

JOINT PLANNING AND ZONING AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 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 Smitherman Motioned to Delay.

Councilor O'Quinn Seconded the Motion.

The Approval of Minutes Delayed until the next schedule Joint Planning and Zoning and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting – Minutes Not Ready

### III. ZONING CASE

*ZAC2024-00005 – CONTINUED FROM AUGUST 14, 2024, MEETING*

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

Proposed Edits per Tim Gambrel:

**Monument Signs Uses**

- Including "where prohibited" should solve the problem.

**Glare Issue - from a potential digital monument sign in a single-family district.**

- When the sign is in 10 feet of a property line or residential district, the sign must be aimed away from the property line, residential use, zoning district, or public right-of way.
- There is a certain classification of a type of fixture.
- It must be shielded on the side closes to the property line.

**Condemnation – verbiage changed to sign maintenance and non-conforming signs.**

- It outlines where signs can be removed that violate the ordinance.
  - The conditions include (1) substantial damage over 50% for a non-conforming sign, (2) a sign is in a deteriorated state, (3) if the sign is abandoned for 180 days.

Proposed edits per Councilor Abbott:

**Page 18, #3 – a sign is considered abandoned if any sign of the property on which its located has ceased.**

- Change "ceased" to "ceased operations", becomes vacant or has been unoccupied for a period 180 days.

Action Taken:

Councilor Smitherman Motioned to Approve.

Councilor O'Quinn Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

### IV. REVIEW APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD VACANCIES

Birmingham Planning Commission – 1 appointment – Bryan King

Zoning Board of Adjustment – 1 appointment – LaDara Lee

Action Taken:

Councilor O'Quinn Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

### V. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Update on the Civil Rights District Form-Based Code

- The application will be submitted in September 2025.

**Public Input Meetings for Re-zoning**

- A total 12 of the 23 communities have been rezoned, and there are 11 communities remaining. The 11 communities are comprised of the four framework plans. The four framework planning areas have been adopted, but the zoning has not been completed.

**City Center Masterplan Endorsement**

- This item will be discussed at the Committee of the Whole.

**Action Taken:**

**No Action - Information Only.**

VI.

**ADJOURN**

**Councilor Smitherman Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor O'Quinn Seconded the Motion.**

**Meeting Adjourned.**