



**REGULAR PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 7, 2018**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairperson Lynn Motley, Vice-Chairperson Joshua Spare, Secretary John Lopez, Commissioners Cheryl Smith, Janie Adhikari, Eduardo Carranza, Shawn Connor, Clayton Fisher, Max Coleman, Eduardo Carranza.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Steve Norwood, Director of Development Services, David Jones, Chief City Planner, Charles Lee, Senior Planner, Savannah Ware, Senior Planner, Colby Collins, Planner, Planner, Daon Stephens, Transportation Planner, Walter Shumac, Transportation Director, Mark Dempsey, Deputy City Attorney, Chris Hartmann, Executive Assistant.

Chairperson Motley called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers in the City Hall Building at 6:30 p.m. Chairperson Motley gave the invocation, Commissioner Spare led the pledge of allegiance to the US Flag, and the pledge of allegiance to the Texas Flag.

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA Item #21– TA180501 - Text Amendment - Article 11, Alcohol Update. Amendment to the Unified Development Code, Article 11, "Performance Standards". Chief City Planner David Jones presented the case report and gave a Power Point presentation to approve to revise regulations restricting alcohol sales in restaurants. The applicant is the City of Grand Prairie.

Mr. Jones stated in an effort to streamline auditing procedures and align Grand Prairie more closely with our larger market, it is requested that CCDC examine changes to existing alcohol percentage limitations for restaurant/food service establishments. The relevant state code is Section 69.16 of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code, which reads:

Sec. 69.16. FOOD AND BEVERAGE CERTIFICATE. (a) In this section, "location" means the designated physical address of the retail dealer's on-premise license and includes all areas at the address where the license holder may sell or deliver alcoholic beverages for immediate consumption regardless of whether some of those areas are occupied by other businesses.

(a-1) A holder of a retail dealer's on-premise license may be issued a food and beverage certificate by the commission if the commission finds that the receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages by the license holder at the location are 60 percent or less of the total receipts from the location

Mr. Jones said State law further requires that the holder of a Food and Beverage Certificate must have permanent food service facilities for the preparation and service of food at the location. Adoption of this amendment would replace existing city regulations which limit the sale of alcohol to 30 percent or less of total receipts. The Development Review Committee recommends approval of the noted amendments to the Unified Development Code.

Chairperson Motley noted there were no questions for staff, opened the public hearing, and called for individuals wishing to speak on this item.

There being no discussion on the case Commissioner Spare moved to close the public hearing and approve case TA180501 as presented and recommended by staff. The action and vote being recorded as follows:

Motion: Spare

Second: Coleman

Ayes: Adhikari, Carranza, Coleman, Connor, Fisher, Lopez, Motley, Smith, Spare

Nays: None

**Approved: 9-0**

Motion: carried.