

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 13, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a meeting of the Northglenn Marijuana Licensing Authority to order on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 7:13 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL Present were Mayor Leighty, Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa, Council members Burns, Jaramillo, Kondo, Roper, Goff, Nowicki, and Walker.

ABSENT None.

STAFF PRESENT City Manager Geyer, City Attorney Hoffmann, and Senior Deputy City Clerk and Licensing Administrator Lisa Andrews.

**APPROVAL
OF MINUTES:**
November 13, 2023

MOTION TO PASS Council member Goff **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2023 meeting as presented.

MOTION PASSED There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Jaramillo, Kondo, Roper, Goff, Nowicki, Walker.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - None.

The Green Solution, LLC
d/b/a The Green Solution
Manager Registration

Sr. Deputy City Clerk Andrews presented an overview of the application submitted by The Green Solution, LLC to register Leonardo Contreras as the on-site manager for the Northglenn establishment. The application was not eligible for administrative approval due to potentially derogatory information pertaining to the background investigation conducted on the proposed on-site manager. Specifically, a fingerprint based criminal history report disclosed a record of arrest and/or conviction for Leonardo Contreras. The background investigation form filed by the proposed manager asks: "Have you ever been convicted of a crime or received a suspended sentence, deferred sentence, or forfeited bail for any offense in criminal or military court or do you have any charges pending?" Leonardo Contreras answered "no." In response to the inconsistency between the background investigation and the information provided in the applicant's background investigation

form, an amended document was filed which provided the answer “yes” to the question and provided detailed information regarding the applicant’s criminal history. In addition, a letter of reference and a copy of a standard operating procedure titled “Manager Registration (Northglenn, CO) was filed.

Leonardo Contreras was present on behalf of The Green Solution, LLC and Garrett Graff was present as the applicant’s legal counsel. There was discussion regarding the inconsistency on the background investigation form filed with the application. Leonardo Contreras stated there was an initial misunderstanding regarding the specific question on the background investigation form. An amended form was filed to show a correction and provide additional information. Leonardo Contreras also provided information regarding his personal background and professional experience in the marijuana industry.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve the manager registration filed by The Green Solution, LLC d/b/a The Green Solution.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Jaramillo,
Roper, Goff, Nowicki, Walker.
OPPOSED - Kondo.
ABSENT - None.

Physician Preferred
Products, LLC d/b/a
Doc’s Apothecary
Annual Renewal and
Modification of Premises

Sr. Deputy City Clerk Andrews presented an overview of the applications for renewal of the retail marijuana store and medical marijuana center licenses and modification of premises filed by Physician Preferred Products, LLC d/b/a Doc’s Apothecary. The applications were not eligible for administrative approval due to potentially derogatory information regarding the conduct of the Licensee with respect to their cultivation operations and inventory tracking. Specifically, on July 25, 2023, the State Licensing Authority issued an order of summary suspension related to the State medical and retail marijuana cultivation licenses held by Physician Preferred Products, LLC and a former employee. The suspensions were applicable to the cultivation licenses for the Northglenn establishment. Under the order, the medical center and retail store were allowed to continue operating, but cultivated product that was the subject of the suspension could not be distributed while the order was in effect. Seventeen violations are alleged to have occurred in

2020 and 2022 related to: 1) Tampering and/or manipulating product safety test samples submitted for the evaluation of potency and microbial contamination; and 2) Inaccuracy or omission of data entered by the Licensee into the State's Marijuana Inventory Tracking System and within the Licensee's manifest reports. On April 3, 2024, the State Marijuana Licensing Authority advised that a hearing on the matter had been vacated and an agreement was reached between Physician Preferred Products, LLC and the State Licensing Authority regarding the allegations. The employee that was the subject of the suspension was terminated immediately. In addition, Physician Preferred Products, LLC agreed to not operate any cultivation facilities for a period of five years. Accordingly, they will not renew the cultivation licenses for the Northglenn establishment.

Dr. Joseph Ramos was present on behalf of Physician Preferred Products, LLC d/b/a Doc's Apothecary. Dr. Ramos provided information regarding the alleged violations and stated that Physician Preferred Products, LLC does not wish to cultivate product anymore. As such, only the retail marijuana store and medical marijuana center licenses will be renewed. Dr. Ramos also requested approval to modify the premises to turn the former cultivation spaces into offices and storage.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Goff **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to approve the medical marijuana annual renewal application filed by Physician Preferred Products, LLC d/b/a Doc's Apothecary.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Jaramillo,
Kondo, Roper, Goff, Nowicki, Walker.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - None.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Nowicki **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa to approve the retail marijuana annual renewal application filed by Physician Preferred Products, LLC d/b/a Doc's Apothecary.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Jaramillo,
Kondo, Roper, Goff, Nowicki, Walker.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - None.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Burns **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Jaramillo to approve the modification of premises

application filed by Physician Preferred Products, LLC d/b/a Doc's Apothecary.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Jaramillo,
Kondo, Roper, Goff, Nowicki, Walker.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Marijuana Licensing Authority meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

LISA ANDREWS, CMC
Sr. Deputy City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor