

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2007 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
405 PASEO DE OÑATE, ESPAÑOLA, NEW MEXICO**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Joseph M. Maestas (absent)

Mayor Pro Tem Alice Lucero

Councilors Rosario "Chayo" Garcia
Danielle Duran
Eddie Maestas
Helen Kain Salazar
Dennis Tim Salazar
Alfred Herrera
Cecilia Lujan (absent)

Staff Angela Rosalina Pacheco
Veronica Martinez
Lucas Gauthier

Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Pro Tem Lucero presented the agenda for approval:

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Request for Issuance of Liquor License to Palo Alto, Inc., dba Pizza Hut #23823

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilor Duran. The motion passed 7/0.

Public Hearing

The public hearing regarding the request for issuance of a liquor license to Palo Alto, Inc. dba Pizza Hut #23823 was opened at 6:02 p.m. Kent Contreras, the Vice President of Operations for Palo Alto Pizza Hut spoke in favor of the issuance, stating that the new location of pizza hut required a whole new application process, even though they had a license at the previous location. He stated that although it was a beer and wine license, they only sold beer.

Mayor Pro Tem Lucero asked for additional comments from the public. There were none. The public hearing was closed at 6:04 p.m.

Councilor Garcia declared a conflict and that she would not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter.

Councilor Kain Salazar asked what happened to the old license and whether it had just expired. Mr. Contreras stated that it was a whole new application process for a new license.

Councilor Duran stated that the city should consider having a liquor outlet policy to regulate the number of outlets in the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Lucero stated that issue had come up before, but could not be enforced because the state can approve the license requests even if the city denies them, and the city does not have the final decision.

Councilor Herrera asked for clarification of what churches were within 300' of the establishment. Veronica Martinez pointed out that the application declared The Rock to be the nearest at 2,000'.

Councilor Garcia commented that JoAnn's Restaurant had a full license and were just across the street from The Rock.

Councilor Maestas made a motion to approve the request for issuance of the license, seconded by Councilor Kain Salazar.

Councilor Kain Salazar voted for the motion, Councilor Garcia abstained from voting, Councilor Maestas voted for the motion, Councilor Herrera voted for the motion, Councilor Duran voted for the motion, Councilor Salazar voted for the motion, Mayor Pro Tem Lucero voted for the motion. The motion passed 6/0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

PASSED APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th day of December 2007.

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