

PALMER LAKE (Cont. from 1)
 unchanged. Trustee Kuehster pointed out that the proposed legislation actually goes beyond the question the town voted on, because it prohibited both growing and selling while the ballot question addressed only sales.

Dino Salvatori, owner of Palmer Lake Wellness, stated that his state licenses al-

low him to sell any excess medical marijuana he may cultivate to other businesses with the appropriate licenses—in other words, to sell some medical marijuana on a wholesale basis. The council amended the ordinance to allow these sales and to prohibit all non-medical cultivation and retail sales.

Only Trustee Kuehster voted against

the amended ordinance, stating he wanted the ordinance to address just retail sales and not cultivation for non-medical purposes, so that the community would not lose tax revenue.


The second issue related to marijuana involved a proposed amendment to Ordinance 4, 2010 that aimed to prohibit medical marijuana cultivation in M1 (light industrial) zones, restricting it to C2 (commercial) zones. Residents have contacted the council to request this change to keep cultivation farther from parks. Only commercial cultivation facilities, often called “grows,” would be affected by the amendment. Trustee Russell expressed reservations that this change might create a de facto monopoly on cultivation, since there would be no


spaces available in C2 zones, and that it might limit economic development.

Resident Gary Atkins stated he did not want to see cultivation centralized on the east side of town because that would not be fair to families living there. The council voted unanimously to table the amendment until the next meeting.

Sign ordinances examined

Jim Adams of the Planning Commission spoke to the council about the Planning Commission’s recent approval of three signs that exceeded legal size limitations. Town regulations limit signs to a maximum of 20 square feet. There was little notification to the public before the approval of the signs, and consequently little public input on the required zoning variances, Adams said.





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