



**CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA  
PLANNING BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2023  
SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTION**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Hoover called the regular meeting of the Planning Board for the City of Okeechobee to order on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 6:07 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, located at 55 Southeast (SE) Third Avenue, Room 200, Okeechobee, Florida.

**II. ATTENDANCE**

Roll was taken by Board Secretary Patty Burnette. Chairperson Dawn Hoover, Board Members Phil Baughman, Carl Berlin, Jr., Karyne Brass, and Alternate Board Members Jon Folbrecht and Jim Shaw were present. Vice Chairperson Doug McCoy, and Board Member Mac Jonassaint were absent without consent. Chairperson Hoover moved Alternate Board Members Folbrecht and Shaw to voting position.

**III. AGENDA**

- A. There were no items added, deferred, or withdrawn from the agenda.
- B. Motion by Member Folbrecht, seconded by Member Shaw to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- C. There were no comment cards submitted for public participation.

**IV. MINUTES**

- A. Motion by Member Baughman, seconded by Member Folbrecht to dispense with the reading and approve the June 15, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**V. CHAIRPERSON HOOVER OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:09 P.M.**

- A. Consider Land Development Regulations (LDR) Text Amendment Application No. 23-002-TA, which proposes to amend Chapter 78, Land Development Standards, Article IV, Stormwater Management, to reflect required changes adopted by the State on stormwater management regulations.
  - 1. City Attorney Stephen Conteaguero with Nason, Yeager, Gerson, Harris & Fumero, briefly reviewed the proposed ordinance stating this is to bring the existing City LDR into conformance with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. This ordinance is to help protect the City's resources from the harmful effects of unmanaged stormwater runoff. It also addresses illicit discharges and post construction run off.
  - 2. No public comments were offered.
  - 3. No Ex-Parte disclosures were offered.
  - 4. Motion by Member Folbrecht, seconded by Member Berlin to recommend approval to the City Council for LDR Text Amendment Application No. 23-002-TA, as presented in [Exhibit 1]. The recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration at Public Hearings, tentatively scheduled for October 17, 2023, and November 21, 2023. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- B. Consider LDR Text Amendment Application No. 23-004-TA, which proposes to amend Section 66-1, adding a definition for Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and Zoning Districts Permitted Uses Section's 90-252 for Light Commercial, 90-282 for Heavy Commercial, 90-312 for Central Business District, and 90-342 for Industrial, to prohibit Medical Marijuana Dispensaries in the City.
  - 1. City Attorney Conteaguero briefly reviewed the proposed ordinance stating this proposed language would prohibit Medical Marijuana dispensaries in all zoning districts in the City and any existing ones would be considered non-conforming uses. Should an existing facility be sold, then the use would not be permitted.
  - 2. No public comments were offered.
  - 3. No Ex-Parte disclosures were offered.
  - 4. Motion by Member Berlin, seconded by Member Shaw to recommend approval to the City Council for LDR Text Amendment Application No. 23-004-TA, as presented in [Exhibit 2]. The recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration at Public Hearings, tentatively scheduled for November 7, 2023, and December 5, 2023. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**CHAIRPERSON HOOVER CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:24 P.M.**

**VI. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE**

No updates provided at this time.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Hoover adjourned the meeting at 6:24 P.M.

Submitted by:

Patty M. Burnette

Patty M. Burnette, Secretary

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