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Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2024

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Staff Report (For Possible Action – Recommendation to City Council): Case No. **TXT23-00005 (Title 18 Zoning Code Clean-Up)** – A request has been made to adopt an updated Title 18 (Annexation and Land Development Code of the City of Reno) of the Reno Municipal Code to address grammatical errors, inconsistencies with regulations, unintended deletions or insertions, and changes from the 2023 legislative session; together with matters which pertain to or are necessarily connected therewith. [**Ward City-wide**]

Public Comment:

John McGinnes

Tyler Colton (via Zoom)

Angela Fuss, Assistant Director of Development Services, gave the staff presentation on the zoning code clean-up. The presentation included information on the changes being made, the public outreach process that was used, and topics that are not included in the clean-up.

Questions:

Commissioner Velto asked if the concern raised during public comment regarding cabaret licenses is something that can be addressed by Council.

Ms. Fuss explained the background of how live entertainment came to be addressed in 2021 through a zoning code update. Live entertainment is now allowed in every zoning district but there are rules, including the requirement of a conditional use permit for any business that wants live entertainment after 11:00 p.m. This may be something that a lot of businesses are not understanding. It is not limiting 24-hour businesses, but if you want live entertainment after 11:00 p.m., a conditional use permit is required. We are not coming after businesses that have been operating with a cabaret license. As long as we have some kind of documentation that says they were approved through the city for live entertainment they are grandfathered in. Any new business that comes in, has to follow today's rules for live entertainment.

Commissioner Villanueva asked if it is possible some of the confusion expressed during public comment is related to prior entitlements for live entertainment.

Ms. Fuss confirmed that is possible and stated that staff now has a spreadsheet with every entitlement related to live entertainment so they can better track it with the Code Enforcement team. Also, prior entitlements are tied to business owners and a conditional use permit is tied to the land. There are no changes to live entertainment being proposed here, that was done through a separate text amendment. We need to better educate the business community on what they are entitled to and what rights they have.

It was moved by Kerry Rohrmeier, seconded by Manny Becerra, to recommend that City Council approve the text amendment by ordinance, with the edit to section 18.03.405(h)(2) as discussed. Motion Pass.

RESULT: Approve [6 TO 0] **MOVER:** Kerry Rohrmeier, Vice
Chair
SECONDER: Manny Becerra, Commissioner
AYES: Armstrong, Becerra, Del Villar, Rohrmeier, Velto, Villanueva
NAYS:
ABSENT: J.D. Drakulich
ABSTAIN:
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