in Section 1, T1N, R7E, BHM, Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota, more generally described as being located 608 St. Joseph Street.

Harrington presented the application and reviewed the associated slides noting these are located in the downtown area so no parking or landscaping plans are required stating that staff recommends approval of the Conditional Use Permits to allow a Medical Cannabis Dispensary with stipulations.

In response to a question from Vidal on the residential use planned as a part of the development on the corner of 5th Street and St. Joseph and if that creates a separation concern, Harrington clarified that the Ordinance identifies Residential Zoning Districts as requiring separation.

In response to a question from Bulman the two separate properties and potential for sale of one or the other, Fisher said the described property is one with two addresses and ownership is not the issue.

In response to a question from Heikes on Security, Waste and Odor Plans, Fisher clarified that staff has done a thorough review of the applications including their operation plans to ensure that they have acceptable plans, but reiterated that the actual management of these will be done by the State.
Harrington clarified that after discussion with the property owner, that the properties are separate with a lot line between them. Fisher clarified that staff would still support the application with the additional stipulation that only one dispensary be allowed.

Vidal moved, Herr seconded and the Planning Commission approved the Conditional Use Permit to allow a Medical Cannabis Dispensary be approved 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. Only one building permit shall be issued to allow only one Medical Cannabis Dispensary to be operated at 608 Saint Joseph Street or 610 Saint Joseph Street; and,
8. 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; and,
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7. Only one building permit shall be issued to allow only one Medical Cannabis Dispensary to be operated on this legally described property or the neighboring property;

8. 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. (9 to 0 with Arguello, Braun, Bulman, Golliher, Heikes Herr, Ottenbacher, Quasney and Vidal voting yes and none voting no)

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