

**CITY OF BAYPORT
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUGUST 5, 2019
4:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was called to order by Mayor St. Ores at 4:52 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Susan St. Ores, Councilmembers John Buckley, Connie Carlson, Michele Hanson, and John Dahl

Staff Present: City Administrator Adam Bell and Assistant City Administrator/Planner Sara Taylor

BUSINESS

DISCUSS POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY ORDINANCE REGULATING SIGNS

Administrator Bell stated that the workshop was scheduled in response to requests by the City Council to review the city's sign regulations, primarily related to temporary signs. A variety of temporary sign examples were reviewed, including banner, feather flag, portable letterboard, yard, a-frame, directional, and tent signs, as well as advertising accessories such as balloons, pennants, streamers, and air dancers. It was acknowledged that signs can be a useful tool for businesses, churches, and other organizations to advertise and promote special events, sales, products, etc. However, it was also noted that signs can be an obstruction and/or a distraction for vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists when placed on sidewalks and/or intersections. Signs can also be unappealing if used excessively, if they are not maintained appropriately, or posted for extended periods of time, in the case of temporary signs. The consensus of the City Council was to allow banners, yard, a-frame, and directional signs on a temporary basis. Discussion followed on allowing a-frame "sidewalk" signs by annual permit, with the expectation that the sign would be located in front of the property itself during business hours, and removed and stored out of public view after business hours on a daily basis. A secondary sign, such as a banner or yard sign could then be applied for in addition to the a-frame sign for special events/promotions on a limited basis, perhaps similar to the existing temporary sign ordinance, up to 35 days in a calendar year. Based on discussion at the workshop, staff was directed to work on a revised ordinance for review with the Planning Commission and City Council at an upcoming workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Buckley and seconded by Councilmember Dahl to adjourn the workshop at 6:56 p.m.