



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

Planning Commission Agenda

April 02, 2024, 6:00 PM

City Hall - Mayor McCullough Council Chamber

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CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes - March 5, 2024
Mary Csukas, City Clerk

OLD BUSINESS

1. Possible changes to sign regulations
Doug Parks, City Attorney

ADJOURNMENT



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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Conaway called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chair Robert Conaway
Commission Member Michael Feagin
Commission Member James Guy
Commission Member Noah Steinberg

ABSENT

Commission Member James Spivey

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Conaway led the Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes - November 8, 2023, Sarah Hunsinger, Assistant City Clerk

Chair Conaway called for a motion to approve the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes - November 8, 2023

Motion made by Commission Member Feagin, Seconded by Commission Member Guy. Voting Yea: Commission Member Feagin, Commission Member Spivey, Commission Member Guy, Commission Member Steinberg

NEW BUSINESS

2. Possible changes to sign regulations, Doug Parks, City Attorney

Chair Conaway asked Doug Parks to lead the discussion on sign regulations.

City Attorney Parks discussed the current and possible changes to the City of Dahlonega sign regulations with input from the HPC commissioners and citizens in attendance. Consultants, CPL, and TSW, working with the city staff, have provided input on this matter.

This item will continue to be discussed with city staff, community input, and commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Conaway adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm

Seconded by Commission Member Feagin.

Voting Yea: Commission Member Feagin, Commission Member Spivey, Commission Member Guy, Commission Member Steinberg



Ordinances and Resolutions

DATE: 4/2/2024
TITLE: Possible changes to sign regulations
PRESENTED BY: Doug Parks, City Attorney

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

Subsequent to the prior planning commission meeting our office provided some checklists to planning commission members to assess their thoughts regarding changes to the sign regulations. Those checklists will become the recommendation of the planning commission to the city council.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

Signs have been regulated in Dahlonega for many years. The current ordinance has had very few amendments.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No impact.

RECOMMENDATION

The Commission will be asked to review and recommend for or against the changes by each member preparing the checklist provided prior to the meeting.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

Motion to remove from the table followed by discussion then a motion to provide the member checklists to the council as the recommendation of the commission.

ATTACHMENTS

Checklist for members to review and provide comments.

Sign Regulation Recommendation Checklist

1. Should murals be:
 - a. Regulated by the sign ordinance. _____
 - b. Unregulated. _____
2. If murals are regulated by the sign ordinance:
 - a. Should they be placed in a class by themselves as works of art? _____
 - b. Should they be required to be hand painted as opposed to computer generated vinyl wraps, etc.? _____
 - c. Should murals be allowed to contain text? _____
 - d. Should a mural be required to be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission? _____
 - e. Or, should murals just be defined as wall signs under the sign regulations and be subject to those regulations? _____
 - f. Should wall signs (murals included or not) be allowed to utilize vinyl wraps or similar alternatives to paint affixed directly to the building surface? _____
3. Should inflatables be:
 - a. Regulated by the sign ordinance? _____
 - b. If regulated, should they be regulated in residential areas? _____
 - c. If regulated, should they be regulated in the nonresidential areas? _____
 - d. If regulated, should the regulations be focused upon safety rather than aesthetics? _____
 - e. Should a simple expedited administrative variance process be included in the inflatable regulations if adopted? _____