

**KENT PLANNING COMMISSION
BUSINESS MEETING
JUNE 16, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Amanda Edwards
 Jeff Clapper
 Chris Clevenger-Morris

STAFF PRESENT: Eric Fink, Asst. Law Director
 Bridget Susel, Community Development Director
 Jennifer Barone, Development Planner

I. Call to Order

Ms. Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. Roll Call:

Ms. Edwards, Mr. Clapper, and Mr. Morris were present. Mr. Paino and Mr. Bruder were absent.

MOTION: *Mr. Morris moved to excuse Peter Paino from tonight's meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clapper.*

The motion carried 3-0.

MOTION: *Mr. Morris moved to excuse Michael Bruder from tonight's meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clapper.*

The motion carried 3-0.

III. Correspondence

None

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

A. Zoning Code Update: Work Session Eight

The proposed Zoning Code Text Amendment is being forwarded to the Commission for review and comment.

- Proposed Chapter 1110 – Signs

Ms. Barone introduced the major proposed changes.

The following are suggested changes as discussed:

Review figure number formatting that is on the same page and try to use similar size for graphics and text.

Section 1110.03, Definitions: (22) Mural – if the term mural is not used anywhere else in the sign chapter, it should be removed. This may need to be moved to the definition chapter for the Zoning Code itself since it is likely referenced in the administrative chapter for the ARB.

Section 1110.07(d), Exempt Signs: Discussion regarding why exempt the city. Mr. Morris suggested removing the city from this section since the police department had to go through both the ARB & PC. The words “of Kent” need to be added after “City” to clarify that other cities are not included in the exemption.

Section 1110.08(c): Mr. Paino questioned signs in the right-of-way. Ms. Susel noted that 501.13 covers this issue and code enforcement personnel remove signs.

Section 1110.07(g): Mr. Morris requested adding a definition for “public agency” to both the Sign Chapter and the Zoning Code. Staff will work on getting definition.

Section 1110.09(l): Standards for Specific Sign Types: after much discussion, Commissioners want to prohibit (l) Changeable Signs and Electronic Message Center Signs (EMCs) with the only exception being to allow gas stations to have an EMC panel for the displaying of fuel pricing only. Strike all references to EMCs and list EMCs in the “Prohibited Signs” section.

Section 1110.12, Sign Illumination, (D) Prohibited illumination: Strike the following phrases: “exposed bulbs or other illuminating devices” and “with the exception of electronic message center (EMC) signs.” (Commissioners discussed internally lit monument signs. No change to eliminate)

Sections 1110.15 and 1110.16: combine titles to create one section entitled “Dangerous and Abandoned Signs”. Under section (C) in the same section, add the following in the first sentence: “If the abandoned or dangerous sign...” The Commissioners discussed timeframe and financial responsibility.

Section 1110.17, Nonconforming Signs (D): Adjust text to read: “A legal nonconforming sign immediately loses its legal...” if any of the following occurs: such signs must be removed upon any of the following occurrences:

VIII. Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Morris moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clapper. The motion carried 3 – 0. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.