



MINUTES

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Diamondhead, Mississippi
Council Chambers, City Hall
November 12, 2013
1:00 pm CST

1. **Call to Order**—Mayor Schafer called the meeting to order at 1:08 pm CST.
2. **Invocation**— Councilmember Knobloch
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**—Councilmember Rech
4. **Roll Call**— All Councilmembers were present.
5. **Discussion of Planning and Zoning**—

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION VERSES DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

- a. Amending the October 15, 2012 Diamondhead, Mississippi Zoning Ordinance to make it a more workable and viable ordinance.
- b. Discussion was held to whether a Planning and Zoning Commission is necessary or to have all zoning applicants reviewed by the Development Review Committee. The proposal is to stream line the process and to have a more cost efficient system with experienced professionals that will expedite the process for the applicants and to also consider a commission/committee that will allow the citizens participation in local government.

MEMBERSHIP

Will be discussed pending a decision whether or not a Planning and Zoning Commission will remain in place.

SWIMMING POOLS

To allow wrought iron fencing to encompass swimming pools. To also include the language that a powdered coated aluminum fencing materials be allowed. The fencing shall consist of dark or neutral colors and shall be in compliance with the International Residential Code and the Life Safety Code.

SIGNS

- a. Exterior Wall Signs shall be allowed up to a maximum of 3 square feet of copy area per 1 square linear foot of building street footage but not to exceed 300 square feet of copy area.
- b. Interior Wall Signs provisions shall be excluded from the sign regulations.
- c. Grandfather signs that are damaged 50% or more of its current market value shall comply with the new sign regulations. The "50% of its current market value" shall be clarified to read "50% cost of replacement". The cost replacement will be determined by the contract price of replacement.
- d. Delete Depreciation Schedule.

BANNER SIGNS

- a. The \$25.00 permit fee shall remain in place.

- b. The placement of a banner for a maximum of 30 days per calendar quarter shall be eliminated. Discussion was held to consider the placement for a banner to be 10 days prior to event per 2 times a year.
- c. Off premise banner signs prohibited shall be defined in the zoning ordinance.
- d. Must comply with a 15 foot setback requirement from right-of-way so not to obstruct vision.
- e. Square footage of banner sign shall be considered. A suggestion would be the size of a "Coke Cola" banner sign.
- f. Shall be properly secured and maintained.

FREE STANDING GROUND SIGNS

- a. Limited to 1 per development site and to include in the ground sign regulation the following language:
"A maximum of one (1) ground sign shall be allowed per development *with the exception of a development with frontage on more than one (1) street, in which case one (1) ground sign shall be allowed for a development with frontage on street.*"
- b. Ground signs shall have a minimum separation of 100 feet.

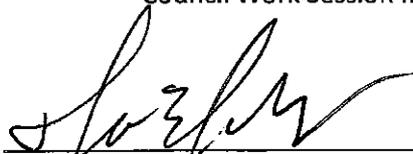
PARKING

A "drafted" Resolution dated June 3, 2013, was submitted for review in reference to amendments to the parking requirements; Article 8. After further discussion, there were no concerns to the submitted draft.

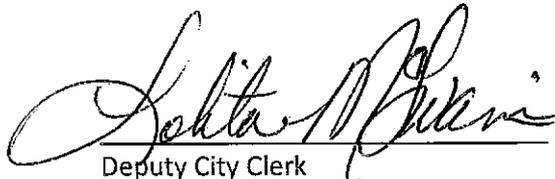
MASSAGE PARLOR

A "drafted" Resolution dated June 3, 2013, was submitted for review in reference to the definition for "Massage Parlor"; Article 3, Section 3.2. The definition for "Massage Parlor" shall be deleted. The new definition(s) shall be recognized as "**Massage therapy and Massage therapy establishment**" as identified and defined in the submitted draft.

- 6. **Citizens Wishing to Address Council, Non-Agenda items –**
Ms. Dinah Rhoades wanted to clarify that the current ordinance for a placement of a fence around a pool is still in effect and that the color she has chosen is legal.
- 7. **ADJOURN –** Councilmember LaFontaine moved, Councilmember Sislow seconded, to adjourn the Council Work Session meeting. The motion carried unanimously.



Thomas E. Schafer, IV
Mayor



Deputy City Clerk