

**MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
JULY 11, 2022
DES PERES GOVERNMENT CENTER**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Des Peres, Missouri was held at the Des Peres Government Center, 12325 Manchester Road 63131, commencing at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, July 11, 2022.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk took roll with the following elected officials physically present: Alderman Barrett, Alderman Concagh, Alderman Fitzpatrick, Alderman Kleinschmidt, Alderman Pound, and Alderman Osherow. Mayor Becker was also present.

Staff members present included the City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, City Attorney, Director Finance, Director of Parks & Recreation and Director Public Safety. Director of Public Works was absent with excuse.

PUBLIC HEARING

Petition for a Conditional Use Permit for Operation of a Medical Marijuana Dispensary

PETITIONER: GF Wellness of Fenton dba/ Root66

LOCATION: 12095 Manchester Road

The City Clerk aloud the following exhibits relative to the Public Hearing on Root 66:

1. Notice of Public Hearing of July 11, 2022 advertised in the St. Louis Countian on June 22, 2022
2. Notice of Public Hearing of July 11, 2022 advertised in the Webster Kirkwood Times on June 27, 2022
3. Notice of Public Hearing posted at the following locations: (1) Des Peres City Hall, (2) Des Peres Website on June 22nd 2022
4. B22- 2961 Granting a Conditional Use Permit for Operation of a Medical Marijuana Dispensary at 12095 Manchester Road to GF Wellness Fenton LLC (Introduction)
5. Public Hearing Notice sent to businesses within a 200 sqft radius of 12095 Manchester Rd.
6. Municipal Code of the City of Des Peres
7. Missouri Constitutional Amendment 2 approved by Missouri voters on November 6, 2018 guaranteeing patient access to medical marijuana and providing for the limited production, distribution, testing, sale and purchase of marijuana for medicinal purposes statewide
8. Findings of Fact issued by the Des Peres Board of Adjustment regarding the appeal of Briann Realty and the decision of the Zoning Enforcement Officer that the property located at 12095 Manchester Road complied with the requirements of City Code Section 408.015.D.2
9. Zoning Enforcement Officer Staff Report relative to the Findings of Fact referenced herein

10. Staff memo dated August 2, 2019 regarding medical marijuana buffer zones
11. Staff memo dated May 20, 2019 on zoning considerations relative to medical marijuana
12. Staff memo dated February 20, 2019 regarding statewide passage of Amendment 2
13. Mayor wanted to add to the record, he received 30 signed petitions opposing the medical marijuana dispensary from Des Peres residents.

Representing Root 66, Dan Welsh and his team (Joe Delia, Mike Diekes and Rachel Shenk) gave a presentation describing Root 66. Dan gave detail description of how the outside and inside would look, how the entrances/exits flow and described how security would work. Mr. Welsh also spoke about potentially having a partnership with the City of Des Peres.

Mary Traiteur, resident of Des Peres, stated she works in the medical field and had several questions for Dan Welsh pertaining to the THC content in the marijuana.

Grandview resident, asked if "real doctors" with PhDs hand out the Medical Marijuana cards.

Tom Evola, 33-year resident of Des Peres, stated the proposed exterior design of Root 66 does not look high-end. Mr. Evola suggested changing the design to get an upscale appearance.

Alderman Concagh asked Dan Welsh if medical marijuana goes recreational, how would that affect his business. Mr. Welsh stated he will comply with what is passed in legislation. Root 66 would have to reapply with the City of Des Peres and start the process over.

City Administrator Doug Harms asked Mr. Welsh, if Root 66 would go to recreational, would parking be accommodated? Would Root 66 be able to handle the activity? Mr. Welsh stated that parking won't be a problem, that patients are typically in and out of the store within five to seven minutes. City Administrator also asked about the sales per day. Mr. Welsh stated between seven and nine thousand are produced a day in sales.

Alderman Fitzpatrick asked if there is a specific age when you can receive your medical marijuana card. Dan Welsh stated you have to be twenty-one years of age to receive your medical marijuana card.

Alderman John Pound stated Dan Welsh mentioned a partnership between Root 66 and The City of Des Peres, which was never discussed with the Board. Chris Graville clarified Mr. Welsh is wanting a potential partnership with the city. Alderman Pound expressed he is uncomfortable with a partnership with Root 66. Mayor Becker stated the legislation does not mention any type partnership.

Mayor Becker closed the Public Hearing at 7:52 PM.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NONE

CONSENT AGENDA