

JOINT PLANNING AND ZONING AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024 | 3:30 PM  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

## MINUTES

**COUNCILOR VALERIE A. ABBOTT, COMMITTEE CHAIR**  
**COUNCILORS DARRELL O'QUINN AND COUNCILOR CRYSTAL N. SMITHERMAN, COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Councilor(s) Present:** Abbott, O'Quinn, Smitherman

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Councilor Abbott

### II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor O'Quinn Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**

**The June 26, 2024 Joint Planning and Zoning and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes were Approved as Recorded.**

### III. ZONING CASE

**ZAC2024-00005 – Proposed amendments to the Sign Regulations of the City's Zoning Ordinance (Title 1, Chapter 7)**

The City of Birmingham is the applicant.

This is a proposed zoning amendment to amend the sign regulations for the City.

The case was presented to ZAC on July 2, 2024 and the final vote was 4-to-0 to recommend approval of the ordinance to the City Councilor.

The new sign ordinance was adopted approximately three years ago.

It created variances for different types of signs.

To date, all off premise signs in the City are legal, non-conforming, and new signs can't be built.

Pole signs are prohibited in areas with special aesthetic character.

Pole signs must be on premise, advertising the commercial entity on site.

Pole signs are limited to where they can be placed based on the areas with special aesthetic character.

Poll signs will be surveyed to establish legal non-conforming.

Roof signs are prohibited.

Attached signs are limited to 6% of the façade, up to 150 square feet, and cannot be more than 50% of the width.

Scenic corridors were added to the Ordinance.

Buildings must be 125 feet in height for cornice sign.

**Action Taken:**

**The Committee reviewed and discussed the draft of the Sign Ordinance and recommended some additional edits/additions/deletions.**

Add Green Springs Highway from University Blvd. to Valley Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South (MLK Drive back into downtown), Richard Arrington, Jr. Blvd. (North and South), and Roebuck Parkway.

Councilor Abbott would like to see more robust descriptions of what signs look like.

The word "use" will be replaced (under tenant).

PEP will survey all pole signs to establish legal, non-conforming use, as well as evaluate the condition of the signs.

Heights above the sidewalks will be standardized/uniform.

Add a sentence modifying monument signs (smaller signs) within a single-family district; limited to public buildings (church, school, fire department).

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Sign companies will be notified of the modified changes.

**Action Taken:**

**The Planning and Zoning Committee received the information under advisement.**

**Any additional comments, concerns, or suggested edits should be forwarded to the committee members and PEP.**

**PEP will present additional findings at the next Public Safety Committee Meeting.**

**The item will be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole; a Special Called Meeting with Planning and Zoning and the Committee of the Whole will be scheduled.**

**Tim Gambrel stated that the item could be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole.**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Forward Item to the Committee of the Whole.**

**Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.**

**Item Recommended to the Committee of the Whole.**

**IV. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

None

**V. ADJOURN**

**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Adjourn.**

**Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.**

**Meeting Adjourned.**