

VILLAGE OF RICHMOND
PLAN COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
5600 HUNTER DRIVE
SEPTEMBER 19, 2019
7:00 pm

Chairperson Lauri Olson called the September 19, 2019 Plan Commission Special Meeting to order at 7:01 PM, 5600 Hunter Drive, Richmond, Illinois.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Plan Commissioner/Chairperson Lauri Olson, Plan Commissioners: Judi Jones, Brian Luedke, John Murray, Isabell Sottile and Marge Stermer.

ABSENT: Plan Commissioner Tom Van Daele.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Anthony Pena, owner of several cannabis facilities, addressed questions and provided answers, as well as, discussed with the Plan Commission what he would be looking for if he receives a license for a Richmond facility.

Commissioner Luedke questioned Mr. Pena's comment that it is proven that crime is down when you have cannabis facilities in your community. Commissioner Luedke requested a copy of the study that supports his comment.

Commissioner Murray asked how many jobs would be created for a facility. Mr. Pena replied (12) twelve jobs. Mr. Pena stated that if he were to open a craft grower facility, as well, then an additional (22) twenty-two jobs.

Commissioner Olson asked if smoking of products are allowed in his facility. Mr. Pena stated that his facility is not a smoke shop/lounge.

Commissioner Olson asked what the result would be for individuals living in Wisconsin, but purchase cannabis in Illinois. It would be noted that the individual could be charged.

Commissioner Olson asked how cannabis can be transported in a vehicle. Chief Cetrangolo stated that it would be handled the same way as liquor.

Commissioner Stermer asked how cannabis facilities in Richmond would affect the Police Department. Mr. Pena stated that in the municipalities where they already have cannabis facilities, they are not seeing an impact. It was noted that tax revenue would be used to train and offset some of the police expenses having to deal with cannabis.

Commissioner Olson asked if the (10) ten licenses Mr. Pena would be applying for would be used for facilities located together or spread out. Mr. Pena stated that the licenses would be spread out.

Commissioner Olson asked how much competition Mr. Pena has from others. Mr. Pena stated that he currently has (55) fifty-five.

The Plan Commissioner set the date for a Public Hearing to address the text amendment required for zoning and regulations of cannabis facilities in the Village of Richmond for Monday, October 7, 2019 at 6:00 PM, which will take place at the Village Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, Commissioner Olson moved to adjourn the September 19, 2019 Special Plan Commission meeting, seconded by Commissioner Stermer. The motion was approved by voice vote. The Special meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karla L. Thomas
Village Clerk