

CITY OF PANORA

City Council Meeting

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR MONDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2026 AT 5:30 P.M.

I. Mayor Thornberry opened the council meeting at 5:30 p.m. and called Roll. Council members present were Roger Dorr, Brian Dorsett, Tom Flanery, and Blake Michelsen. Mark Sheeder was absent. Staff attending were Doug Long-Electrical Superintendent and Lisa Grossman-City Administrator. The meeting was accessible electronically through GoToMeeting as allowed by Section 21.8 of the Iowa Code.

II. Approval of Agenda – Dorsett made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Dorr. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Public Forum – JoAnn Johnson and Paulette Chambers from the Panora Garden Club shared an update on the club’s ongoing projects and contributions to the community. They also requested that the Council consider including financial support in the upcoming budget, as this year’s flower costs reached \$2,500.

IV. Consent Items – Dorr moved to approve the minutes of 04-13-26 Regular Meeting and a Retail Tobacco License for Dollar General Store #30801 from DOLGENCORP LLC, seconded by Flanery. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Council Business

A. Council Member Dorsett introduced the second reading of an ordinance entitled “Ordinance No. 363. An Ordinance amending Title V City Zoning Ordinance, specifically Chapter 4 Zoning Regulations, section 5-4-20 Light Industrial District.”

It was moved by Council Member Dorsett and seconded by Council Member Dorr that the Ordinance be now received, placed on file, and read by the City Clerk, the Mayor put the question on the motion and the roll being called, the following named Council Members voted:

Ayes: Dorr, Dorsett, Flanery, Michelsen
Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion duly carried and declared that said ordinance had been given its second consideration.

It was moved by Council Member Dorsett and seconded by Council Member Flanery that the statutory rule requiring said ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two City Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended and that said ordinance be regarded as having been considered and voted on for passage at two prior Council meetings. The mayor put the question on the motion and the roll being called, the following named Council Members voted:

Ayes: Dorr, Dorsett, Flanery, Michelsen
Nays: None.

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Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion duly carried.

It was moved by Council Member Dorsett and seconded by Council Member Flanery that the ordinance entitled: "Ordinance No. 363. An Ordinance amending Title V City Zoning Ordinance, specifically Chapter 4 Zoning Regulations, section 5-4-20 Light Industrial District," be now put upon its final passage and adoption.

The Mayor put the question on the motion and the roll being called, the following named Council Members voted:

Ayes: Dorr, Dorsett, Flanery, Michelsen

Nays: None.

Whereupon the Mayor declared said ordinance duly adopted and signed approval to said ordinance as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 363

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF PANORA, IOWA, by amending Title V City Zoning Ordinance, specifically Chapter 4 Zoning Regulations, section 5-4-20 Light Industrial District.

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Panora, Iowa.

SECTION 1.

2. Permitted Uses. The following uses are permitted in the LI District:

A. Agriculture, including the usual agricultural buildings and structures; however, not including any residential farm dwellings.

B. Any non-residential building or use which would not be hazardous, obnoxious, offensive or unsightly by reason of odor, sound, vibrations, radioactivity, electrical interference, glares, liquid or solid waste, smoke, or other air pollutants.

C. Storage, manufacture, compounding, processing, packing and/or treatment of products, exclusive of the rendering or refining of fats and/or oils.

D. Manufacture, compounding, assembly and/or treatment of articles or merchandise derived from previously prepared materials.

E. Assembly of appliances and equipment, including manufacture of small parts.

F. Wholesale distribution of all standard types of prepared or packaged merchandise.

G. Sale and storage of building materials.

H. Contractors' offices and storage of equipment.

I. Public or private utility substations, relay stations, etc.

J. Professional and semi-professional office buildings and clinics

K. Fitness and exercise facilities

L. Retail sales, display rooms, and services conducted entirely within building.

M. Churches or accessory facilities

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SECTION 2. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances that are in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged as invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This Ordinance shall be in effect from and after the later to occur of its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed and approved April 27th, 2026.

Curtis Thornberry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Grossman, City Clerk

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 363 was published as required by law on the _____ day of _____ 2026.

SIGNED

Lisa Grossman, City Administrator

B. The council held a discussion regarding building inspection services. Adam Holiday of Veenstra & Kimm was present to answer questions from the council.

C. Resolution 26-20 was then considered, approving an updated Professional Building Inspection Services Agreement with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. Dorsett made a motion to approve, seconded by Michelsen. With the roll being called, the resolution carried unanimously.

D. An amended resolution supporting the Hometown Pride program grant application was brought forward for consideration. Midwest Partnership Director Brenda Dudley attended the meeting to address questions about community participation and interest in the program. Following discussion, the council determined that this is not the right time for Panora to pursue the Hometown Pride grant and chose not to approve the amended resolution.

E. No action was taken regarding Amended Resolution 26-14, a Resolution in support of submission of an application to the "Hometown Pride" program.

F. A request was submitted from the Panora Chamber of Commerce regarding support of an official slogan for the city of "Come for the View, Stay for the People." Mayor Thornberry asked if the council had any comments. Members present all voiced their support of the use of the slogan. No further action was taken.

VI. Information Items. Administrator Grossman provided a verbal report to the Council. There was no update on the EMS Advisory Committee.

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Mayor Thornberry asked for a motion to adjourn. Michelsen made a motion to adjourn at 6:03 p.m., seconded by Flanery. With the roll being called, the motion carried unanimously.

Curtis Thornberry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Grossman, City Administrator