



CITY OF LITHONIA
MINUTES – ZONING PUBLIC HEARING VIRTUAL MEETING
Monday, May 18, 2020 @ 4:00 PM

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Zoning Public Hearing was called to order at 4:05 PM by Mayor Shameka S. Reynolds. A roll call was taken and the following Council Members were present: Diane Howard, Amelia Inman, Vanneriah Wynn, and Ric Dodd. Darold Honore joined the call later.

II. Application requesting Special Exception Use for property located at 6926 Main Street that would allow for a restaurant serving alcohol

a. Report from Bill Johnston, Zoning Administrator

Bill Johnston recommended based on the findings and conclusions, approval of the special exception use that will allow establishment of a restaurant that serves alcohol at 6926 Main Street, is appropriate, subject to ensuring that no light emanating from the property shall present an adverse impact to nearby uses and shall be directed downward and onto the property.

b. Presentation by Applicant (10-minutes allotted, including rebuttal)

Presentation was made by Mr. Frank Redding, acknowledging his excitement to be part of the city of Lithonia. As someone who has an impeccable reputation, Situations Restaurant and Lounge will attract a mature crowd, as a restaurant that will serve alcohol, not a club that will sell food.

c. Presentation by Persons Opposed to the Application (10 minutes allotted)

No persons were in attendance to oppose the application.

d. Presentation by Persons In-Favor of the Application (10 minutes allotted)

No persons were in attendance in favor of the application.

e. Closing of Public Hearing

The public hearing closed after hearing from the applicant, and the zoning administrator.

f. Deliberation by Council on Zoning Administrator's Recommendations and Presentations

Council deliberated with concern that not enough businesses are open during the day, type of clientele that will show respect to the community, noise levels, type of music according to age, and hours of operation.

g. Decision

Councilwoman Inman motioned to approve the alcohol serving special exception use permit for Situations Lounge located at 6926 Main Street; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Howard, and approved by a vote of 5-0.

III. Adjournment of Zoning Hearing

Councilwoman Howard motioned to adjourn the Zoning Public Hearing; the motion was seconded by Councilman Dodd; and approved by a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM.