

February 22, 2011

The Land Use Commission of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, met in regular session at its regular meeting place located at 500 N. Huntington Street, Sulphur, Louisiana, at 5:30 p.m., on the 22nd day of February, 2011, after full compliance with the convening of said meeting, with the following members present:

LENORE CARROLL, Land Use Commission District 1
TROY DARBY, Land Use Commission District 2
JOHNNY PEEL, Land Use Commission District 3
LAWRENCE DAVID, Land Use Commission District 4
GERRIT LAWRENCE, Land Use Commission of District 5

After the meeting was called to order and the roll called with the above results, prayer was led by Mr. Peel followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. David.

The Chairman asked if there were any changes to the minutes of the previous meeting. With no changes being made, motion was made by Mr. Peel seconded by Mr. David that the minutes stand as written. Motion carried.

The Chairman asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Motion was made by Mr. David and seconded by Mr. Lawrence that the agenda stand as written. Motion carried.

The first item on the agenda concerned a resolution amending Article IV, Part 2, Section 2 (2) of the Land Use Ordinance – Development Standards- Sight Triangle. John Bruce, Director of Public Works, addressed the Commission to explain that all four amendments on the agenda were related to each other and that the City Council would be addressing those which were included in the Code of Ordinances. Mr. Bruce stated that the changes were to

address the terminology. Mr. Lawrence asked if political signs are addressed in the changes and Mr. Bruce stated that they all signs are addressed. Mr. Darby requested that the City look into who is responsible for enforcement of State thoroughfares in the City and cited several issues on Highway 108. Mitch Redd, City Attorney, stated that he would research this and report back to the Commission. After discussion, motion was made by Mr. Lawrence and seconded by Mr. Peel that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION

Resolution amending Article IV, Part 2, Section 2 (2) of the Land Use Ordinance – Development Standards – Sight Triangle.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Land Use Commission of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, that they do hereby amend Article IV, Part 2, Section 2 (2) of the Land Use Ordinance to change from “sight triangle” to “corner clip” to read as follows:

(2) Corner Clip

With the exception of existing nonconforming structures, no structure, parking lot or landscaping, other than mowed grass and traffic and street signs shall be erected, placed or maintained within the triangular area formed by the intersecting street right-of-ways and a straight line adjoining the right-of-way lines at a point set forth as twenty-five (25) feet from the point of intersecting rights-of-way.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Carroll, Mr. David, Mr. Darby, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Peel

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 22nd day of February, 2011.

ATTEST:

RENEE WILLIAMS, Assistant Secretary

TROY DARBY, Chairman

The next item on the agenda concerned a resolution amending Article IV, Part 2, Section 3 of the Land Use Ordinance – Accessory Uses. Motion was made by Mr. Lawrence and seconded by Mr. Peel that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION

Resolution amending Article IV, Part 2, Section 3 of the Land Use Ordinance – Accessory Uses.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Land Use Commission of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, that they do hereby amend Article IV, Part 2, Section 3 of the Land Use Ordinance to read as follows:

Section 3. ACCESSORY USES

(1) Authorization

Accessory uses are permitted in any land use district in connection with any principal use lawfully existing within such district provided that all development regulations are met.

(2) Development Standards

- (a) All detached accessory structures and uses in any residential district, other than fences, shall be located in the rear or side yard of the residential unit;
- (b) Except within the determined sight triangle described in Section 21-6 or Corner Clip as described in Article IV, Part 2, Section 2(2), fences may be located at any point on the lot;
- (c) No accessory structure or use in a residential district shall occupy more than thirty-five (35) percent of the total floor area of all structures on the entire lot. Provide information by professional of record.
- (d) No accessory structure or use shall exceed the height of the principal structure to which it is accessory. Except motor home covers not to exceed seventeen (17) feet.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Carroll, Mr. David, Mr. Darby, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Peel

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was approved on this 22nd day of February, 2011.

ATTEST:

RENEE WILLIAMS, Assistant Secretary

TROY DARBY, Chairman

The next item on the agenda concerned a resolution amending Article IV, Part 2, Section 9 (3) of the Land Use Ordinance of the City of Sulphur – Signs. Motion was made by Mrs. Carroll and seconded by Mr. David that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION

Resolution amending Article IV, Part 2, Section 9 (3) of the Land Use Ordinance of the City of Sulphur – Signs.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Land Use Commission of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, that they do hereby amend Article IV, Part 2, Section 9 (3) of the Land Use Ordinance to read as follows:

(3) Regulations of General Applicability

(a) Locations of Signs

- (1) No portion of any sign shall be located within the Sight Triangle described in Section 21-5 at roadway intersections;
- (2) All signs and sign structures shall be located a minimum of five (5) feet from the front property line and/or right of way line of any public street or highway; all signage shall remain free and clear and shall not project into any public right-of-way or interfere with overhead transmission lines;
- (3) Façade signage in addition to free standing signs, façade signage shall be considered separate and will not be considered in the accumulated signage allowable in any district. Notwithstanding this provision, any sign mounted or

integrated into the façade of the building shall not extend beyond such building and shall not exceed more than fifty (50) percent of the total front façade of the building.

(b) Maximum Height of Signs

No portion of any sign or sign structure shall exceed the following maximum heights:

(1) The height of any sign structure shall be measured from grade elevation to the tallest portion of the sign.

(a) Façade signs shall not extend about the top of such façade;

(b) Free standing signs shall not exceed a height of 35 feet, except within interstate roadway corridors as defined in Article IV, Part 2, Section 9 of this ordinance; in interstate corridors the height limit for all signs may be 60 feet above grade.

A vote was then called with the result as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Carroll, Mr. David, Mr. Darby, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Peel

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was adopted this 22nd day of February, 2011.

ATTEST:

RENEE WILLIAMS, Assistant Secretary

TROY DARBY, Chairman

The next item on the agenda concerned a resolution amending Article IV, Part 2, Section 9 (7) of the Land Use Ordinance of the City of Sulphur – Signs. Motion was made by Mr. Lawrence and seconded by Mr. Peel that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION

Resolution amending Article IV, Part 2, Section 9 (7) of the Land Use Ordinance of the City of Sulphur – Signs.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Land Use Commission of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, that they do hereby amend Article IV, Part 2, Section 9 (7) of the Land Use Ordinance to read as follows:

(7) Permitted Portable Signs

Portable, changeable copy signs shall be permitted in any land use classification within the City of Sulphur on a temporary basis under the following conditions:

- (a) The sign is non-illuminated and non-flashing;
- (b) The sign is temporary in nature not to exceed a period of sixty (60) days renewable once annually;
- (c) The sign placement adheres to all setback requirements and imposes no hazard to vehicular or pedestrian safety and further provides no deterrent to health, safety and welfare of the general citizenry;
- (d) Officially permitted and authorized by the Administrative Official;
- (e) The sign is out of any Sight Triangle described in Section 21-5 at roadway intersections;
- (f) The sign is securely fastened to the ground to avoid the sign from being easily removed, overturned or relocated.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Carroll, Mr. David, Mr. Darby, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Peel

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was adopted on this 22nd day of February, 2011.

ATTEST:

RENEE WILLIAMS, Assistant Secretary

TROY DARBY, Chairman

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

RENEE WILLIAMS, Assistant Secretary

TROY DARBY, Chairman

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5:50 p.m.

