

12 October, 2021 City Council Meeting

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Good evening. Marcy Galle Squawk Creek Road in Willow Park.

I was a little disappointed the poker room was not listed on the agenda to provide counsel an opportunity to straighten out the situation in a public meeting. I assume the absence of this topic in closed session means that there is no lawsuit. Using a potential lawsuit to avoid discussing the matter during the meeting is not in the best interest of the public. If council is discussing this matter one on one with the attorney, you are not upholding the spirit of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

There was a similar gambling room request in the city of Fort Worth earlier this year like -- March, April. And that poker room was issued a special use permit by the Planning and Zoning Commission, but the city council denied the request. The room would have gone into intensive industrial use zoning and the term amusement was referenced once in the staff memo. But it was still denied by the city council.

The other item missing from tonight's agenda would have addressed the new amusement zoning. I would like to urge the council again to bring this issue back at the next meeting in order to direct staff to begin the process of cleaning up that ordinance in particular. Uses need to be clarified and any ambiguity that might lead to confusion and misinterpretation in the future should be removed.

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