

**CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP
JANUARY 31, 2015**

The City Council held a workshop on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. with a quorum present, to wit:

Dennis Childress	Mayor
Tommy Lemond	Mayor Pro Tem
Rick Howard	Councilmember, absent
Terri Ashmore	Councilmember
Bill Chambliss	Councilmember
Jon Epps	Councilmember

The following staff members were also present: City Manager Larry Graves, HR Director/Risk Manager Cindy Brown, City Attorney Bob Hager, Public Works Director Steve Miller (arrived 10:00 a.m.) and City Secretary Dara Crabtree.

ITEM 1. Discussed proposed amendments to Article 21.09, "Signs", of the Code of Ordinances including: contradictions in ordinance and issues within the community. Several specific sign types were discussed including:

Window Signs Revisited: Previously, the consensus of the City Council agreed no signage affixed to windows and all interior signs must be located at least ten (10) feet from the window, except signage that is required by State or Federal law to be posted on the front door and/or window of a business. Upon review, the City Council determined this was too restrictive. Discussion followed including: limit how many signs per window; keeping the same regulations as the current ordinance; for safety reasons, customer should be able to see cash register from outside; limit signage on doors to only what is required by law; signage of convenience stores vs. restaurants; and total of all windows vs. individual windows. Following the discussion, the consensus of the City Council agreed to allow a maximum of 30% of total window surface with no more than 50% of any individual window covered; this pertains to each directional façade; doors remain free of all signage except what is required by law; and must have clear view of cash register.

Bandit Signs: Discussion included: currently this type of signage prohibited; not a lot of signage options for individuals operating home based businesses; consider providing a specific place for this type of sign to be displayed; and established business vs. overnight pop up business. Following the discussion, the consensus of the City Council agreed to continue prohibiting bandit signs with an exception to provide for non-profit youth sports associations.

Political Signs: The consensus of the City Council agreed to keep political sign regulations the same as current ordinance and to provide for regulations outline in H.B. 259 approved by the Texas Legislature on or about June 14, 2013 providing for electioneering at polling locations.

Temporary Signs: Discussion included: difference between a temporary sign that is portable vs. a banner; banner type temporary signs would be regulated under banners; consider prohibiting moveable portable signs with changeable letters; and blocking of sidewalks. Following the discussion, the consensus of the City Council agreed to prohibit portable back-lit signs.

Directional Signs / Stake Signs: Discussion included: enter/exit signs vs. subdivision development signs; real estate / development signs currently addressed in stake signs. Following the discussion, the consensus of the City Council agreed to include in the ordinance the distance from the development. This distance will be determined with final adoption of ordinance.

The sign ordinance workshop concluded; a recess was called at 10:08 a.m.

Mayor Childress reconvened the workshop at 10:23 a.m.

ITEM 2. Discuss proposed street rehabilitation and water/sewer projects including: overview of bond sale and where currently at in the process; streets being proposed; joint projects with Dallas County (Type B projects); timeframe of Shady Lane and Catherine Lane project (must be done while school is out); sidewalk 50/50 program; consider tying Woodhaven/Parkhaven addition into Alto Road; consider constructing sidewalk from Villas to Walgreens (estimated cost \$50,000/asphalt or \$70,000/concrete). Following a discussion, the consensus of the City Council agreed to support the staff recommendations; tie Woodhaven/Parkhaven addition into Alto Road; and request the staff speak with the Villas' owner regarding participating in the 50/50 program to construct the sidewalk. If the owners should not wish to participate in the 50/50 program, the consensus of the City Council agreed to use funds from the fund balance to construct the sidewalk and the work would be done at the same time the County does the work on Malloy Bridge Road.

Public Works Director Miller discussed the proposed water / sewer projects including: rebuilding Seagoville Road to Woodhaven and to finish out Kleberg Road vs. Alto Road. The pros and cons were discussed as well the greater needs of the projects to enhance current system. Following the discussion, the consensus of the City Council was to support both the Seagoville Road to Woodhaven project and to finish out Kleberg Road.

The workshop adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

APPROVED:



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY SECRETARY