Docket Item #15-B
DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2002-0015
2100 MT VERNON AV (WELSH SITE)

Planning Commission Meeting June 4, 2002

ISSUE:

Consideration of a request for a development special use permit, with site

plan, for construction of a woodworking shop and office, with zone transition

setback modification and to allow tandem parking.

APPLICANT:

Thomas J. Welsh

LOCATION:

2100 Mt. Vernon Avenue

ZONE:

R-2-5/Residential (CL Pending) and CL/Commercial Low

<u>Planning Commission Action, June 4, 2002</u>: On a motion by Ms. Fossum, seconded by Mr. Robinson, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the development special use permit with site plan. The motion carried on a vote of 7 to 0.

<u>Reason</u>: With the addition of three conditions, governing operating hours, fumes, and noise, the Commission supported the application.

Speakers:

Stephen Keonig, architect for the applicant, stated that the applicant agrees with staff position and conditions.

Carolyn Herda, 113C E. Windsor Avenue, spoke in opposition, reading a letter that she submitted to the Commission saying that the current operation is loud, that the owner operates late into the night, and that fumes from paints, glues and solvents are used in the operation.

Frank Lefler, 109 E. Windsor Avenue, spoke in opposition.

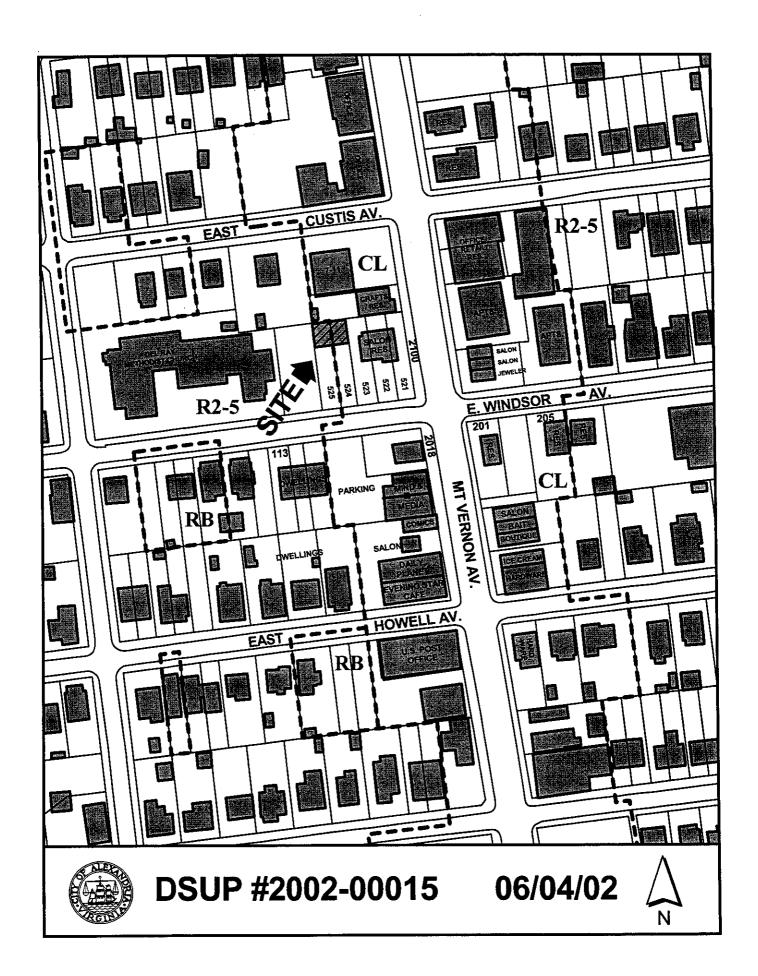
Mary Tatlisu, 113A E. Windsor Avenue, spoke in opposition expressing concern about odors, fumes, and traffic from deliveries.

Pat Miller, 1806 N. Cliff Street, as president of the Potomac West Business Association, spoke in support of the application. She praised the applicant for the improvements already made to the main residence grounds, and voiced expectation that the new structure will be built with the same great care.

Amy Slack, 2307 E. Randolph Avenue, spoke in support of the staff position. She noted that the Welshes have improved the property, and stated support for setbacks, generally, to protect residential areas from commercial development.

Gayle T. Reuter, 110 E. Del Ray Avenue, spoke in support. She praised the current condition of the property, and said that the new improvement will enhance the property and that the use adds to the diverse mix that is sought on Mt Vernon Avenue.

Dave Shuman, 22 E. Windsor Avenue, spoke in support. He said that home and property values in Del Ray have been increasing as properties have changed hands from absentee landlords to resident owners. He stated that the Welshes have been model residents and homeowners.



STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval subject to compliance with all applicable codes and ordinances and the following conditions:

- 1. Consolidate the existing five legal lots, numbered 521 through 525, into one lot of record prior to issuance of the certificate of occupancy for the new woodworking shop and office. (P&Z)
- 2. Relocate the picket fence along Windsor Avenue to the subject property. If not relocated to the subject property, an encroachment must be approved by the city. (P&Z)
- 3. Provide a landscape hedge along the west side property line to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Zoning. (P&Z)
- 4. Stripe the parking lot along East Windsor Avenue in accordance with the spaces represented on the submitted site plan. (P&Z)
- 5. The landscaping shown on the site plan for the woodworking shop shall be maintained and cannot be eliminated unless Planning Commission and/or City Council approve an amendment to this DSP or a new DSP for redevelopment on the site. (P&Z)
- 6. The applicant shall plant a large shade tree along the south property line, near the southeast corner of the parking lot off East Windsor Avenue, to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Zoning. (P&Z)
- 7. The applicant will complete a security survey with the Police Crime Prevention Unit upon completion of the project. (Police)
- 8. The applicant shall comply with the City of Alexandria's Noise Control Code, Title 11, Chapter 5, which sets the maximum permissible noise level as measured at the property line. (T&ES)
- 9. The applicant must comply with the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act in accordance with Article XIII of the City's zoning ordinance for storm water quality control. (T&ES)
- 10. Show all existing and proposed water facilities on the site plan. (T&ES)
- 11. The applicant shall attach a copy of the final released site plan to each building permit document application and be responsible for insuring that the building permit drawings are consistent and in compliance with the final released site plan prior to review and approval

of the building permit by the Departments of Planning and Zoning and Transportation and Environmental Services. (P&Z)

- 12. The hours of operating woodworking equipment shall be limited to 8 AM to 8 PM Monday through Saturday.
- 13. No noise from mechanical woodworking equipment shall be allowed above the maximum permissible sound levels for residential use areas. (PC)
- 14. The applicant shall control odors and fumes from the property to prevent them from becoming a nuisance to neighboring properties, and shall handle and dispose of all hazardous materials, including glues, paints and solvents, in accordance with all local, state, and federal ordinances or regulations and shall not discharge these substances into the sanitary or storm sewers. (PC)

Special use permits and modifications recommended by staff:

- 1. Modification to reduce required 25 feet residential zone transition-setback to 3 feet (5' setback for building wall and 3' setback for projecting eave)
- 2. Special use permit to provide tandem parking to meet parking requirement.

Staff Note: In accordance with section 11-506(c) of the zoning ordinance, construction or operation shall be commenced and diligently and substantially pursued within 18 months of the date of granting of a special use permit by City Council or the special use permit shall become void.

BACKGROUND:

The applicant, Thomas J. Welsh, requests approval of a development special use permit, with a site plan, to replace an existing detached garage located in the northwest corner of the property with a new, larger commercial outbuilding to accommodate a specialized woodworking shop at 2100 Mount Vernon Avenue. The subject property, a corner parcel, is five lots of record with a total lot area of 14,490 square feet. Access to the property is from both Mount Vernon Avenue and E. Windsor Avenue. In conjunction with this request, the applicant is requesting to change the master plan designation and zoning for the westernmost of the five lots from R-2-5 Residential to CL Commercial Low (Case MPA #2002-0002), making the fifth lot's zoning consistent with the remainder of the property and to allow the proposed commercial use.

The subject property is developed with a main dwelling unit, with first floor commercial, and an accessory two car garage. The existing main building is a two-story frame building with a covered open wraparound front porch and open rear porch. Its architecture suggests that the building was originally constructed as a residence. Real estate assessment records indicate the building was constructed in 1920 and is identified as a contributing structure in the Town of Potomac Historic District. During the past several years, the applicant has extensively renovated the building, which is now operated as the Anne Welsh Salon, with living quarters on the second floor. The existing one-story detached garage is located at the northwest corner of the lot, less than two feet from each property line.

The applicant proposes to demolish the existing garage structure, which has been used as a hobby woodworking shop, and replace it with a larger structure to be utilized by the applicant for a woodworking business.

	Length	Width	Overall Height	Floor Area
Original Garage New Structure	30.3' 40.0'	20.4' 24.0'	15' 22'	618 sq. ft. 1,440 sq. ft.
Change	+ 9.7'	+ 3.6'	+ 7'	+ 822 sq. ft.

The new structure is designed with sliding doors facing east toward Mount Vernon Avenue and glass doors facing East Windsor Avenue. The new detached structure is proposed to be built, including overhanging eaves, 3' from the west side property line and 1' from the north side property line, slightly further from the property lines than the existing structure (which is 1.9' from the west side property line and 1.8' from the north side property line). The proposed location requires a modification to the zoning regulations, which require the building to be set back 25' from each property line. The proposed use requires a parking reduction to allow existing tandem spaces to be utilized to meet the parking requirements for the new woodworking shop.

	PROJECT: SUMMARY OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT								
Property Address:	Property Address: 2100 Mount Vernon Avenue								
Total Site Area: 14,490									
Zone: CL within 96.77 feet of Mt Vernon Proposed rezoning to CL from R2-5 on rear 25 feet of property									
Current Use:	Current Use: Personal Services - Hair salon, massage, woodworking as a home occupa								
Proposed Use:	Personal Services and Retail - Hair salon, massage, woodworking and sales permitted in CL								
	Permitted/Required	Proposed							
Floor Area	Total - 7245 sq. ft. (Total existing - 3675 sq. ft.)	4,530 sq. ft. (new structure - 1,440 sq. ft.)							
FAR	0.50	0.31							
Yards	None for lots 521-525 (Pending lot 525 rezone)	n/a							
Zone Transition	Woodworking shop and office 1:1, min 25'	3' to eave (modification requested)							
Height	35'	20.5'							
Open Space	none	none							
Parking	2 spaces residential unit 2 spaces salon 2 spaces massage therapist 3 spaces woodworking shop 2 spaces woodworking shop office 12 total spaces	12 spaces, including 4 tandem spaces							

The proposed use, woodworking, is permitted within the CL zone under section 4-107(D) of the zoning ordinance. The applicant makes custom cabinetry for individual clients. He works alone or with one or two temporary part-time employees who assist for deliveries or installation. The applicant reports hours of 8 AM to 8 PM, Monday through Saturday. Clients will visit the shop on an individual basis to review proposals and specifications. Materials will be delivered once or twice per week, as needed, using a personal pickup truck.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff supports the proposed application. As noted in the report on the master plan amendment and rezoning, staff believes the change from R-2-5 to CL for the rear parcel is in keeping with the intent of the master plan and the character of surrounding development. The proposed woodworking shop is the type of low-scale commercial appropriate for Mount Vernon Avenue, with the provisions of 4-107(D) providing specially for such small-scale woodworking shops and similar uses. The full amount of parking required for the woodworking use -5 spaces—is provided, however the spaces are arranged in a tandem fashion on the driveway in front of the shop building, requiring a special use permit. Staff believes the number of spaces is more than adequate for the proposed use, and given the low volume nature of the use, that the tandem parking will function adequately.

Setback Modification

The significant issue raised by this application is the request to modify the zone transition setback requirement from 25' down to 3' in order to allow the new woodworking shop to be constructed at the northeast corner of the site, in the general location of the existing garage. The zone transition setback requirement of the zoning ordinance is intended to assure that commercial uses are set back a sufficient distance from residential uses in order to provide protection to the residential uses. While there are significant open areas on this site where a new building could be built that would not require a modification to the zone transition setback requirement, the applicant has proposed the corner location because he believes that a building in the location of the former garage will be less disruptive visually to adjacent neighbors, and will maintain much of the open space and landscaping along East Windsor and Mount Vernon Avenues.

Staff generally supports this approach. Staff believes that constructing the new building—even though it is significantly bigger and taller than the existing garage—at the location of the existing garage will best preserve the single family character of the lot and the main historic structure. While the Mount Vernon Avenue Urban Design Guidelines generally require that new structures occupy the lot frontage along Mount Vernon Avenue, the guidelines also require that development not overwhelm adjacent historic and architecturally significant structures. In this case, construction of the proposed workshop in a location other than the northwest corner of the property would detract from the prominent main structure, identified as a contributing structure in the Town of Potomac National Historic District. Additionally, an alternative location would consume open space along Mt Vernon and East Windsor Avenue that has historically served as a visual amenity for the neighborhood.

Although the new structure is proposed to be built within the zone transition setback area, staff does not believe the structure will have an adverse effect on any existing surrounding residences. In fact, the new shop will not be directly adjacent to any residential buildings; to the north an outbuilding

for The Candle Shop, at 2104 Mt. Vernon Avenue, abuts the proposed building site; to the west is a vacant parcel adjacent the manse for Del Ray Methodist Church; and at the northwest corner, the site just touches the southeast corner of the rear yard of the residence at 113 E. Custis Avenue.

The most potentially affected residential lot is the vacant residential lot immediately to the west on Windsor Avenue, which is owned by the adjoining church. If the vacant church lot is developed for a single family home in the future, the home could be designed so that it is well set back from the woodworking shop, and with its garage immediately adjacent to the woodworking shop as an additional buffer. The applicant has proffered, as part of the rezoning request, to install and maintain a landscape hedge between the new structure and the west side property line to soften the building wall facing the neighboring properties.

Additionally, as part of the site renovations completed by the applicant over the last several years, the property has been newly landscaped well above the level of crown coverage required by the zoning ordinance, including some significant landscaping along the side of the proposed woodworking building facing Windsor Avenue. The recently installed trees and other landscaping will provide soften and screen the building from Windsor Avenue. Staff is recommending that all of the landscaping shown on the site plan be required to be maintained as a condition of this approval, assuring that the open space that is being protected by the City's granting of a modification is protected unless further development or redevelopment of the site occurs with the permission of the Planning Commission and/or City Council. In addition, staff is recommending that the applicant plant one additional large shade tree along the south property line, near the southeast corner of the parking lot off E. Windsor Avenue, to shade the parking lot and screen the views of the building mass from the public right of way.

Finally, the applicant is proposing to utilize additional soundproofing measures that include building insulation and a six foot privacy fence, providing further protection to adjoining properties from any potential impacts of the business.

STAFF:

Eileen P. Fogarty, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning; Kimberley Johnson, Chief, Development; Stephen Milone, Urban Planner.

CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Legend: C - code requirement R - recommendation S - suggestion F - finding

Transportation & Environmental Services:

- C-1 The applicant shall comply with the City of Alexandria's Noise Control Code, Title 11, Chapter 5, which sets the maximum permissible noise level as measured at the property line.
- C-2 The applicant must comply with the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act in accordance with Article XIII of the City's zoning ordinance for storm water quality control.
- F-1 If the area of disturbance for the project remains below 2500 square feet the Article XIII Chesapeake Bay Program does not apply.
- F-2 T&ES has no objections or recommendations to the construction of wood shop.

Virginia American Water Company:

- R-1 There are no existing or proposed water facilities shown. If any new water facilities are required, please show them.
- F-1 Water service is available for domestic and fire protection use.

Code Enforcement:

- C-1 All exterior walls within 5 feet from an interior property line shall have a fire resistance rating of 3 hours, with no openings permitted within the wall. The wall shall be designed for fire exposure from either side.
- C-2 Prior to the issuance of a demolition permit or land disturbance permit, a rodent abatement plan shall be submitted to Code Enforcement that will outline the steps that will taken to prevent the spread of rodents from the construction site to the surrounding community and sewers.
- C-3 Roof drainage systems must be installed so as neither to impact upon, nor cause erosion/damage to adjacent property.

- C-4 A soils report must be submitted with the building permit application.
- C-5 New construction must comply with the current edition of the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC).
- C-6 The stair from the second floor shall be enclosed in a 1 hour fire resistance rating and shall discharge directly to the outside.
- C-7 Construction permits are required for this project. Plans shall accompany the permit application that fully detail the construction as well as layouts and schematics of the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems.
- C-8 Permission from adjacent property owners is required if access to the adjacent properties is required to complete the proposed construction. Otherwise, a plan shall be submitted to demonstrate the construction techniques utilized to keep construction solely on the referenced property.
- C-9 A wall location plat prepared by a land surveyor is required to be submitted to this office prior to requesting any framing inspection.

Police Department:

R-1 Security survey by the Crime Prevention Unit upon completion of the project.

Historic Alexandria (Archaeology):

F-1 Low potential for significant archaeological resources to be disturbed. No archaeological action required.

Parks & Recreation (Arborist):

No comments received from this department

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APPLICATION for DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL USE PERMIT with SITE PLAN DSUP # 2002-0015

PROJECT NAME: WELSH PROPERTY
PROPERTY LOCATION: 2100 MT- VERNOW AVE
TAX MAP REFERENCE: 034.04 02 03 ZONE: \$25 + CL
APPLICANT Name: THOMAS J - A WasH
Address: 2100 mg VORNOW AVO
PROPERTY OWNER Name: SAME AS ABOVE
Address:
SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL: REPLACE AN EXISTING STRUCTURE WITH A WHOD-
WERKING SHOP & BUSINESS OFFICE
MODIFICATIONS REQUESTED: RELIEF FROM TRANSITION ZONE SET BACK
REQUIREMENTS APPROVAL OF AN EXISTING TANDEM ARRANGEMENT
SUP'S REQUESTED: WHICH FULFILLS THE ENTIRE PARKING REQUIESMENT
THE UNDERSIGNED hereby applies for Development Site Plan, with Special Use Permit, approval in accordance with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia. THE UNDERSIGNED, having obtained permission from the property owner, hereby grants permission to the City of Alexandria to post placard notice on the property for which this application is requested, pursuant to Article XI, Section 11-301 (B) of the 1992 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia. THE UNDERSIGNED also attests that all of the information herein provided and specifically including all surveys, drawings, etc., required of the applicant are true, correct and accurate to the best of his knowledge and belief.
THOMAS J. WOISH Print Name of Applicant or Agent Signature
Print Name of Applicant or Agent Signature
2100 MT. VONNUN AVE 23 548-8583 703 - 836-143. Mailing/Street Address Telephone # Fax #
Aux. VA 72301 5/26/02 City and State Zip Code Date
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ACTION - PLANNING COMMISSION:
ACTION - CITY COUNCIL:

All applicants must complete this form.

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Yes.

No.

Supplemental forms are required for child care facilities, restaurants, automobile oriented uses and freestanding signs requiring special use permit approval.

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if required by the City Code.

Provide proof of current City business license

The agent shall obtain a business license prior to filing application,

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

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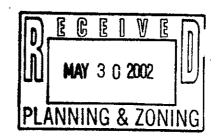
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	C.	Where is required parking located? (check one) [X] on-site [] off-site.
		If the required parking will be located off-site, where will it be located:
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RE: 2100 Mt. Vernon Ave.

Map 34.04 Block 02 Lot 03

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Sincerely,

Patrick H. Kirby

9 East Custis Ave.

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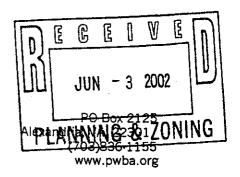
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FROM: Pat Miller, President
Potomac West Business Association

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All of the above are important to businesses in Potomac West and we hope you will agree. Thank you for your consideration.

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The reason this commercial venture will affect your property values, is that people who buy a \$250,000 to \$300,000 house do not normally invest this type of money in a piece of property beside an industrial park. Ask yourself the question, "Would I buy a home in Del Ray if I knew I was exposing my family to hazardous waste? "Would anyone else buy my home at the current rates if they were aware of this light "industrial-type" business"? THE ANSWER IS NO!

And lastly if none of this is meaningful to you, ask the folks who live near

American University, (where the Army buried the experimental weapons) and where all
the children have high levels of Arsenic in their blood, "how do they like their
neighborhood now"?

I spent some 40 years working with the Federal Government (33 years with the Navy) and I can tell you Department of Defense DOES NOT KNOW what to do about all the toxic waste they have created. YES, they will tell you that some 25-30 years later, there is no after-effect from the weapons and other toxins buried in that area.

I AM TELLING YOU THAT IS ALSO A FAIRYTALE!

Respectfully, C.O. Herda 113C East Windsor Avenue Alexandria, Virginia

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APPLICATION for DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL USE PERMIT with SITE PLAN DSUP # 2002-0015

PROJECT NAME: WELSH PROPER	7/	·
PROPERTY LOCATION: 2100 MT- VER	NOW AVE	
TAX MAP REFERENCE: 034.04 02	03ZONE:	R25 + CL
APPLICANT Name: THOMAS J & A	West Wasit	
Address: 2100 MG V	MNOW AVE	
PROPERTY OWNER Name: SAME 15	Arsovi	
Address:	•	
SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL: REPLACE AN EXIST	TING STRUCTURE W	ITH A WOOD-
WERKING SHOP & BUSINESS OFFICE		
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THE UNDERSIGNED hereby applies for Development Site P provisions of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia THE UNDERSIGNED, having obtained permission from Alexandria to post placard notice on the property for which this applicate the 1992 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia. THE UNDERSIGNED also attests that all of the information hetc., required of the applicant are true, correct and accurate to the best of	the property owner, hereby grant- tion is requested, pursuant to Article erein provided and specifically inclu-	s permission to the City of le XI, Section 11-301 (B) of
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Print Name of Applicant or Agent	Signatu	are
ZIO MT. VORNON AVE Mailing/Street Address	703 548-8583 Telephone #	103 - 836-143
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Fee Paid & Date: \$ Rec	eived Plans for Preliminary:	
ACTION - PLANNING COMMISSION: 6/04/02 R	ECOMMEND APPROVAL 7-0	
ACTION - CITY COUNCIL: 6/15/02PHSEE	ATTACHED (SEPARATE	MOTION)

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (continued)

ACTION CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)

Planning Commission (continued)

- 9. City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.
- 10. City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.
- 11. City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.
- 12. City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation. (Separate Motion)
- 13. City Council introduced the Ordinance on First Reading; set it for Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage on Tuesday, June 25, 2002. (Separate Motion)
- 14. City Council introduced the Ordinance on First Reading; set it for Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage on Tuesday, June 25, 2002. (Separate Motion)
- City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation with the following amendments: condition #6 was amended to read as follows: "6. The applicant shall plant large shade trees to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Zoning."; and condition #12 was amended to read as follows: "12. The hours of operating woodworking equipment shall be limited to 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, and not on Sunday." (Separate Motion)
 - 16. City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.
 - 17. City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.
- 18. City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation. (Separate Motion)

END OF	ACTION CONSENT CALENDAR	
Council Action:_	·	
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REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER

 Consideration of the Report and Recommendation of the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Commission in Regard to the Proposed 0.5 cent Regional Transportation Sales Tax. (Not a public hearing item.)

	City	Council	endorsed	the	sales	tax	referendum	and	will	work	on	behalf	of	its
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