

A Public Hearing was held May 8, 2023 in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Chris Borne, Mayor Pro Tem Mark McAdams, Councilmember Rhonda Dugas, Councilmember Paul Oliver, and Councilmember Rob Vensel present.

Mayor Borne called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. The Notice of Public Hearing was read as follows: "Notice is hereby given that a Joint Public Hearing between the City Councilmembers and the Planning and Zoning Commissioners will be held on Monday, May 8, 2023, directly following the regular City Council Meeting, which begins at 5pm, at 3947 Lincoln Avenue. Request by owner for the property listed herein. To consider request from Stephen Marcantel granting him a Specific Use Permit for Game Room & Gaming Machines @ 5130 Twin City Hwy., LT 4 TR 1 11.82 AC & TR 7 .394 AC BLK 8 RG F PALCO 4900-5170 Twin City Hwy."

Mayor Borne then asked Mr. Marcantel to please explain his request. Mr. Marcantel stated that he would like to see his business operate for another year. Mr. Marcantel also stated that he has never had any issues or violations at this business. Mr. Marcantel then stated that he runs his business as clean as he can and now has security 24 hours a day.

Mayor Borne then asked for questions from City Council and Mayor Pro Tem Mark McAdams asked Mr. Marcantel if this is for a renewal and he stated it was. Councilmember Vensel asked what would the approval dates be if the Specific Use Permit was approved and Mayor Borne stated that the 12 months would start from the approval date.


Mayor Borne then asked for questions from Planning and Zoning Commission and there were none.

Mayor Borne then asked if there were any property owners within 200 ft who wish to speak in support of the request and there were none.

Mayor Borne then asked if there were any property owners within 200 ft who wish to speak against the request and Erik Tolro of 5248 Twin City Highway spoke. Mr. Tolro stated that his property is immediately behind this location. Mr. Tolro stated that his opposition is that he is not saying there has been any issues at the Game Room but he has 20 years of Law Enforcement experience and that game rooms attract a lot of illicit activity. Mr. Tolro also is curious if the security Mr. Marcantel was speaking of are licensed security officers or just people that are assigned as security. Mr. Tolro also suggested looking at any police calls made to that location for the previous year before a vote is made.

Mayor Borne then asked if there were any Citizens of Groves who wish to speak in support of the request and there were none. Mayor Borne then asked if any Citizens of Groves wished to speak against the request and there were none.

Mayor Borne read the following statement: "Statement that no action will be taken at this meeting; the Planning and Zoning Commission will meet independently and submit a recommendation to the City Council; final determination of the request will be made at a future City Council Meeting."
Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

