

Planning and Zoning Minutes  
Sept. 1st, 2009

**Present:** Mike O'Neill, Lynn Bagley, Zachary Smith

Mike O'Neill introduced the new commission members to the meeting.

**Meeting Minutes** were deferred to the next meeting

Business License: Dan Guymon applied for a Windshield repair business on private property. The permit would be issued as soon as the staff received notice that there was permission from the property owner.

**Parking Ordinance Hearing/ Cont.** Bill Knight explained to the new commissioners about the new parking ordinance as it is proposed. This revision of the present parking regulation that will replace the current "Appendix E Detailed Performance Standards For Off Street Parking and Loading." He explained the challenges of the old regulations and the reasons we came to the revamping of the requirements.

Chairman O'Neill opened the hearing to the public for comment and there was none. The commission talked about the concerns. Lynn explained that the city needed some kind of relief to the business owners to help stimulate downtown growth and commerce. Chairman O'Neill explained the study that was done by the EPA grant. Jim Charlier stressed the importance of treating parking like infrastructure. Zach concurred with the comments made by Chairman O'Neill. Zach brought up a concern that perhaps 1,000 feet for the limit of where parking could be located might be too short of a distance, and could it be ½ mile. That would be within walking distance. Bill was not sure it would be defensible.

A motion was made to table the vote until the next meeting.

**Review of the Proposed sign Ord./** Staff member Cari Golden explained to the commission about the efforts that had taken place with the sign ordinance. The commission reviewed the needed changes to the ordinance. They talked about the speeds on the northern and southern ends of the city and how the profile of the roads would probably not change and they agreed that the signs should be bigger. They discussed that from 7000 South to Cedron Road and Calderwood Lane south along Highway 33 should be noted as a special zone that could have a larger sign. It was not discussed what the size of those allowed signs would be. The commission will continue the review at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

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P&Z Chairman- Mike O'Neill