

[Prior to the meeting the Mayor and Captain Grimm gave out Life Saving Awards to the physician and firefighters that saved the life of fellow firefighter, Chris Fredmonsky, who suffered cardiac arrest at the fire station on January 9, 2023. They also received awards from the County Commissioners. The Mayor and Captain Grimm also gave out awards to the firefighters that helped deliver a baby on January 20, 2023.]

This Public Hearing was called to order on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 7:07 p.m. by Jon Hannan, Council President. Mrs. Field gave an invocation and Mayor Broska led the Pledge of Allegiance then Mrs. Field welcomed the students in the audience and explained the evening's procedures to them.

PRESENT: Justin Ring, Mike Lampa, Jon Hannan, Anthony Lombardo, Jennifer Wagner, Julie Field, Steve Michniak

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Broska, Mayor
Frank Beni, Law Director
Patricia Wain, Police Chief
Kevin Grimm, Fire Captain
Matt Miller, Finance Director
Bill Miller, Service Director
Justin Czekaj, Municipal Engineer
John Cieszkowski, Planning Director
Patrick O'Malia, Economic Development Director
Greg Mytinger, Parks and Recreation Director
Shawna Lockhart-Reese, HR Manager
Caroline Kremer, Clerk of Council

T-7359 Zoning Text Amendment regarding Changeable Copy and Electronic Message Center Signs

Mr. Hannan opened the floor for comments from the public. There were no comments. Mr. Hannan noted that City Council had made a couple changes to the legislation: the time between changes of messages was changed from 10 seconds to 6 seconds and the electronic message boards needed to be turned off at midnight instead of 10 p.m. He also noted that if this legislation passed it would affect about 24 parcels within the City (17 active parcels and 7 fallow/vacant parcels that may qualify in the future).

Mr. Cieszkowski noted that he had provided a map for City Council that highlighted the parcels that would be affected. This would permit Electronic Message Center signage in all districts with limitations. The limitations were that the lot was not fallow or vacant, that the principal use was non-residential (not agriculture or an outdoor facility with open space), and the primary restriction was that it needed to be a minimum of 1,300 linear feet of frontage.

Mr. Ring pointed out from that map that was received that most of the parcels that would be eligible for these EMC signs were in industrial or very low traffic areas within the City. The only one he noticed that may want to use EMC signage, other than the few the City was aware of, was maybe Boulder Creek. Mr. Ring was never a big fan of these signs and felt they were very distracting when a lot of businesses in a row had them, but he had no problems with this the way this legislation was written and the limitations that were applied for Streetsboro.

Mrs. Field thanked Mr. Cieszkowski and everyone else that put a tremendous amount of work into this. She knew that the topic had been a subject of discussion over the last decade or longer. She commented that she did not necessarily see the addition of these signs to the City as "moving forward" or "progress;" to her, it was more neutral. She thought it was more of just a "look" or another way to advertise. She thought there were a lot of progressive

communities that did not have EMC signs. She personally was also not a fan of these signs, however, with the parameters that had been set and the limited number that may be installed, she was OK with it. It was not her personal taste (she thought the signs were ugly), but felt the legislation was reasonable, and because there was not really any resident opposition to (or support for) the signs she would not oppose the legislation.

Mr. Hannan appreciated the Council Members comments. He said he thought the City had reached this point with the topic by having the Mayor, Mr. Cieszkowski, Planning Commission, the Council Members, and the outside consultants that assisted with this taking in to consideration all the suggestions and viewpoints and limiting it to what was proposed in the legislation.

There being no further business to be addressed during this Public Hearing, and upon motion by Mr. Michniak, seconded by Mrs. Field, this meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

Jon Hannan, President of Council