

Minutes
York County Council Workshop
March 12, 2024
1070 Heckle Boulevard, Rock Hill, SC
Large Conference Room
6:00pm

The York County Council met on the above date for a York County Council Workshop at 6:00pm located at 1070 Heckle Boulevard, Large Conference Room, Rock Hill, South Carolina. The following Council members were present: Council member Tommy Adkins, Council member Tom Audette, Council member Allison Love, Chairwoman Christi Cox, Council member Watts Huckabee, and Council member Debi Cloninger. Also present were County Manager, David Hudspeth, County Attorney, Michael Kendree, and Clerk to Council, Karen Brogdon.

Also present were Jonathan Buono, Diane Dil, Josh Reinhardt, Rachel Grothe and Aaron Seigler.

Chairwoman Christi Cox called the meeting to order.

Presentation of Planning Internal Audit Recommendations

Mr. Hudspeth explained that the process for an internal audit of the Planning & Development Department started several months ago. Aaron Seigler, Internal Auditor/Auditor, made his report with recommendations to Management and those recommendations have already been implemented or addressed. Mr. Hudspeth reported that Council has received a copy of the recommendations.

Aaron Seigler thanked staff for their willingness to provide documents/information when requested. Mr. Seigler explained that Internal Audit goes department by department and reviews the policies and procedures and if a department does not have any, then they are created. Aaron reported that data was analyzed and a customer review was done as well. Staff recommends that Planning & Development become more consistent and draft policies where ones do not currently exist.

Council Chair, Christi Cox explained that most Council members have not had the opportunity to review the information that was provided to them. Ms. Cox suggested that Council be given the opportunity to review the report and we can reconvene on this issue if necessary.

Discussion regarding the Temporary Sign Ordinance

Jonathan Buono, Planning and Development Director provided an overview of the Temporary Sign Ordinance with examples.

Temporary Sign – a sign constructed of cloth, canvas, light fabric, cardboard, wood, wallboard, metal, or other light materials, with or without frames, and displayed for a limited time only. Temporary sign includes banners, feather signs, inflatable devices, post signs, stake signs, and A-frame signs. Examples of common temporary signs include political signs, public

demonstrations, grand opening signs, contractor signs, real estate signs, and signs that announce an event such as a carnival, circus, or similar event.

(B) **Sign Standards.** Temporary signs shall comply with the standards in Table 155.937-2: *Temporary Signs by District.*

Table 155.937-2: Temporary Signs by District					
Standard	AOS	RES	SSC	CI	LW
Allowed?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Permit required?	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Temporary Sign Setback (Min. ft)	10	10	10	10	10
Lot Perimeter Signs					
Number (Max.)	1	1	1	1	1
Sign Area (Max. sf)	4	4	4	4	4
Sign Height (Max. ft)	4	4	4	4	4
Lot Interior Signs					
Number (Max.)	6	6	6	6	6
Sign Area (Max. Number of Each Size Sign and Max. sf per Sign)	1 at 32 sf 5 at 4 sf	1 at 32 sf 5 at 4 sf	1 at 32 sf 5 at 4 sf	1 at 32 sf 5 at 16 sf	1 at 32 sf 5 at 16 sf
Sign Height (Max. Number of Signs and Max. Height in ft per Sign)	1 at 8 ft 5 at 4 ft	1 at 8 ft 5 at 4 ft	1 at 8 ft 5 at 4 ft	1 at 8 ft 5 at 15 ft	1 at 8 ft 5 at 15 ft
Sign Features					
Illumination	No	No	No	No	No
Manual Reader Board	No	No	No	No	No
Electronic Reader Board	No	No	No	No	No
Key: Yes=sign type or characteristic allowed No=sign type or characteristic not allowed ft=linear feet sf=square feet					

Mr. Buono explained that Council could adjust the following levers:

- Permitting
- Location
- Number
- Area
- Height
- Duration

Council suggested that the ordinance be amended as follows:

- Permits should not be required for any temporary signs
- For the Lake Wylie Overlay sign district:
 - Temporary signs not allowed in non-residential zoning districts
 - Residential districts allowed unlimited small signs (up to 4 sf) for an unlimited amount of time, and one large sign (up to 32 sf) for 30 days twice a year
- For all other sign districts:

- Change the duration for display from 30 days to 90 days, 2 times per year
- Allow a max of three large signs (up to 32 sf), increased from one

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned.