

**NORMAN PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 8, 2018

The Planning Commission of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of the Norman Municipal Building, 201 West Gray Street, on the 8th day of February, 2018. Notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Norman Municipal Building and online at <http://www.normanok.gov/content/boards-commissions> at least twenty-four hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Chair Neil Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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Item No. 1, being:

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sandy Bahan
Nouman Jan
Neil Robinson
Erin Williford
Lark Zink (arrived at 6:38 p.m.)
Dave Boeck
Tom Knotts
Andy Sherrer

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chris Lewis

A quorum was present.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Susan Connors, Director, Planning &
Community Development
Jane Hudson, Principal Planner
Janay Greenlee, Planner II
Roné Tromble, Recording Secretary
Larry Knapp, GIS Analyst II
David Riesland, Traffic Engineer
Ken Danner, Subdivision Development
Manager
Drew Norlin, Asst. Development Coordinator
Terry Floyd, Development Coordinator
Kathryn Walker, Assistant City Attorney
Elisabeth Muckala, Assistant City Attorney

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Item No. 12, being:

O-1718-38 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA AMENDING CHAPTER 22 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORMAN TO ADD “AGRI-WEDDING VENUES” AS A SPECIAL USE IN THE A-1 AND A-2 ZONING DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE USE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.

ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD:

1. Staff Report
2. Ordinance No. O-1718-38

PRESENTATION BY STAFF:

1. Jane Hudson reviewed the staff report, a copy of which is filed with the minutes. Staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. O-1718-38, amending the Zoning Ordinance to allow for the use of an agri-wedding venue within the rural/agricultural areas of the City, providing an additional opportunity for property owners to further utilize their property.
2. Mr. Boeck – So this is a business. We're talking about an agri-business where they would be, on a regular basis – just like wedding chapels or golf club clubhouses that have weddings on a regular basis and make money doing that. Is that what we're talking about here?
3. Mr. Knotts – I think it's intended to be an adjunct to an existing agricultural endeavor. But it's still a business.
4. Ms. Hudson – Currently it's set at ceremonies are limited to no more than four times per week.
5. Mr. Boeck – That's a lot of weddings in one week.
6. Ms. Hudson – And I'm sure it will be seasonal, too.
7. Mr. Boeck – Parking. Is there any requirement in terms of like paved parking, since these are now going to be businesses with up to four times a week having 10 to 20 to 30 cars?
8. Ms. Hudson – The off-street parking requirement is in the ratio of one parking space for each 3 attendees, based on the maximum number for acreage.
9. Mr. Boeck – And that's paved parking?
10. Mr. Knotts – No.
11. Mr. Boeck – Not paved parking?
12. Ms. Hudson – No. As proposed, the parking areas consisting of dirt, grass, gravel, asphalt, or concrete are considered an approved parking surface for this use.
13. Mr. Jan – Seems like they can also have an after-wedding concert. According to the limitations of noise.
14. Mr. Knotts – A reception, but not a concert.
15. Ms. Bahan – They say you can have it if it's included with the wedding venue.
16. Ms. Hudson – In the definitions it says this use does not include outdoor concerts, live music events, or retreat events not associated with a wedding venue.

17. Mr. Boeck – But typically a wedding venue, if they have a reception there – have the wedding and reception, the reception includes the chicken dance, but it's done by a DJ with a sound system.

18. Ms. Bahan – We're into decibels again.

19. Ms. Hudson – But it specifically says a noise permit, if applicable, as noted. They would have to follow Chapter 10.

20. Mr. Knotts – I think this is a great ordinance.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

Dave Boeck moved to recommend adoption of Ordinance No. O-1718-38 to City Council. Nouman Jan seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, a vote on the motion was taken with the following result:

YEAS	Sandy Bahan, Nouman Jan, Tom Knotts, Neil Robinson, Lark Zink, Dave Boeck, Erin Williford, Andy Sherrer
NAYES	None
MEMBERS ABSENT	Chris Lewis

Ms. Tromble announced that the motion, to recommend adoption of Ordinance No. O-1718-38 to City Council, passed by a vote of 8-0.

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