

MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITIES

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Timothy J. Moury (President)
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- David C. Espinar
- Lindsay Flinn
- Joseph Janosik
- John Oakes

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- Police Chief: Timothy O'Connor
- Mayor: Jack T. Allen
- Solicitor: Robert L. McTiernan, Esquire

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DATE: Monday, September 11, 2023
TIME: 7:10 p.m.

PLACE: Municipality of Bethel Park
5100 West Library Avenue
Bethel Park, Pennsylvania 15102

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Reported by: Kim Simms Strnisa

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(Commencing at approximately 7:10 p.m.)

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PRESIDENT MOURY: Okay. I'd like to call to order the Public Hearing for the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Medical Marijuana Facilities.

Ms. Denne, would you please call the roll.

MS. DENNE: Dr. Campbell?

DR. CAMPBELL: Here.

MS. DENNE: Mr. Cenci?

MR. CENCI: Here.

MS. DENNE: Mr. Consolmagno?

MR. CONSOLMAGNO: Here.

MS. DENNE: (No response.)

MR. ESPINAR: Here.

MS. DENNE: Ms. Flinn?

MS. FLINN: Here.

MS. DENNE: Mr. Janosik?

MR. JANOSIK: Here.

MS. DENNE: Mr. Moury?

PRESIDENT MOURY: Here.

MS. DENNE: Mr. O'Brien?

MR. O'BRIEN: Present.

1 MS. DENNE: Mr. Oakes?

2 MR. OAKES: Here.

3 PRESIDENT MOURY: We have eight
4 members present. This is a Public Hearing
5 for proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment,
6 Medical Marijuana Facilities.

7 The proposed ordinance amends the
8 Zoning Ordinance to add provisions and
9 regulations for medical marijuana facilities.
10 The definition section now includes
11 definitions for academic, clinical research
12 center, medical marijuana dispensary, and
13 medical marijuana grower/processor.

14 It is also -- it also includes a
15 statement that all definitions in the Medical
16 Marijuana Act, Act 16 of 2016, and
17 incorporated by reference, the Ordinance would
18 permit a medical marijuana dispensary under
19 4,000 square feet in a C-1 Zone, academic
20 clinical research centers in a C-2 Zone, C-3,
21 and C4 Zones, and medical marijuana growers/
22 processors in the MLI Zoning District.

23 The Public Hearing, the way this will
24 work is, Mr. Harbison, who's our Municipal
25 Planner, will give a brief overview. We will

1 then open it up for public comment. People in
2 -- the proponents in favor will have an
3 opportunity to speak. Or the opponents;
4 people opposed to this proposed zoning
5 ordinance amen- -- ordinance amendment would
6 have an opportunity to speak.

7 So at this time, can we turn to Jerry
8 Harbison, who is our Municipal Planner.

9 MR. HARBISON: Okay. Good evening.

10 The Ordinance was reviewed by your
11 Planning Committee back in January of this
12 year. And through the transition of my job,
13 it wasn't carried through. So we're picking
14 up the ball here and proposing the ordinance
15 for you tonight.

16 It's been prepared by the Municipal
17 Solicitor, and reviewed by the County and
18 Planning Commission. You have their letter
19 dated January 30th.

20 It was advertised in the local
21 Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on August 24th and
22 August 31st.

23 And that's the status of the
24 Ordinance. If you have any questions, I'd be
25 happy to answer them.

1 PRESIDENT MOURY: Thank you very
2 much.

3 At this time, I would like to turn
4 to the Public Comment section.

5 People, proponents that would be in
6 favor of this ordinance?

7 (No response.)

8 PRESIDENT MOURY: Let the record show
9 there were none.

10 Any opponents; people that would be
11 oppose today this ordinance?

12 (No response.)

13 PRESIDENT MOURY: Let the record show
14 there are none.

15 Is there any discussion from Council?

16 DR. CAMPBELL: I just have a
17 question. I'm still trying to wrap my head
18 around this. What's the academic clinical
19 research center? How do you define that?
20 What exactly is involved with that?

21 Can you give us any insights on that,
22 please?

23 MR. HARBISON: Sure. You have to be
24 located in an accredited medical school. And
25 I believe there's only maybe 19 of them in the

1 state. And the closest one, I believe, is
2 Pitt. They have a research center there for
3 medical marijuana.

4 But I believe there might be only
5 one facility in the Municipality. It might be
6 St. Clair Hospital that is a -- that could be
7 a potential place for this use if -- and you
8 have to apply through the state and meet their
9 standards also.

10 But I would say the likelihood of one
11 of those being located in the Municipality is
12 pretty low.

13 DR. CAMPBELL: Thank you.

14 PRESIDENT MOURY: Is there any other
15 discussion?

16 (No response.)

17 PRESIDENT MOURY: Hearing none, just
18 for the record, we'll be -- we have our
19 regular meeting scheduled at 7:30. This item
20 will be back on the agenda.

21 So we'll be back out at 7:30 for our
22 regular monthly meeting. This will be one of
23 the items we will be considering.

24 Could I have a motion to adjourn,
25 please.

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MR. OAKES: Motion to adjourn.

DR. CAMPBELL: Second.

PRESIDENT MOURY: There's a motion
by Mr. Oakes, second by Dr. Campbell.

All in favor, say aye.

DR. CAMPBELL: Aye.

MR. CENCI: Aye.

MR. CONSOLMAGNO: Aye.

MS. FLINN: Aye.

MR. JANOSIK: Aye.

PRESIDENT MOURY: Aye.

MR. O'BRIEN: Aye.

MR. OAKES: Aye.

PRESIDENT MOURY: Opposed?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT MOURY: We'll be back out
for the 7:30 meeting.

(Whereupon, the Public Hearing was
adjourned at 7:14 p.m.)

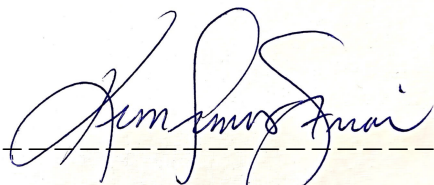
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I hereby certify that the transcript of the proceedings and evidence contained herein are a true and accurate transcription of my stenographic notes taken by me at the Bethel Park Council Public Hearing of the within cause, taken on September 11, 2023, and that the transcription was reduced to printing under my direction, and that this is a true and correct transcript of the same.

DATE
10/5/23



Kim Simms Strnisa
Certified Court Reporter

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