

PLANNING BOARD

JULY 19, 2021

PRESENT: Rick Meyer, Tony Almeida, Jay McDermott, Tom Carvelli, Tom Burke, Bill Lindsay, and Bob Forte

ABSENT: Mark Walsifer, Mike Campbell, Ted Protonentis, Nick Valente

ALSO, PRESENT: Board Attorney Doug Kovats, Esq. and Board Secretary April Claudio

At approximately 7:00 p.m. the secretary stated that adequate notice of this meeting of the Planning Board was sent by email to our official newspapers, the Coast Star and the Asbury Park Press on January 4, 2021 and by posting a copy of said notice at the Municipal Complex on the same date.

Mr. Carvelli made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2021 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Meyer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Meyer, Mr. Almeida, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Carvelli, Mr. Burke and Mr. Lindsay

ABSTAIN: Mr. Forte

Mr. Kovats explained Ordinance 2021-20, which is a ban against cannabis. The Board's role is to determine if the ordinance is or isn't consistent with the Master Plan and Development Regulations. The ordinance would prohibit cannabis in all zones. The Mayor and Council are tasked with making a decision on cannabis by August 21st or 22nd. They have chosen to ban cannabis. If they did not do this, they would not be able to do a ban for five years. This allows them the opportunity to wait and see what other towns do and if any regulations come out. They can always remove the ban at a later date. The ordinance is consistent with the Master Plan and the Development Regulations because you don't have to permit all types of uses, there are some other uses already prohibited.

Mr. Lindsay agreed we should wait and see what other towns do. Mr. Burke asked if there was a cannabis business already in place could they stay. Mr. Kovats would have to look into that further. The Board agreed the ordinance is consistent with the Master Plan and Development Regulations as well as it being a good idea.

Mr. Burke made a motion to allow Mr. Kovats to prepare a consistency review letter to the Mayor and Council, which was seconded by Mr. Forte and approved unanimously.

Public: none

Mr. Meyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Lindsay and approved unanimously.