

Minutes
Building Codes (BDS) Committee
March 7, 2022
2nd committee meeting

Committee Members: Diane Kuzniar (Chair), Taft Matney, Frank Allgood (via Zoom)

1. Call to Order-Chairwoman Diane Kuzniar
2. Public Comment- None
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
 - a. Building Codes Committee Meeting: February 7, 2022

Motion: Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Allgood seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (3-0).

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers
 - a. BDS Director David Dyrhaug

The ideal remaining budget percentage is 34%, and the department is currently at 36%. Over 1500 building inspections were done this month.
5. Unfinished Business-There is no unfinished business.
6. New Business
 - a. An ordinance to amend Section 6:4, Signs, of the Mauldin Zoning Ordinance to provide standards for the installation of banners on light poles and similar poles

Recently the City has been approached by a public agency wishing to erect banners on the light poles in front of their facility similar to what you might see in downtown Greenville or at some high schools like J.L. Mann High School. Some of the City Officials have expressed interest in amending the City ordinances to allow for this type of display. Currently, banners attached to light poles are not identified as an allowed form of signage in the Mauldin zoning ordinance.

The proposed draft ordinance has been reviewed by the City Attorney, Daniel Hughes.

Chairwoman Kuzniar asked if banners would require a permit. Mr. Dyrhaug answered yes.

Chairwoman Kuzniar then asked if one is installed without a permit, would that come to the department's attention? Mr. Dyrhaug said he is sure it will be noticed through the department's contact with Codes Enforcement.

Councilman Allgood asked if the individual agency would install the banner, or if the City would do the installation. Mr. Dyrhaug answered the agency would install the banner. Councilman Allgood then asked if the agency would be responsible for purchasing the brackets or poles for the banner. Mr. Dyrhaug said that was correct. Councilman Allgood asked if this would be done through the normal permitting process. Mr. Dyrhaug said there is a temporary sign permit application that would need to be filled out. Councilman Allgood said his only concern is if there would be light

poles to display the banners on. Mr. Dyrhaug said it would be in front of their facility, but there is an exemption for the City, so the City would be able to put it wherever it deems.

Chairman Kuzniar said 6b says banners shall be placed at least 24 inches above an existing sign, she asked if we are talking about parking signs. Would that clutter the pole? Mr. Dyrhaug said that is why the 24-inch separation was placed in the draft ordinance, to prevent clutter. He doesn't believe there will be many instances where there will be more than one sign.

Motion: Councilman Matney made a motion to send this item to Council with Councilman Allgood seconding.

Councilman Matney said he is the one who brought this item forward. Banners aren't prohibited, but there is no specific allowance. The City can place banners on poles, and he thinks this is a common sense extension to allow the high school to put banners up. It is not just Mauldin High School; it is Mauldin's high school, and we work together.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (3-0).

7. Public Comment- None
8. Committee Concerns- None
9. Adjourn- Chairwoman Kuzniar adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk