

**MINUTES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Monday, March 8, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
Special Meeting**

Chairman Minor called the March 8, 2021, Special Meeting of the La Paz County Board of Supervisors to order at 10:00 a.m. Elected Officials and Department Heads present were: Chairman Duce Minor, Vice-Chairman Holly Irwin (telephonically), Supervisor David Plunkett, Chief Deputy County Attorney Ryan Dooley, Community Development Director Tonya Hoogerwerf, and Clerk of the Board Diane Green.

PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance No. 2021-01, an ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of La Paz County, Arizona, amending the La Paz County Zoning Regulations by adding new definitions and regulatory provisions relating to adult use of marijuana - Board of Supervisors

Chief Deputy County Attorney Dooley stated that, with the passage of Prop 207, legislation allowing adult use of marijuana, La Paz County would be allowed two (2) licenses; and the proposed ordinance would allow the Community Development Department to sign off on applications submitted by the public going to the State. He added that the ordinance mirrors the La Paz County medical marijuana regulations, and applicants would need to have cultivation before they could have a dispensary.

Chairman Minor mentioned that Vice-Chairman Irwin and Andrew McGuire, from Gust Rosenfeld, PLC, outside counsel on special projects, were attending the meeting telephonically.

Chairman Minor opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment on the proposed Ordinance No. 2021-01.

Skip Becker, CEO of the Economic Development Corporation, stated the County was to be commended for the proposed ordinance. He suggested that dispensary hours be revised to seven (7) days a week, which he described as more "in the spirit of what the state was looking at" and for the economic dollars for the County.

There being no further comments, Chairman Minor closed the Public Hearing.

Discussion and possible action on proposed Ordinance No. 2021-01, amending the La Paz County Zoning Regulations by adding new definitions and regulatory provisions relating to adult use of marijuana -*Board of Supervisors*

Supervisor Plunkett began a lengthy discussion regarding the proposed number of days open, footage requirements from residential property lines, and the maximum square footage of dispensaries.

Vice-Chairman Irwin expressed that the Board may wish to be consistent with the regulations as set by the state.

Andrew McGuire explained that the state provisions are considered the maximum limits at which the Board can set for this ordinance, giving the County the ability to set what would be reasonable for this county; however, he added that the "real reason" it would change is because the provisions for recreational marijuana have to be the same as set in the County's regulations for medical marijuana; recreational marijuana cannot be given a "wider birth".

Vice-Chairman Irwin stated that she was "okay" with the direction the Board wished to give on the number of daily hours for daily operation. She added that the "8 to 8" hours suggested she did not object to.

Discussion ensued regarding the maximum number of dispensary feet to allow, as well as the number of "testing facilities; and how the size of the facility affects the amount of cultivation or "canipi space".

Chairman Minor noted the following changes discussed to Section 404.00:

- 1) 404B: 500 feet to 300 feet
- 2) 404C: 1499 square feet maximum to 5,000 feet maximum
- 3) 404F: changing operation hours from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; to 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday through Saturday (7 days a week).
- 4) 404P: adding "of canipi area" after the verbiage "at least 100,000 square feet".

SUPERVISOR PLUNKETT MOVED to approve adoption of proposed Ordinance No. 2021-01, amending the La Paz County Zoning Regulations by adding new definitions and regulatory provisions relating to adult use of marijuana, with the four changes as discussed. Motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Irwin.

Chairman Minor reiterated the four changes noted.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, including the vote by Chairman Minor.

Chairman Minor thanked everyone present for their time and contributions to the conversation and the adaptations made to the ordinance.

Adjournment

Chairman Minor adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

APPROVED:

Duce Minor, Chairman

ATTEST:

Diane Green, Clerk of the Board