



MINUTES
Regular
Azle Planning and Zoning
Commission

505 W. Main Street
Azle, Texas 76020

June 18, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Jim Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Vice Chair Jim Carlson
Commissioner Rick Simmons
Commissioner Cynthia Barrios
Commissioner Curt Lampkin

Members Absent:

Chairman Leonard Wheeler
Commissioner Jared Arneson
Commissioner Laurel Mosier

Staff Present:

David Hawkins, AICP Director of Planning and Development

INVOCATION

Vice Chairman Jim Carlson gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Rick Simmons led the pledge.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Consider approval of the Minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting held June 4, 2026.**

Commissioner Rick Simmons moved to the approve the Minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting held June 4, 2026. Commissioner Curt Lampkin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Yes: (4) Jim Carlson, Rick Simmons, Curt Lampkin, Cynthia Barrios
Absent: (3) Jared Arneson, Laurel Mosier, Leonard Wheeler

PUBLIC HEARING

2. **Conduct a public hearing and consider making a recommendation to the City Council regarding a Specific Use Permit request to operate a “smoke shop and tobacco store” business for property located at 342 Northwest Parkway, Suite 202 and also known as Lot 1, Block 1, Stardust Addition. The property is located on the southeast corner of the Northwest Parkway and Dunaway Lane intersection. The applicant is requesting a Specific Use Permit to operate a “smoke shop and tobacco store” business at this location. Case No. SUP2026-04**

Director of Planning and Development David Hawkins presented this item. This request is for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to operate a smoke shop and tobacco store. Mr. Hawkins explained that, as of April 2, 2024, the City Council passed an ordinance to require a SUP for this type of use. The proposed location is 342 Northwest Pkwy., Ste. 202 at the former Stardust Skating Rink, which has been renovated to Salon and Spa Galleria and includes two commercial spaces. Staff sent letters to property owners within 200'. Two letters of opposition were received today and copies were provided to the Commissioners at their seats.

Vice Chairman Jim Carlson opened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

Applicant Ramavathy Korada, 8017 MacArthur Blvd. #3084, Irving, spoke about the proposal, stating they will operate strictly by federal, state, and local regulations. They will perform under 21 ID checks. They have a strict "no loitering" policy and a strict no consumption of the smoke products on the property. The hours will be 10am to 9pm, Monday through Friday. They will not have "flashy" signage. Ms. Korada's son, Monish Korada, 8017 MacArthur Blvd. #3084, Irving, stated that they will also be open on Sundays from 12noon to 8pm. The Korada's stated there will be no ATM machine, no lottery, no sales of alcoholic beverages. They are only focusing on the smoke products complying with federal, state, and local regulations. This is their first location, but they do have experience working at a smoke shop in another city. They will have pipes and cigarettes. There will be no gaming machines. Vapes will be allowed. All of the smoking products will be included in the store.

As there were no other speakers, Vice Chairman Jim Carlson closed the public hearing at 6:13 p.m.

Discussion included the number of smoke shops, that nine are located within a two-mile area, no distance requirement from the neighboring church, and that there are no additional parking requirements.

Commissioner Rick Simmons moved to accept this proposal for the smoke shop. Commissioner Curt Lampkin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Yes: (3) Jim Carlson, Curt Lampkin, Rick Simmons

No: (1) Cynthia Barrios

Absent: (3) Jared Arneson, Laurel Mosier, Leonard Wheeler

OTHER ITEMS

3. Development Project Updates.

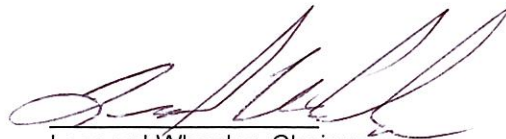
Director of Planning and Development David Hawkins presented this item. He provided development updates regarding Chick-fil-a, Jersey Mike's, the Azle Retail Development across from Walmart, the industrial park on the west side of town, and several other updates regarding previous SUP and plat cases, code amendments, the Kmart building, and the current count of available platted lots.

ADJOURNMENT

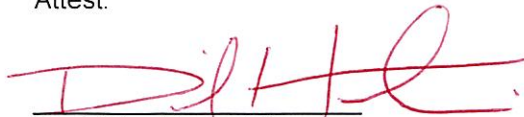
Vice Chairman Jim Carlson adjourned the meeting at ____.

Presented and approved on

July 16, 2024


Leonard Wheeler, Chairman

Attest:


David Hawkins, AICP
Director of Planning and Development

