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Special Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, September 30, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Maule, Schinderle, Revord, Zemar & Blomquist

Absent: Council Member Saldana

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina & City Attorney Pirkola

Public Comment

Bruce Rosen - 1316 Hemlock St., Iron Mountain, MI

Rosen imparted that it would be preferable for the City to offer unlimited medical marihuana licenses to qualified applicants. Pirkola verified that the State statute allows the offering of limited licenses. Alessandrini noted that the purpose of the rubric was to choose the two best candidates. Revord expressed the opinion that it would be best to start out slowly and offer limited licenses.

Brian Tomeo – Attitude Wellness Representative

Tomeo, of Attitude Wellness, indicated that his organization desires to be part of the local community.

Old Business

None

New Business

Pirkola stated that the hearings would be limited to information that was available at the time of filing and that it would require a majority of votes to overturn determinations. Stanchina reviewed the scoring outcomes.

Scoring Appeal for Medical Marihuana License Re: Green Spectrum Labs

Dr. Dan Kreider presented his appeals to section 2a (1), Section 4 (3) and Section 4 (4).

Section 2a (1)

Stanchina and Alessandrini conveyed that the application was scored on the basis of how the acquisition would increase the tax base. Zemar supported awarding points for capital investment due to the building being contributed toward the project. Maule asserted that new development would get a tax break anyways.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Zemar to give three points to Green Spectrum Labs for Section 2a (1).

Maule	Aye
Schinderle	Nay
Revord	Nay
Zemar	Aye
Blomquist	Abstain
Alessandrini	Nay

Motion Failed (Aye-2, Nay-3, Abstain-1)

Section 4 (3)

Kreider explained the reasons he felt the detached processing building in their plans is material to the project. Stanchina relayed that the facility was stated to be a 20'x20' garage and that would not be material to the project; just included to get additional points. Maule asked if there was a minimum building size denoted on the rubric. Pirkola informed the City Council that a rubric, by virtue, is comparing projects competitively.

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It was moved by Revord and supported by Zemar to accept the scoring for Section 4 (3) as is.

Blomquist	Abstain
Zemar	Aye
Alessandrini	Aye
Revord	Aye
Schinderle	Aye
Maule	Nay

Motion Passed (Aye-4, Nay-1, Abstain-1)

Section 4 (4)

Kreider communicated that his organization would be committing to removing future blight, even though there is not any at this time. Stanchina highlighted that he awarded points for physical improvements due to the lack of blight.

It was moved by Zemar and supported by Maule to grant two points for Section 4 (4).

Revord	Nay
Zemar	Aye
Blomquist	Abstain
Maule	Aye
Schinderle	Nay
Alessandrini	Nay

Motion Failed (Aye-2, Nay-3, Abstain -1)

Scoring Appeal for Medical Marihuana License Re: The Source of Iron Mountain, LLC

Vincent Petrucelli outlined his preference for a textual approach to the law.

Section 2 (3)

Petrucelli and Stanchina agreed that three points should be awarded for Section 2 (3) as the points were awarded to the Tree of Life Center's application.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Zemar to give three points for Section 2 (3).

Schinderle	Aye
Revord	Aye
Alessandrini	Aye
Zemar	Aye
Maule	Aye
Blomquist	Abstain

Motion Passed (Aye-5, Nay-0, Abstain -1)

Section 4 (2)

Petrucelli offered the response that the storage unit facility is existing and would be converted to covered parking.

Alessandrini stressed the need to create additional taxable base. Zemar noted that taxable value was not mentioned; it was a yes or no answer. Petrucelli stated that the rubric should have stated that the goal was to increase tax base. Maule suggested that if covered parking is built it will increase in taxable value.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Zemar to award one point for Section 4 (2).

Alessandrini	Nay
Zemar	Aye
Maule	Aye
Schinderle	Nay
Blomquist	Abstain
Revord	Nay

Motion Failed (Aye-2, Nay-3, Abstain -1)

Section 4 (5)

Petrucelli argued that the proposed physical improvements are material to the project and should get points. Stanchina voiced the opinion that points can't be awarded for improvements if the building didn't count.

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It was moved by Maule and supported by Zemar to award 1 point for Section 4 (5).

Zemar	Aye
Maule	Aye
Blomquist	Abstain
Alessandrini	Nay
Revord	Nay
Schinderle	Nay

Motion Failed (Aye-2, Nay-3, Abstain -1)

Section 4 (4)

Petrucelli indicated that making the existing building's siding match, constructing a driveway and landscaping the area should be considered remediating blight. Stanchina reiterated the idea that points should be awarded for blight removal on a building that did not count and that a detail of the plan was not in that application. Jo Poulin objected to the City's definition of blight and noted that non-exterior drawings were present. Brad Butler asserted that there was no way the building wouldn't look better when the project is completed.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to deny the points for Section 4 (4)

Zemar	Nay
Alessandrini	Aye
Revord	Aye
Maule	Nay
Schinderle	Aye
Blomquist	Abstain

Motion Passed (Aye-3, Nay-2, Abstain -1)

Scoring Appeal for Medical Marihuana License Re: Tree of Life Center

See audio for names

Dave Fraser presented his case as to why an option-to-purchase agreement should count as a capital investment. He relayed that his number did not include any fluff. Stanchina imparted that he has no requirement to purchase the proposed facility. Pirkola confirmed that no deals can be made at this point regarding building purchases and that doing so could reduce top-end investment options.

It was moved by Revord and supported by Alessandrini to deny the request for additional points on Section 2.

Alessandrini	Aye
Revord	Aye
Schinderle	Aye
Zemar	Nay
Maule	Nay
Blomquist	Abstain

Motion Passed (Aye-3, Nay-2, Abstain -1)

Blight Issue

Craig Canterbury and Fraser outlined the blight at the proposed facility. Stanchina relayed that there is no blight present.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Zemar to give two points for Section Four.

Maule	Aye
Schinderle	Nay
Revord	Nay
Blomquist	Abstain
Alessandrini	Aye
Zemar	Aye

Motion Passed (Aye-3, Nay-2, Abstain -1)

Stanchina read the updated results.

Alessandrini thanked the audience and City Council for attending the meeting.

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Adjournment

It was moved by Maule and supported by Alessandrini to adjourn.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Isaac P. Micheau". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'I'.

Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer