

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
MARIJUANA LICENSING AUTHORITY MINUTES
April 28, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Downing called a meeting of the Northglenn Marijuana Licensing Authority to order on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 7:51 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 11701 Community Center Drive, Northglenn.

ROLL CALL Present were: Mayor Downing, Mayor Pro Tem C. Dodge, Council members Snetzinger, Mullica, W. Dodge, Brown, Carrico, Whitman, and Wieneke.

ABSENT None.

STAFF PRESENT City Manager Pick, City Attorney Hoffmann, and City Clerk Small.

**APPROVAL
OF MINUTES:**

April 14, 2014

MOTION TO PASS Council member Whitman **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Snetzinger to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2014 meeting as presented.

MOTION PASSED There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Downing, C. Dodge, Snetzinger, Mullica, W. Dodge, Brown, Carrico, Whitman, Wieneke.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - None.

PUBLIC HEARING:

AJO Holdings, LLC dba
High Society Medical
Cannabis

Mayor Downing opened the public hearing on the new Medical Marijuana Center License application submitted by AJO Holdings, LLC dba High Society Medical Cannabis and read a statement regarding the jurisdiction and procedures of the hearing. There were no objections to the jurisdiction or form of proceedings.

Attorney Hoffmann provided a summary of the application filed by AJO Holdings, LLC dba High Society Medical Cannabis for the premises at 920 W. 104th Avenue. Attorney Hoffmann spoke about the preliminary findings and the applicant's burden of proof to show

there is a need for the medical marijuana business in the City pursuant to Section 18-14-7(h) of the Northglenn Municipal Code.

All individuals intending to provide testimony were placed under oath by the City Clerk.

Mr. Aidan O'Donovan, AJO Holdings, LLC, provided sworn testimony about the application for a medical marijuana center license at 920 W. 104th Avenue. Mr. O'Donovan provided information about his background, education, and experience in the marijuana industry. Mr. O'Donovan spoke about the financing of the proposed business and stated it is his intention to apply for and operate a dual medical and retail marijuana business in the future. Mr. O'Donovan distributed copies of the conditional licenses that have been issued by the State of Colorado for the marijuana business and a map depicting the proposed location and the current locations of other marijuana businesses in Northglenn. Mr. O'Donovan spoke about the proposed business location and distributed a petition signed by individuals in support of the new medical marijuana business. Mr. O'Donovan provided testimony about his business plan and sales tax revenue from marijuana businesses, and stated the location would also benefit residents of the surrounding communities. Mr. O'Donovan stated his business would be unique due to his experience, production processes, operating a fully organic garden with locally sourced nutrients, and providing discounts to Northglenn residents. Mr. O'Donovan stated there is a need for the business at the proposed location and expressed his desire to operate the business in Northglenn.

Mr. O'Donovan addressed questions from the Authority regarding parking at the proposed location, cultivation for the business, the location's proximity to Northglenn High School, the ownership structure of company, and the lease term, security, and signage for the building. Mr. O'Donovan spoke about his communications with other businesses in the shopping center and stated the businesses are in favor of the application.

Mr. Alrik Hanson spoke in favor of the application. Mr. Hanson stated he is the owner of a small retail business next to the proposed location and stated the new business would benefit the shopping center and the community. Mr. Hanson stated he believes Mr. O'Donovan would offer quality products and stated he feels there is a need for the business based on inquiries he has received from customers at his business.

Mr. Brandon Banks spoke in favor of the application. Mr. Banks stated he has worked with Mr. O'Donovan for the past four years in the marijuana industry and spoke about his experience cultivating marijuana. Mr. Banks stated he feels the proposed business located on 104th Avenue would be an asset to the City.

Ms. Peggy Victorine spoke in favor of the application. Ms. Victorine stated she works with Mr. O'Donovan and has been involved in the marijuana industry for a number of years. Ms. Victorine commended Northglenn for allowing marijuana businesses and stated she believes this new business will generate a lot of tax revenue for the City. Ms. Victorine stated she lives close to the proposed location and would utilize the business.

Mayor Downing called for anyone wishing to speak in opposition to the application to come forward. There was no response.

Mr. O'Donovan thanked Council for considering the application and stated he is eager to do business in the City of Northglenn.

Mr. O'Donovan answered questions from the Authority regarding the control of edible products and stated the production of edibles would be done in-house to maintain quality control.

Attorney Hoffmann stated the petition submitted by the applicant would be entered into the record as evidence.

Mayor Downing closed the public hearing.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Snetzinger **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Wieneke to direct the Attorney for the Authority to prepare, for action on May 12, 2014, a draft resolution approving the medical marijuana center license application filed by AJO Holdings, LLC dba High Society Medical Cannabis.

MOTION FAILED

There was discussion and the motion **FAILED**.
IN FAVOR - C. Dodge, Snetzinger, W. Dodge, Wieneke.
OPPOSED - Downing, Mullica, Brown, Carrico, Whitman.
ABSENT - None.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Carrico **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Brown to direct the Attorney for the Authority to prepare, for action on May 12, 2014, a draft resolution denying the medical marijuana center license application filed by AJO Holdings, LLC dba High Society Medical Cannabis.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.

IN FAVOR - Downing, Mullica, Brown, Carrico, Whitman.

OPPOSED - C. Dodge, Snetzinger, W. Dodge, Wieneke.

ABSENT - None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

JOYCE DOWNING
Mayor