



THE CITY OF FROSTBURG

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Frostburg Municipal Center Meeting Room 100
37 S. Broadway, Frostburg, MD 21532

1. Call to Order

Chair Best called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Chair Conrad Best, Karen Krogh, Ray Rase, Adam Ritchey, Richard Russo, Jeff Snyder, and Eric Stevens were present.

3. Chair's Procedural Statement; Comments; Announcements

The Chair asks that anyone presenting business before the Commission, or any individuals who would like to comment on business before the Commission or other concerns, please come forward at the appropriate time and state your name and address for the record. Each meeting is recorded, so please speak clearly.

4. Approval of the Minutes

A. Commissioner Rase made a motion to approve the June 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Krogh seconded the motion, a vote was taken, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

5. Citizen Comments

From Floor; intended for topics unrelated to the current agenda items

6. Project Presentations

A. MD Department of Planning - Annual Report

Staff detailed the Maryland Department of Planning's Annual Report, which asks the City's planning department various questions. The City also provided the State with the number of new residential permits issued over the course of the year. The City also requested assistance and clarification from the State regarding H.B. 805.

7. Discussion Items

By Chair and Members of the Commission

A. Classification of Permanent Makeup Services as Body Art or Beauty Salon Services

A licensed cosmetologist approached the City about adding permanent makeup to their services. The City of Frostburg expressed uncertainty on how to proceed with regulating these services, particularly whether they should be considered as tattooing or as an ancillary beauty salon service. Staff noted to the Commission that the State of Maryland treats permanent makeup as tattooing, however, the service falls under the State's Cosmetology Board, creating some ambiguity. Staff also noted differences that exist between traditional tattooing and permanent makeup practices. These include differences in the number of prongs between permanent makeup needles and tattoo needles, one compared to three, respectively. Ink used in permanent makeup services is not injected as deeply into the skin as compared to traditional tattooing and is not "as permanent" as traditional tattoos, needing "touched-up" after around one to three years. Commissioner Rase expressed

unsureness as to why the City's zoning ordinance treats body art studios differently than beauty salons and parlors and supported a text amendment to change the policy. Commissioner Rase made a motion to consider permanent makeup an ancillary beauty salon service. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion, a vote was held, and the motion was unanimously carried. A motion was made to draft a text amendment that would remove the existing zoning differences between beauty salons and body art studios. The motion was seconded, a vote was held, and the motion was unanimously carried.

8. Administrative Business and Communication Received

A. Comprehensive Plan Update

Staff gave an update on the progress of the current comprehensive plan process. Staff discussed the desire to establish a steering committee for the process and offered a seat or two to any sitting commissioner who is interested in participating. Commissioners Rase and Best expressed interest.

B. MD House Bill 805 Update

Staff expressed uncertainty regarding provisions contained in H.B. 805 and the location of a potential cannabis dispensary in the City. Staff stated that they have reached out to the State, and hopes to have clarification on the matter for the August 2024 Planning Commission meeting.

9. Staff Reports

10. Adjournment

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Rase, and Chair Best called the meeting to a close at 7:21 P.M.