

ITEM NO. 8 TEXT AMENDMENT FOR EVENT CENTER USE (JSC)

TA-15-00443: Consider a Text Amendment to the City of Lawrence Development Code, Chapters 4, 5, 9 and 17, to define and create an *Event Center* use. *Initiated by Planning Commission on 8/24/15.*

STAFF PRESENTATION

Mr. Jeff Crick presented the item.

PUBLIC HEARING

No public comment.

ACTION TAKEN

Motioned by Commissioner Liese, seconded by Commissioner Denney, to approve revised text for Articles 4, 9, and 17, and forwarding of the proposed text amendments to Chapter 20, Articles 4, 9, and 17 to the City Commission with a recommendation for approval and adoption.

Mr. McCullough asked Planning Commission to have a brief discussion about whether the Special Use Permit was the right vehicle or whether allowing them by right was the best method. He said staff landed on a Special Use Permit because it would allow City Commission a wider range of context to which to put conditions to and have a public process.

Commissioner Liese thanked staff.

Commissioner Britton felt a Special Use Permit was the right tool, especially in a residential neighborhood.

Commissioner Kelly agreed with Commissioner Britton's comments. He asked staff why the GPI District was included.

Mr. Crick said the Lawrence Arts Center, which was zoned GPI, could be rented out in that capacity.

Unanimously approved 8-0.