

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
Tuesday – May 24, 2016
4:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Dowless opened the workshop at 4:38 p.m. He dispensed with the formalities

ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Mayor Bagshaw
Council President Dowless
Council Member Chotas
Council Member Fortini
Council Member Henley

City Clerk Bea L. Meeks
Planner Ellen Hardgrove
City Attorney Drew Smith
Sgt. Vince Jackson
Code Enforcement Officer Debbie Cabales

REVIEW & DISCUSSION (Workshop #3)

ORDINANCE 2016- -AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, FLORIDA, RELATING TO SIGNS; REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 5, CHAPTER VI OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO SIGNS; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR A PURPOSE, DEFINITIONS, PERMITTING PROCESSES AND APPEALS FROM SIGN PERMIT DENIALS; SIGNS, DECORATIONS, AND ARTWORK EXEMPT FROM PERMITTING; PROHIBITED SIGNS; GENERAL REGULATIONS AND SPECIFIC STANDARDS OF ZONING DISTRICTS; SIGN LIGHTING AND ILLUMINATION; EXISTING SIGNS WHICH WILL BE NONCONFORMING AFTER ENACTMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE; REMOVAL OF SIGNS, VARIANCES, SUBSTITUTION OF NON-COMMERCIAL SPEECH FOR COMMERCIAL SPEECH, CONTENT NEUTRALITY AS TO SIGN MESSAGE (VIEWPOINT), ILLEGAL SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY IN GENERAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY WHERE LESS SPEECH RESULTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO PROHIBITED SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROHIBITION ON BILLBOARDS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, CONFLICTS, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The following is noted:

- Council Member Chotas: p. 7/256-257 - “City Council desires to ~~prohibit...~~”
- Council Member Chotas : p. 8, lines 329/330 – Questioned why the City does not define wind signs.

- City Attorney Smith said that wind signs are prohibited.
- Council President Dowless: Correction at p. 12, line 481 except not ~~expect~~.
- Planner Hardgrove: p 12, lines 470/471- Questioned building or structure.
 - City Attorney Smith said both.
- Council Member Fortini questioned the allowance of feather flags.
 - City Attorney Smith said they are already prohibited as a wind sign and noted that on page 12, line 366 “signs set in motion by wind or other movement of the atmosphere.....”
- P14, lines 582/583 – City Attorney Smith and Planner Hardgrove discussed “artwork”. City Attorney Smith said you have to be careful with artwork because of content based; don’t want to over-regulate.
- P.16, lines 634/638-No permit required for just changing the copy area.

PERMIT APPLICATIONS

#7 Regarding the type of sign, square footage, etc. Planner Hardgrove said she needs a copy area illustration. City Attorney Smith said this is covered by the elevation drawing.

#8. Correction by Planner Hardgrove: “Number, type, location and surface area of all existing signs on the same property and or building on which the sign is to be located, including lot frontage, building frontage and business establishment.”

#9 Planner Hardgrove noted that calculations should be replaced with triangle (corner triangle).

P. 23, line 918 City Attorney Smith confirmed for Council President Dowless that the distance has not changed.

P. 18, lines 709-710 City Attorney Smith confirmed for Council Member Powell that if the application is rejected, the fee is not refundable. He said the fee is not for putting up a sign, it is for compensation of staff time.

P. 22, line 886 – Planner Hardgrove questioned mounted flags and the setback. She said the setback should be the width of the flag plus ten feet. Mayor Bagshaw said a flag cannot be in the right-of-way. City Attorney Smith said the flag is the sign, and if the flag is 20 feet then the setback is 30 feet. He said a flag should not extend beyond ten feet to front of property line.

5:32 p.m. Council Member Fortini left the workshop.

Council Member Chotas said the current Code is more onerous than this draft Ordinance. Mayor Bagshaw said he is meeting with John Moccio and other business owners to get their feedback.

GENERAL STANDARDS

Planner Hardgrove said the current Code allows a seven foot landscape buffer and a two foot clearance. She said the clearance needs to be changed from “the ground” to “the bottom of the sign”, if not, a hedge will have to be maintained 36 inches high. Mayor Bagshaw said he thought this was raised to three feet.

Continued discussion regarding allowing signs to be closer to the property line. Council Member Chotas asked if they should let business owners weigh in on the sign height. City Attorney Smith said Council should at least let the business owners know what Council is thinking.

P. 25, line 1010, Change “no greater than eight “ to “11 feet with 5 foot set back”.

P. 26, line 1052 - add at the end of the sentence – “ ..except as provided below for anchor tenants”

COMPREHENSIVE SIGN PROGRAM

Planner Hardgrove said she needs more direction and guidance. Council Member Chotas said he thinks flexibility should be provided and he wants the business community’s input.

Council Member Chotas questioned the coordination of signage and landscape. City Attorney Smith said signs are first priority. Once determined where you want the signage, then you can determine the landscaping.

In response to Council Member Chotas, Mayor Bagshaw said he thinks the Ordinance is close for Attorney Smith to make changes and then talk to business owners.

Comments:

Business owner Fran Pignone spoke about shopping centers that were created before the current Council. She said this is an administrative hearing that potentially affects the property owners. Council Member Dowless said this is not a new process. Council Member Chotas thanked Ms. Pignone for her comments.

Ivan Smith asked how many businesses will be affected by the changes in the Ordinance. Council President Dowless said the process started with looking at all the businesses.

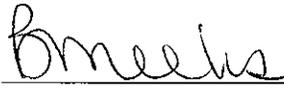
ADJOURNMENT

Having no more questions or comments, the workshop adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

ATTEST:



John Dowless
Council President



Bea L. Meeks, MMC, CPM, CBTO
City Clerk

Approved by Council on November 15, 2015.