

**Excerpt from Draft Minutes
Planning & Zoning Commission
Meeting of August 18, 2016**

Public Hearing To Consider And Act On An Ordinance To Amend The Zoning And Establish A Special Use Permit For An Amusement Arcade (Excluding Adult Arcade) With Special Conditions On An Approximately 7,500 Square-Foot Lease Space Zoned (LR-2) Local Retail District And Located At 2701 Old Denton Road; Amending The Official Zoning Map Accordingly. **Case No. 08-16SUP2 Java Gaming Café.** Case Coordinator: Michael McCauley.

McCauley presented the case and stated the games were not the standard simulated gambling devices where you would typically earn coupons to exchange for gifts. He noted in the stipulations that no alcohol would be served and no simulated gambling devices shall be allowed highlighting those conditions were in the applicant's narrative. No comments were received from the public.

Hee Choi, owner of Java Gaming Café, 2701 Old Denton Road, #132, stated that the Café is a 3-in-1 family-friendly venue. The restaurant would serve Mexican, Asian, Fusion food; have a Bubble Tea Coffee station with an arcade based 60-game computer game consoles and also X-boxes, Play Stations and Nintendos. He played a video from CNN reporting on the League of Legends, a gaming sport. He stated that gaming is a really large sport in Asia that is drifting over to America and talked about the growth in the sport with some universities giving scholarships. He also showed a clip by ESPN of the 2016 Heroes of the Dorm tournament which included UT Arlington vs Arizona State. He stated their intent is to create a venue for all ages; stated they would not serve any alcohol; would not have any gambling devices, and would not allow smoking. He stated that he agrees with all of staff's stipulations.

Romo asked if there were any other gaming cafés nearby and Mr. Choi replied Shadow Land in Richardson and PC Gaming in Garland. He advised that those only have the gaming area; no coffee area or restaurant. He stated those only serve chips and cold drinks and the venues were smaller. He stated that UTD, SMU and UNT have teams and the café would offer enough room to host a tournament for them. He also talked about the quality of the equipment he would offer. Romo asked about age restrictions and Mr. Choi replied that there would be employees on both floors to supervise the activities. He further stated there were restrictions on what web sites could be accessed.

Sundaran asked if there would be games like Madden available for people like him and Mr. Choi replied they would have those types of games as well as Wei and other games that are appropriate for all ages. He stated he also hopes to have an area for private parties for birthdays and such; also a person could go in just to eat. He explained that his brother-in-law opened five locations in Korea about 10 years ago and has experience in such a venture.

Chadwick voiced a concern with the 2:00 am closing time on the weekends and asked the applicant if he would consider changing it. Mr. Choi likened it to a bar that closes at 2:00 am in

that people who don't want to drink would have a place to go to meet like-minded people. With regard to the age groups, Mr. Choi felt it would be teenagers to 40 plus.

Chair McAninch opened the public hearing and, there being no speakers, she offered the applicant an opportunity to make closing comments.

Mr. Choi stated he and his family has been residents of Carrollton since 1999 and wants to create a great venue for the City and hopefully bring more people and business to the area. He stated they don't want to do anything illegal or bad for the community. He thanked the Commission for their time and consideration.

Chair McAninch closed the public hearing and opened the floor for discussion or a motion.

*** *Averett moved to approved Case No. 08-16SUP2 Java Gaming Café with staff stipulations; second by Romo and the motion was approved with a unanimous 8-0 vote, (Daniel-Nix absent).***