Johnstown Planning Board

Council Chambers, City Hall

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The proceedings of this meeting were recorded for the benefit of the City Clerk; because the minute are not a verbatim record of the proceedings, the written minutes are not a word-for-word transcript.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Peter Smith, Chairman

ATTENDANCE – Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk

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| [x] Peter Smith, Chairman | [ ] Christopher Vose, City Engineer |
| [x] Betsy Camarra | [x] Michael Albanese, City Attorney |
| [ ] Jason Mylott | [x] Bruce Heberer, Code Enforcement  |
| [x] Terri G. Easterly | [x] Carrie Allen, City Clerk |
| [x] Chandra Cotter | [x] Scott Jeffers, Liaison |

ABESENT – Chris Vose, Jason Mylott

APPROVE MINUTES

August 1, 2023

Motion – Betsy Camarra

Seconded – Terri Easterly

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 (Vose, Mylott)

ITEM #1: ZONING

* DISCUSSION

Although no applications have been brought before the Planning Board discussions were had as to where the City would allow Cannabis Dispensaries.

* + don’t want to prohibit dispensaries
	+ need a level of control
	+ not in downtown
	+ not near schools, churches, daycare
	+ arterial commercial; allowable use
	+ would still need to come before the Planning Board
	+ subject to Planning Board approval
* MOTION TO RECOMMEND ALLOWABLE USE

Motion – Chandra Cotter

Seconded – Betsy Camarra

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 (Vose, Mylott)

ITEM #2: CODE OF ORDINANCES

* DISCUSSION

Changes are currently being made to Code of Ordinances. Bruce will make presentation to Board in January for recommendations, which include Solar Farms and AirBnbs.

ITEM #3: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

* DISCUSSION

Chandra provided an updated handout for review; will discuss further at January meeting.

DISCUSSION

Clerk will be putting forth a recommendation to make the Planning Board a five (5) member board, having the City Attorney and City Engineer being advisory members and not voting members.

MOTION TO ADJOURN @ 4:24 p.m.

Motion – Terri Easterly

Seconded – Betsy Camarra

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 (Vose, Mylott)

Respectfully submitted

Carrie M. Allen

City Clerk