

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 2, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present Chair Tim Trosper
Present Vice Chair Jenna Reilly
Present Commissioner Michael Hernandez
Present Commissioner Nathan Barrett
Present Commissioner Lee Cornelison
Present Commissioner Ronald Darrah
Absent Commissioner Ken Woodward

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING OF MARCH 7, 2016.

Commissioner Cornelison made the motion to accept minutes as presented; Vice Chair Reilly 2nd the motion. **MOTION CARRIED 6:0**

5. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

At this time, any member of the public is allowed to address the Commission on any issue ***not already on tonight's agenda***. Pursuant to the Arizona Meeting Law, the speaker's comments may not be considered, discussed or even answered by the Commission at this meeting, but may, at the discretion of the Commission, be placed on a future agenda for discussion/action.

No one came forward.

6. PUBLIC HEARING: A zoning code text amendment to Sahuarita Town Code Chapter 18.79 (Sign Standards), sections 18.79.030 (General Development Standards), 18.79.040 (Prohibitions), 18.79.100 (Permitted Signs by Zone), and 18.79.240 (Electronic Message Sign), the purpose of which amendment is to allow electronic message signs and providing development standards and review processes related to such signs. (Case No. SA8-15-00001).

Planning and Building Director, Sarah S. More, gave a presentation of the proposed amendment mentioned above and highlighted the changes from the December Commission public hearing. Director More requested that Commission forward a recommendation for approval.

Chair Trosper opened the public hearing.

Vice Chair Reilly was concerned that the businesses would use the signs to advertise products and/or vendors. Director More assured the Commission that no billboards will be allowed and all signs must be on site. Businesses can display the products on sale that day.

Vice Chair Reilly questioned if there were any limits placed on the transitions of messages. Director More stated that there were no restriction on the message transitions but if concern were to arise, Staff would bring the item back for amendment.

Chair Trospen asked that if this amendment is approved and adopted, will the signs be allowed in Conditional Use Permit areas. Director More responded that it would include these areas as long as Industrial and Commercial. Churches, small businesses, or medical offices within a residential zone will be limited to residential zoning provisions of the lighting code. These include a smaller maximum of sign square footage and a Conditional Use Permit, which will need Commission approval.

David Stowell, Pastor of The Assembly of God Church on La Canada, gave a handout to the Commission and staff that was in reference to any astronomical concerns. Mr. Stowell also expressed that the square footage of the allowable area of illumination on the signs is not a large area. Mr. Stowell continued to say that the signs aren't inexpensive and are an investment of about twenty thousand dollars. Mr. Stowell thanked the commission for reconsidering the issue.

Chair Trospen closed the public hearing and asked for a motion.

Commissioner Darrah made the motion to accept the amendment as presented by staff and forward a recommendation to Council; Commissioner Barrett 2nd the motion. **MOTION CARRIED 6:0**

7. PLANNING & BUILDING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Anna has begun working on the Content Neutral Sign amendment.
2. Four Commissioner's terms are expiring in June.

8. PLANNING COMMISSIONERS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

None.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.