

**TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA**

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**MINUTES**

**PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEETING**

**July 17, 2012**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Royal Oaks Park Community Center  
16500 NW 87th Avenue Miami Lakes, FL 33018**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Tom McGrath called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Deputy Town Clerk, Gina Inguanzo, called the roll with the following Board Members present: Ameli Padrom-Fragetta, Raul De La Sierra, George Lopez, Carol Wyllie, Vice Chairman Pedro Carballo and Chairman Tom McGrath.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

Chairman McGrath led the Pledge of Allegiance and called for a moment of silence.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**A. No minutes to be approved.**

**5. BUSINESS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION:**

**QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS** - Please be advised that the following items on the Board's agenda are quasi-judicial in nature. An opportunity for persons to speak on each item will be made available after the applicant and staff have made their presentations on each item. All testimony, including public testimony and evidence, will be made under oath or affirmation. Additionally, each person who gives testimony may be subject to cross-examination. If you do not wish to be either cross-examined or sworn, your testimony will be given its due weight. The general public will not be permitted to cross-examine witnesses, but the public may request the Board to ask questions of staff or witnesses on their behalf. Persons representing organizations must present evidence of their authority to speak for the organization. Any person presenting documents to the Board should provide the Town Clerk with a minimum of 10 copies. Further details of the quasi-judicial procedure may be obtained from the Clerk.

Town Attorney, Joseph Geller, read the Quasi-Judicial Procedures into the record.

**A.**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA AMENDING ARTICLE IX, SIGN CODE, OF CHAPTER 13, LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, OF THE TOWN'S CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 13-1902, DEFINITIONS, SECTION 13-1903,**

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SIGNS, AND SECTION 13-1904, ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGNS; TO CLARIFY DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR BANNERS AND TEMPORARY SIGNS; CHANGING REGULATIONS FOR SIGNS IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY; TO AMEND REGULATIONS FOR BOX SIGNS; TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR PROMOTIONAL EVENTS; PROVIDE FOR OPTING OUT OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE RELATING TO HEIGHT OF POINT OF SALE SIGNS IN PROTECTED AREAS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Mestre)**

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The Town Attorney read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Amber Riviere, Budget and Administration Director, introduced herself as Interim Planning and Zoning Director. Ms. Riviere indicated that the following are being considered for future code updates: 1) awning signs in lieu of signage attached to buildings 2) directional signs.

Brandon Schaad, Senior Planner, presented the item and answered questions posed by the Board.

Chairman McGrath opened the public hearing.

Michael Huffaker spoke in favor of the item.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Board Member George Lopez made a motion to accept the proposed ordinance with the following two recommendations: the height of signs should not be higher than other municipalities and that regarding properties adjacent to Red Road, Expressway 826 and I-75, they should be 7 feet on the side. The motion died due to lack of second.

Board Member Carol Wyllie made a motion to accept the proposed ordinance, with the exception of two items: that the setbacks for standing signs along the Red Road Canal, 826 Expressway and I-75 be restricted to 7 feet from the front of the property line, 15 feet from the side property line and that

standing signs on properties fronting Expressway 826 be maintained at the current height of 25 feet. Vice Chairman Carballo seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-1 with the following Board members voting in favor: Board Member Padron-Fragetta, Board Member De La Sierra, Board Member Wyllie, Vice Chairman Carballo and Chairman McGrath. Board Member Lopez voted in opposition.

**6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

No Director's Report.

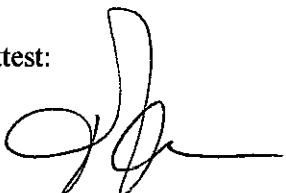
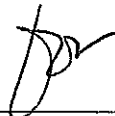
**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012.

  
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Tom McGrath, Chairman

Attest:

   
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Marjorie Tejada, Town Clerk