## CITY OF NORTHGLENN MARIJUANA LICENSING AUTHORITY MINUTES March 9, 2015

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Pro Tem C. Dodge called a meeting of the Northglenn

Marijuana Licensing Authority to order on Monday, March 9, 2015 at 8:26 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 11701 Community

Center Drive, Northglenn.

**ROLL CALL** Present were: Mayor Pro Tem C. Dodge, Council members

Snetzinger, W. Dodge, Carrico, Whitman, and Wieneke.

**ABSENT** Mayor Downing, Council members Mullica and Brown.

STAFF PRESENT Acting City Manager Willett, City Attorney Hoffmann, and City

Clerk Small.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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MOTION TO PASS Council member Snetzinger MOVED and it was SECONDED by

Council member W. Dodge to approve the minutes of the February 9,

2015 meeting as presented.

MOTION PASSED There was no discussion and the motion PASSED.

IN FAVOR - C. Dodge, Snetzinger, W. Dodge, Carrico,

Whitman, Wieneke.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Downing, Mullica, Brown.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** 

New Retail Marijuana
Store License Application –
AJO Holdings, LLC
d/b/a Natural Selections

Mayor Pro Tem C. Dodge opened the public hearing on the new retail marijuana business license application filed by AJO Holdings, LLC d/b/a Natural Selections for the premises at 920 W. 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 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 and spoke about the applicant's burden of proof to show there is a need for an additional retail marijuana business in the City.

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Mr. Aidan O'Donovan, AJO Holdings, LLC, provided sworn testimony about the retail marijuana business license application for the premises at 920 W. 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. O'Donovan spoke about his desire to operate both a medical and retail marijuana business and provided information about the operation of his current medical marijuana business. Mr. O'Donovan spoke about employees, security at the business, and his plan to donate a portion of the proceeds to charitable organizations. Mr. O'Donovan stated approximately 15-20 people per day inquire about purchasing retail marijuana from his business, and stated his proximity to Broomfield, Thornton, Westminster, and Federal Heights will draw customers from communities that prohibit marijuana businesses. Mr. O'Donovan stated a retail marijuana business will contribute to the City's tax revenue and expressed his desire to operate a medical and retail marijuana dual operation in Northglenn.

There were questions from the Authority regarding the trade name of the business, preventing students from nearby schools from entering the business, the business being located in an urban renewal area, and the need for an additional retail marijuana business.

Mr. O'Donovan provided testimony about the trade names on the company's lease documents and stated he currently utilizes a security guard who is present at the business and patrols the perimeter to deter students from approaching the business. Mr. O'Donovan acknowledged the business is located in an urban renewal area and inquired about plans for the area. Mr. O'Donovan provided testimony about the number of potential customers who inquire about purchasing retail marijuana per day and stated there is a need for a retail marijuana store to serve customers in the City and from surrounding jurisdictions.

Mayor Pro Tem Dodge called for any person wishing to speak in support of the application to come forward. There was no response.

Mayor Pro Tem Dodge called for any person wishing to speak against the application to come forward. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

## **MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Wieneke **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Snetzinger to direct the Attorney for the Authority to prepare a draft resolution approving the retail marijuana business license application filed by AJO Holdings, LLC d/b/a Natural Selections and for the draft resolution to be presented to the Authority for action on March 23, 2015.

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MOTION PASSED

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Northglenn City Council

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

CAROL DODGE
Mayor Pro Tem